**Hamas Booby Traps Palestinian Houses**

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Israeli Defense Forces

http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/27/hamas-uses-palestinian-houses-as-military-compounds/

**Hamas builds its terrorist infrastructure to attack Israeli civilians. However, the residents of Gaza also fall victim to the terrorist organization.**

Our [ground, aerial and naval forces](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY1nRBD7uaA&list=UUawNWlihdgaycQpO3zi-jYg) are currently operating in Gaza. Their mission is to locate and destroy the [weapons and facilities used by terrorists](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/17/idf-begins-ground-operation-gaza/) to attack Israelis. Again and again our troops have [discovered civilian homes and structures](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/19/hamas-place-civilians-line-fire/) used by Hamas to [store weapons](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/10/6-million-lives-in-danger-the-deadly-rocket-arsenal-of-hamas/) and [rig explosives](http://youtu.be/SxtdXeLxwmc). This is part of the terrorist organization’s efforts to turn [every building in Gaza into a weapon](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/24/hamas/).

**(VIDEO:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fze6qHvzgQ**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fze6qHvzgQ)**)**

Hamas treats the homes and civilian institutions of Gaza as [military compounds](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/20/shujaiya-hamas-terror-fortress-gaza/). Since July 8, 2014, Hamas has fired more than 2,450 [rockets at Israel](http://www.idfblog.com/facts-figures/rocket-attacks-toward-israel/). It hides rockets in civilian homes and buries the launchers underground in residential neighborhoods. Soldiers from the Nahal Brigade discovered these rocket launchers [buried in the grounds of an agricultural school](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/24/grad-rocket-launchers-discovered-next-gaza-school/) in Beit Hanoun. Some rockets were already loaded, primed to launch at Israel.

**(VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u57yxd753f8)**

Tunnels in Residential Neighborhoods

The primary objective of Operation Protective Edge is to locate and destroy the [vast underground terror network](http://www.idfblog.com/blog/2014/07/26/price-hamas-underground-terror-network/) built by Hamas to attack Israel. So far we have found more than 30 tunnels, some of which lead directly to Israeli communities near the border with Gaza. These tunnels run right through residential neighborhoods.