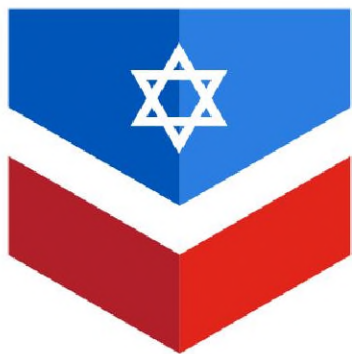


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## Israel's Next Step: Why Ending U.S. Military Aid Will Tighten the Alliance

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent [announcement](#) that Israel intends to begin phasing out U.S. military aid marks a major moment in the history of the U.S.-Israel relationship. For decades, American security assistance has symbolized the depth of the alliance. Netanyahu's statement signals confidence rather than distance. It reflects Israel's economic strength, military maturity, and desire to stand as a fully self-reliant ally. Far from pulling the two countries apart, this shift sets the stage for a closer partnership built on shared interests, shared values, and shared responsibility.

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## Key Takeaways

- Israel plans to begin reducing reliance on U.S. military aid, following the current aid framework.
- The move reflects Israel's economic growth and strong domestic defense sector.
- Security cooperation between the United States and Israel will continue through joint planning, research, training, and procurement.
- The shift reframes the alliance as a partnership between equals rather than one defined by aid.
- American and Israeli strategic interests in the Middle East remain closely aligned.

## What Netanyahu Announced and Why It Matters

In the coming years, [Israel intends to start a gradual process to reduce and eventually end direct U.S. military assistance](#). This plan follows the existing aid agreement that runs through 2028. Netanyahu made clear that Israel does not seek a sudden break or a symbolic gesture. The goal is a responsible transition over time.

This announcement matters since U.S. military aid has long served as a visible pillar of the relationship. Ending that aid changes the form of the partnership, not its substance. Israel is signaling that it has reached a point where it can fund its own defense needs while remaining a close strategic ally of the United States.

## A Sign of Strength, Not Rejection

Israel today is very different from the Israel of past decades. Its economy ranks among the strongest in the region. Its defense industry produces advanced systems used by democracies across the world. Israeli companies export air defense systems, cyber capabilities, and intelligence tools at a growing scale.

Netanyahu's statement reflects this reality. Israel no longer sees long-term dependence on foreign military grants as necessary. This decision does not express ingratitude. American support played a central role in Israel's security for generations. The new approach acknowledges that Israel now has the means to shoulder more responsibility on its own.

## How Security Cooperation Will Continue

Ending military aid does not mean ending military cooperation. The United States and Israel already work together across many areas that are not tied to aid funding. These include joint military exercises, intelligence sharing, strategic planning, and research partnerships.

Israel will continue purchasing American defense systems using its own funds. These purchases support U.S. defense manufacturing and maintain interoperability between the two militaries. Cooperation on missile defense, regional deterrence, and counterterrorism will remain active parts of the relationship.

[The alliance rests on shared interests, not on a line item in a budget.](#)

## A Better Fit for American Politics

The announcement comes at a time when foreign aid faces greater scrutiny inside the United States. Many Americans question long-term assistance to wealthy allies. Israel's decision to phase out aid responds to those concerns in a constructive way.

By reducing reliance on U.S. taxpayer funding, Israel removes a recurring source of political tension in Washington. This helps preserve bipartisan support for the alliance itself. It strengthens the case that Israel is a responsible partner that respects American domestic debates.

## A Relationship Between Equals

The next phase of the U.S. Israel alliance looks more like the relationship the United States has with other advanced allies. Cooperation will rest on shared strategy, mutual respect, and voluntary collaboration.

Israel will continue defending its citizens against regional threats. The United States will continue viewing Israel as a key partner in Middle East stability. Each country benefits from the other's strength.

This evolution deepens trust. It shows that the alliance does not depend on dependency.

# Conclusion

Netanyahu's announcement about phasing out U.S. military aid represents confidence, maturity, and long-term thinking. Israel is signaling that it can stand on its own while standing firmly with the United States. The alliance will shift from one defined by assistance to one defined by partnership.

Security cooperation, shared values, and strategic alignment will remain at the center of the relationship. As Israel takes greater responsibility for its own defense, the bond between the two allies becomes clearer and stronger. This next chapter reflects an alliance built to last.

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# A Turning Point in Iran: How the Fall of the Ayatollah Regime Would Free Iranians and End a Global Threat

As [protests spread across Iran \(https://www.nytimes.com/article/iran-protests-inflation-currency.html\)](https://www.nytimes.com/article/iran-protests-inflation-currency.html), the Islamic Republic faces one of the most serious internal challenges since its founding in 1979. Iranian citizens from across society have taken to the streets, risking

imprisonment and death to oppose a regime that has ruled through fear, religious coercion, and violence. For the Iranian people, the stakes are deeply personal: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, economic survival, and basic human dignity. For the wider world, the moment carries even broader meaning. The possible collapse of the Ayatollah regime would not only liberate Iranians, but also remove a government whose identity has long been defined by ritualized hatred, most openly expressed through state-imposed chants of “Death to America” and “Death to Israel.”

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## Key Takeaways

- Iranians are openly challenging a regime built on repression and ideological extremism.
- The Islamic Republic’s rule has stripped citizens of basic freedoms for decades.
- Hatred toward the United States and Israel is central to the regime’s worldview, not a side issue.
- A post-regime Iran could reshape regional stability and global security.
- The protests reflect a rejection of the regime’s ideology, not foreign pressure.

## A Regime at War With Its Own People

Since the establishment of the Islamic Republic, Iran has been governed by Islamist clerical rule centered on obedience, enforced morality, and the crushing of dissent. Power rests with unelected

religious authorities, most notably the Supreme Leader, backed by security forces that answer not to the public but to ideology.

Ordinary Iranians have paid the price. Women face strict dress codes and punishment for defiance. Journalists, students, and activists risk arrest for speech that would be routine in free societies. Religious minorities and political opponents live under constant pressure. Economic hardship, driven by corruption and mismanagement, has hollowed out the middle class.

The protests of January 2026 are not an isolated outburst. They represent years of accumulated anger toward a system that demands submission while offering little hope.

## **Hatred as State Policy**

What distinguishes the Islamic Republic from many authoritarian systems is how openly it defines itself through hostility toward others. From primary schools to military parades, Iranians have been compelled to chant “Death to America” and “Death to Israel.” These slogans are not empty rhetoric. They reflect the regime’s worldview and guide its actions at home and abroad.

The regime has funded, armed, and directed terror groups across the Middle East. It has sought Israel’s destruction openly and worked to undermine American interests wherever possible. This hostility has become so embedded that abandoning it would mean abandoning the regime’s ideological foundation.

For decades, Iranian citizens have been forced to show loyalty to this hatred, even when it contradicts their own views. Many protesters now openly reject these slogans, signaling a break not only with the government but with its core beliefs.

## **What Freedom Would Mean for Iranians**

The end of the Ayatollah regime would allow Iranians to reclaim control over their lives. It would open the door to free expression, genuine political participation, and equal rights under the law. Women

would no longer be policed by morality squads. Artists and scholars could speak without fear. Economic recovery would become possible without systemic corruption and isolation.

Importantly, it would also restore national dignity. Many Iranians resent how their ancient civilization has been reduced, in global perception, to clerical extremism and violence. A free Iran could reconnect with the world on its own terms.

## **Implications for the United States and Israel**

The removal of a regime built around chants calling for death to America and Israel would reshape the strategic landscape. Israel would face fewer existential threats from a state openly committed to its destruction. American forces and allies in the region would no longer contend with a government whose identity depends on confrontation, violence and bloodshed, and whose proxies have led to the deaths of hundreds of Americans.

Peace would not arrive overnight, but the elimination of an ideologically driven aggressor would remove a major source of instability. Regional actors could focus on development rather than defense against Iranian proxies.

## **A Grassroots Rejection of Extremism**

What makes the current uprising especially significant is that it comes from within. These protests are not driven by foreign governments. They are fueled by citizens who want a future free from imposed dogma and endless hostility.

By challenging the chants, symbols, and power structures of the Islamic Republic, Iranians are rejecting the idea that hatred must define their nation. They are asserting that Iran can exist without clerical rule and without perpetual enemies.

# Conclusion

The January uprising marks a defining moment for Iran and the world. The fall of the Ayatollah regime would free millions from repression and silence a government whose ideology has revolved around death and destruction. For Iranians, it would mean reclaiming their country. For the United States, Israel, and much of the world, it would mean the removal of a regime that has spent decades working against peace and stability. The courage now shown in Iran has the potential to change history far beyond its borders.

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# Selective Outrage: Celebrity Silence as Iran's Regime Kills Its Own People

Since the October 7 massacre that launched the war with Hamas, a large group of Western celebrities used their platforms to attack Israel with extraordinary intensity. Statements, social media posts, and public appearances framed Israel as uniquely immoral, often stripped of context and detached from the reality of terrorism, hostages, and urban warfare forced upon the Jewish state. Yet as 2026 begins, a stark

contrast has emerged. While thousands of Iranians are being killed by their own regime amid renewed demonstrations, many of the same celebrity voices have gone quiet (<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/opinion/why-are-left-wing-activists-silent-about-iranian-regimes-atrocities-israelobsessed-activists-hypocrisy-exposed-by-their-iran-silence/news-story/4d98a3aac818e9d5f74caf9e3894e8ec?amp&nk=f09434c6644d27ab4d52a152c729a8f6-1768374052>). The imbalance raises a troubling question. Was the outrage ever about the loss of innocent life, or was Israel simply a convenient target?

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## Key Takeaways

- Celebrities aggressively condemned Israel following the October 7 Hamas massacre and the Gaza war.
- Many of those same figures have remained silent as Iran's regime kills large numbers of its own citizens.
- Iran's violence is state-directed and aimed at suppressing civilian dissent.
- The disparity suggests selective outrage rather than consistent concern for human life.
- Israel's status as the world's only Jewish state appears central to the imbalance.

## Loud Condemnation of Israel

In the months following October 7, a wave of celebrity activism took shape. High profile figures such as Susan Sarandon, Mark Ruffalo, and Bella Hadid used social media and public statements to accuse Israel of war crimes and genocide. These claims were often made without

reference to Hamas's role, the use of human shields, or the fact that Israel was responding to the largest mass killing of Jews since the Holocaust.

The messaging was not cautious or nuanced. Israel was portrayed as uniquely evil, while Hamas was minimized or excused. The scale and persistence of these attacks shaped public opinion, especially among younger audiences, and reinforced a narrative in which Israel alone bore moral blame.

## **Iran's Brutality in Plain Sight**

As 2026 begins, Iran is again facing widespread unrest. Protests, political dissent, and economic collapse have been met with force by the Islamic Republic. Reports describe mass arrests, executions, and lethal crackdowns on civilians, including women and young people. This is not a battlefield scenario or an exchange of fire with a terrorist organization. It is a regime killing its own citizens to maintain power.

Iran's leadership openly rejects basic freedoms and funds terrorist groups across the region. Its record on human rights is among the worst in the world. Yet this unfolding tragedy has not sparked the same celebrity outrage seen during Israel's war with Hamas.

## **The Sound of Silence**

The contrast is striking. The same accounts that posted daily condemnations of Israel now offer little or nothing about Iran. There are no viral hashtags, no emotional monologues, and no public calls to boycott or sanction the Iranian regime from many of the celebrities who claimed to speak for the oppressed.

This silence undermines the argument that their activism was driven by universal moral concern. If civilian deaths alone were the issue, Iran's actions would demand constant attention. Instead, the outrage appears selective.

## **A Pattern, Not an Exception**

This imbalance fits a long-established pattern. Israel is held to a moral standard applied to no other country, particularly not authoritarian regimes that openly massacre civilians. When Israel defends itself

against a terrorist organization, it is accused of criminality. When Iran executes protesters or shoots demonstrators in the streets, the response from celebrity activists is muted or nonexistent.

Israel's identity matters here. As the world's only Jewish state, it occupies a symbolic role that attracts disproportionate scrutiny and hostility. For some activists, attacking Israel offers social approval without political cost. Confronting Iran's regime does not.

## Moral Credibility at Stake

Selective outrage carries consequences. When public figures speak loudly about one conflict and ignore another with clearer moral lines, their credibility erodes. Advocacy rooted in politics rather than principle does not advance human rights. It distorts them.

For Israelis and many observers, the lesson is clear. The issue was never simply civilian suffering. It was the opportunity to condemn Israel.

## Conclusion

The silence of many celebrity activists as Iran's regime kills its own people exposes a deep inconsistency. Over the past over two years, Israel was subjected to relentless condemnation for defending itself after the October 7 massacre. Now, as Iranians face lethal repression by their government, the same voices are largely absent. This contrast suggests that outrage was never evenly applied. When concern for human life depends on the identity of the state involved, it stops being moral advocacy and becomes something far less honest.

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# A QUIET UN ADMISSION AND A LOUD MEDIA SILENCE ON GAZA AID

Last week, the United Nations made a notable announcement that received almost no public attention. In a January 5 briefing, the UN stated that 100 percent of Gaza's basic food needs are now being met, reaching the minimum caloric standard for the entire population for the first time since the war began after the October 7th massacre in 2023. According to the UN, there is also sufficient food stock currently available to sustain all residents. This update directly challenges

months of claims that humanitarian aid to Gaza has been systematically blocked, yet it passed with little notice outside a handful of lesser-known outlets.



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## Key Takeaways

- The UN confirmed that Gaza's population is receiving 100 percent of minimum daily caloric needs.
- The statement contradicts earlier warnings that aid would collapse after Israel restricted unregistered NGOs.
- Major international media outlets did not report the UN's announcement.
- Israeli officials argue the silence reflects a selective approach to Gaza coverage.
- The development raises broader questions about how positive facts related to Israel are treated in global media.

## What the UN Actually Said

During a routine press briefing, UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric stated that humanitarian deliveries in January met the full minimum caloric requirement for Gaza's population (<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-883263>). He also confirmed that sufficient food supplies are available in storage. This marked the first time since the war started that the UN publicly acknowledged full coverage of basic food needs in the territory.

The statement was factual, measured, and free of political commentary. It did not suggest that conditions in Gaza are ideal or that the war has ceased to cause hardship. Still, it did confirm that

highly disputed claims of widespread hunger were not accurate based on UN data.



## Context: The New Controversy

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The timing of the announcement matters. Only weeks earlier, [Israel](https://www.justorium.org) announced it would suspend the activities of dozens of NGOs operating in Gaza

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(<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/12/30/middleeast/israel-gaza-aid-groups-suspend-operations-intl-hnk>) due to their failure to comply with security, registration and oversight requirements. Around 50 NGOs warned publicly that the decision would harm humanitarian aid flows.

International media widely echoed those warnings, often implying that Israel's actions would severely restrict food access. What received far less attention was Israel's explanation that the affected NGOs accounted for roughly 1 percent of total aid volume, while the remaining registered organizations continued delivering the vast majority of assistance. The UN's January statement now confirms that aid levels have not only continued but have met full basic food requirements.

## Media Coverage That Never Came

Despite the significance of the UN update, major international outlets did not report it. The BBC, which published numerous reports on Gaza aid conditions in December, including warnings of severe hunger, did not cover the January 5 announcement. The same was true for The New York Times, which had repeatedly covered Gaza food insecurity in recent weeks.

The lack of coverage stands in contrast to earlier reporting that emphasized worst-case scenarios. When UN-backed experts warned of potential famine, those claims received global headlines. When the UN confirmed that basic nutritional needs were being met, the story effectively disappeared.

# Israeli Responses



Israel's ambassador to the UN, Dan Danon, addressed the silence directly. In a public statement, he argued that the announcement undercut repeated claims that Israel was blocking humanitarian aid and questioned why such a development failed to reach mainstream audiences.

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Israel's embassy in South Africa made a similar point, stating that the lack of coverage reinforced a false narrative about Israeli policy toward Gaza. Both responses focused less on seeking praise and more on highlighting what they see as a pattern in international reporting.

## A Familiar Pattern

This episode fits a broader trend in coverage of the conflict. Stories that present Israel as obstructing aid or worsening conditions tend to receive immediate and extensive attention. Updates that complicate or contradict that narrative often receive little notice, even when they come from authoritative sources like the UN.

No serious observer claims that life in Gaza is easy or that humanitarian challenges have disappeared. Still, the UN's acknowledgment that basic food needs are being met is a relevant and newsworthy fact. Its absence from mainstream reporting suggests that positive or corrective information may struggle to gain traction when it does not align with prevailing assumptions.

## Conclusion

The UN's confirmation that Gaza's basic food needs are fully met represents an important factual update in a conflict often dominated by grim headlines. That the announcement went largely unreported raises uncomfortable questions about editorial judgment and balance in international media. For readers seeking an accurate picture of events, selective silence can be as misleading as incorrect reporting. If humanitarian outcomes matter, then improvements, not only failures, deserve attention.

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# "We Don't Need or Want Them": Trump Draws a Line Against Antisemitism Inside MAGA

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US President Donald Trump has publicly declared that there is no place for antisemitism within the Republican Party or the Make America Great Again movement. In a wide-ranging interview (<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/11/us/politics/trump-maga-republicans-antisemitism.html>) published recently, Trump addressed growing scrutiny over extremist voices on the political right and responded with unusually direct language. His remarks come at a time when antisemitism remains a pressing concern in American public life, particularly following the October 7 Hamas massacre in Israel and the surge of anti-Jewish incidents worldwide. Trump's comments were intended to draw a clear boundary between his political movement and those who promote hatred of Jews.

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## Key Takeaways

- President Trump said there is no room for antisemites in the MAGA movement or the Republican Party.
- He explicitly stated that such figures are not wanted and not liked.
- Trump highlighted his record on Israel and opposition to antisemitism.
- He denied any relationship with known antisemites.
- His administration has taken concrete steps aimed at countering antisemitism.

## A Direct Rejection of Antisemitism

During a two-hour interview with The New York Times, Trump was asked about conservative figures who have publicly expressed antisemitic views and whether they should have a role in the Republican Party. His response was blunt. "We don't need them. We don't like them," he said, leaving little ambiguity about his position.

When pressed further on whether he condemns antisemitic rhetoric within conservative circles, Trump answered affirmatively. He rejected the idea that such views are compatible with his political agenda or with the broader Republican coalition. The remarks were notable not only for their content but also for their tone, signaling a desire to distance his movement from extremist elements that have drawn increasing attention.

## Emphasizing His Record on Israel and the Jewish Community

Trump used the interview to reiterate his long-standing claim that no American president has done more for Israel. He pointed to diplomatic achievements and recognition he has received from pro-Israel bodies, describing himself as strongly opposed to antisemitism and firmly supportive of the Jewish state.

"I have been the best president of the United States in the history of this country toward Israel," Trump said, adding that this record is widely acknowledged. He went further, stating that he is probably "the least antisemitic person" anywhere in the world, a characteristically emphatic formulation that reflects his personal style.

Trump also referenced his family ties, noting that his daughter Ivanka (Trump converted to Judaism) and that his grandchildren are Jewish. He described this as a source of pride and cited it as further evidence of his connection to the Jewish community. Ivanka is married to Jared Kushner, who served as a senior adviser during Trump's first term.

## Policy Actions Since Returning to Office

Beyond rhetoric, Trump pointed to actions taken by his administration since returning to office that are presented as part of a broader effort to confront antisemitism. These include measures targeting university environments where anti-Israel activism has crossed into harassment of Jewish students, as well as steps aimed at restricting the activities of foreign nationals involved in extremist protests.

The administration has framed these actions as necessary to protect Jewish communities and uphold civil order. Supporters argue that this approach reflects a willingness to act decisively where previous administrations hesitated.

## Conclusion

Trump's declaration that there is no room for antisemites in MAGA represents an explicit attempt to set boundaries within the American right. His language was direct, his condemnation clear, and his emphasis on Israel and the Jewish community central to his argument. Whether these remarks will shift perceptions remains to be seen, but they underscore a broader effort by Trump to define his movement as firmly opposed to antisemitism at a time when that stance carries renewed urgency.



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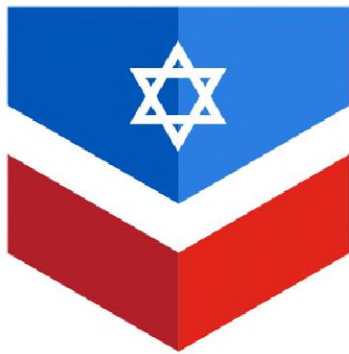
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## A Firm Stand Against Extremism: Why the US Designation of Muslim Brotherhood Branches Matters

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The United States took a significant step this week by designating the Egyptian, Lebanese, and Jordanian branches of the Muslim Brotherhood as global terrorist organizations. The decision reflects a broader effort to confront extremism and radicalism that threaten regional stability, American interests, and the security of close allies such as Israel. US officials framed the move as a response to clear evidence that these groups support Hamas and encourage violence, despite presenting themselves publicly as civic or political organizations. The designation sends a message that ideological extremism tied to terrorism will face direct consequences.

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## Key Takeaways

- [The United States designated three regional branches of the Muslim Brotherhood as global terrorist entities.](#)
- US authorities cited direct and enthusiastic support for Hamas and violence against Israel.
- The decision brings sanctions that restrict funding, travel, and financial access.
- Egypt welcomed the move as recognition of the group's extremist ideology.
- The action signals a broader US commitment to confronting radical networks that operate under political cover.

## A Clear Message Against Extremism

The US designation represents more than a legal or financial action. It reflects a policy choice to treat extremist movements according to their actions rather than their public branding. US officials stated that the targeted branches promoted and supported Hamas, an organization responsible for repeated terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians.

By labeling these groups as specially designated global terrorists, Washington rejected the argument that extremist ideology becomes acceptable when wrapped in political language. The decision underscores that encouragement of violence, even without direct participation in attacks, remains a threat to peace and security.

## Why Hamas Support Matters

Hamas has long relied on ideological allies across the Middle East to justify its violence and raise funds. US officials argued that the Muslim Brotherhood branches in Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan played a role in sustaining that support. Public praise for attacks, fundraising activity, and messaging that normalizes violence were cited as key concerns.

From a US and Israeli perspective, confronting Hamas requires addressing these support networks. Allowing groups to promote terrorism under the banner of social or religious activism risks enabling further attacks and instability.

## Sanctions as a Tool Against Radical Networks

The designation triggers sanctions that freeze assets and block access to the US financial system. In practice, these measures often extend beyond American borders since international banks and donors tend to comply with US Treasury actions.

Financial pressure limits the ability of extremist groups to organize, recruit, and spread propaganda. US officials have argued that cutting off funding channels disrupts the operational capacity of radical organizations more effectively than rhetoric alone.

## Regional Validation of the Decision

[Egypt's foreign ministry welcomed the US announcement](#), describing it as recognition of the danger posed by the Muslim Brotherhood's ideology. Egyptian authorities have battled the group for years, accusing it of fueling unrest and political violence.

This public support from Cairo highlights that the US move aligns with concerns already held by key regional governments. For Israel, the decision reinforces a long-standing warning that Hamas does not operate in isolation and depends on regional partners who promote its cause.

## Implications for US Policy

The designation signals a firmer US stance toward Islamist movements linked to violence, even when those movements claim political legitimacy. It reflects a shift toward evaluating organizations based on conduct rather than self-description.

For American audiences, the decision illustrates how extremism abroad can affect US interests and allies. It also shows a willingness to take action that may carry diplomatic costs in order to uphold security priorities and counter radical ideologies.

## Conclusion

The US decision to designate branches of the Muslim Brotherhood as global terrorist organizations stands as an important action against extremism and radicalism. By targeting

groups that support Hamas and encourage violence, Washington reinforced its commitment to Israel's security and to broader regional stability. The sanctions that follow aim to weaken networks that thrive on ideological justification for terror. For policymakers and the public alike, this move highlights the need to confront extremism directly, even when it hides behind political or civic labels.

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