



Additional information for the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence and Security’s Review into the Relisting of Hamas Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (Hamas Brigades) as a Terrorist Organisation under the Criminal Code.

During the public hearing on Friday, October 1, Mr Julian Leaser asked witnesses about the UK’s treatment of Hamas under its terrorist listing regime.

AIJAC offered to take the question on notice and seek a comprehensive response.

AIJAC can confirm that:

- Since 2001, the UK has listed Hamas Izz al-Din al-Qassem Brigades as a proscribed international terrorist group¹.
- The European Union lists “Hamas, including Hamas Izz al-Din al-Qassem” on its terrorist list².
- According to NGOs active in this area, the UK has relied on the European Union’s proscription of the entirety of Hamas as a *de facto* ban on the group. However, since the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union in 2020, this is no longer considered satisfactory to prevent Hamas activity on British soil.
- With permission, AIJAC has provided a document prepared by British NGO Campaign Against Antisemitism called *Time to Proscribe Hamas in Full*. It details the current treatment by the UK of Hamas and outlines Hamas’ activity in the UK.

Attached

Time to Proscribe Hamas in Full, a report by UK-based NGO Campaign against Antisemitism, August 2021.

¹ “List of Proscribed International Terrorist Groups”, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proscribed-terror-groups-or-organisations--2/proscribed-terrorist-groups-or-organisations-accessible-version>, GOV.UK (accessed October 5 2021).

² “Official Journal of the European Union: L 043, 8 February 2021”, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2021:043:TOC>, EUR-Lex (accessed October 5 2021).