

Video: Why Did Hamas Attack Israelis? Judge Napolitano with Dr. Philip Giraldi

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Excerpt from the interview:

Judge Napolitano: Is it true that Hamas was actually created and supported by the Israelis in order to be a buffer, a rival, an obstacle to the PLO when Yasser Arafat ran it?

Philip Giraldi: Yeah, that's absolutely correct. There was a national election among the Palestinians in 2006, and the Israelis with help from the US, basically created a counter-party to oppose the Fatah, which was Yasser Arafat's old PLO, because they want to divide the Palestinian opposition. And they were successful at it. Hamas won the election, a fair election, in Gaza and Fatah on the West Bank; so they divided effectively the Palestinian political structure.

JN: Was there a time when the Israelis gave financial assistance to Hamas?

PG: Yeah, they gave financial assistance to Hamas. And there were suspicions back then that they were arming them to a certain extent, which is why the issue of where the weapons come from is rather interesting. But yeah, they were funding them and they got some intermediaries to do the funding for them.

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