

Iran's Revolutionary Guard recruits volunteers to fight in Gaza

The Iranian regime has launched an online campaign to recruit volunteers – including children – to fight alongside Hamas in the war against Israel. But the government's propaganda efforts are not making much headway among anti-regime Iranians.

Shortly after Hamas conducted its bloody “Al-Aqsa Flood” terrorist operation in Israel on October 7, Iran's Revolutionary Guard launched an online recruitment campaign with the same name, hoping to convince young Iranian men and boys to join the Palestinian armed group in its war efforts.

The campaign, taken up by Iranian state TV and radio, and several websites affiliated with the Revolutionary Guard, has already garnered more than 3 million ready-to-be-deployed volunteers, Iranian television reported.

The “Al-Aqsa Flood” campaign features a young boy in his pre-pubescent teens wearing military fatigues in front of Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque. The child also has the symbolic pro-Palestine *keffiyeh* scarf wrapped around his neck, and wears a pin with General Qassem Soleimani's portrait on his jacket. Soleimani, who long headed the Revolutionary Guard's elite Al-Quds unit, was killed by American forces in Baghdad in 2020.

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