

## Hamas: Annapolis Conference laying the grounds for Iran War

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Hamas' leader has dismissed the upcoming US-sponsored Mideast conference saying it is meant to distract attention from the war.

"Strategically, the US is setting the stage and covering up for the upcoming American war in the region," Khaled Mashaal said on Monday. He made the remarks at a press conference at a forum of Palestinian intellectuals in Damascus.

Hamas' leader also noted that there are preparations for aggression against Iran. Such aggression could also include other parties like Syria, Lebanon, and Hezbollah.

"Therefore, America is distracting us with a false game and is preparing itself for the real one," he also noted.

Hamas' leader also warned Arab states to stay away from the conference and advised Abbas against making any concessions.

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