

Not Democracy

The British Foreign Office is yearning to be allowed direct and open contact with **Hamas and Hezbollah**. Their excuse:

The British Government is considering a Middle East policy switch that would mean direct and open contact for the first time with the militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, which are expected to make significant electoral gains in the West Bank and Gaza and in Lebanon...

But the Foreign Office feels it would be hypocritical to encourage democracy but refuse to accept the outcome, even if it means working with groups it finds distasteful.

"Distasteful", indeed!

Hamas and Hezbollah are not democratic parties. They are gangs of terrorists who also participate in elections when it suits them tactically. They systematically intimidate and murder people and should be disqualified from anything that seriously aspires to be democratic. Hamas **murdered** a woman for holding hands in public with her fiance. Hezbollah has a 25,000 strong **army** in Lebanon, where they run a TV station that **incites terrorism**. They also run an **international terror network**. If you can't go out in public and criticise a group without fear of reprisals, then they are not fit to participate in elections. Hamas and Hezbollah are as politically illegitimate as the Nazis were, regardless of their hollow electoral victories.

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