

# Hamas

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**In news-** Recently, Australia has decided to list the U.S.-based far-right extremist group National Socialist Order and entirety of Palestinian group Hamas into list of outlawed terrorist organisations as concerns rise about radicalised children.

## **About Hamas-**

- Hamas is a Palestinian **Sunni-Islamic** fundamentalist, militant, and nationalist organization.
- It was founded in 1987, soon after the First Intifada broke out, as an offshoot of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood.
- It is dedicated to the establishment of an independent Islamic state in historical Palestine.
- It has a **social service wing, Dawah, and a military wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades.**
- Its military wing was listed as a terrorist organisation since 2003, but the new designation will list the organisation in its entirety including its social service wing.
- It has fought successive wars with Israel since it seized control of the Gaza strip in 2007 and became *de facto* governing authority of the Gaza Strip.
- **Canada, the European Union, Israel, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States have designated Hamas as a terrorist organization.**
- New Zealand and Paraguay have designated only its military wing as a terrorist organization.
- It is not considered a terrorist organization by Brazil, China, Egypt, Iran, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Syria and Turkey.
- In December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly rejected a U.S. resolution condemning Hamas as a

terrorist organization.

### About National Socialist Order-

- It was formerly known as the Atomwaffen Division and advocates a global “race war” and the collapse of democratic societies.
- The **National Socialist Order is only the third far-right group to be designated by Australia as a terrorist organisation.**
- It is currently led by longtime member Burt Colucci, of Kissimmee, Florida.
- The other two are the **Base, a neo-Nazi white supremacist group formed in the United States in 2018**, was listed in December and the **British-based Sonnenkrieg Division** was listed in August.