

Jama'a al-Islamiyah (JAI)

a.k.a Lebanese Muslim Brotherhood



OVERVIEW

AS OF JUNE 2026

Jama'a al-Islamiyah (JAI), a.k.a. the Lebanese Muslim Brotherhood, is a Lebanese Sunni terrorist organization that formed in 1964 to create a more Islamic society in Lebanon and provide support to the Palestinian cause. JAI praised HAMAS's attack against Israel on 7 October 2023. Its armed wing, al-Fajr Forces, coordinated with HAMAS and Lebanese Hizballah to conduct rocket attacks from southern Lebanon into Israel during the Israel-HAMAS conflict.

Operating Area

Operates primarily in Lebanon; probably has a small presence in Syria

Members

Overall membership unknown; al-Fajr Forces has about 500-1000 members

Tactics And Targets

In 1982, JAI created al-Fajr Forces to resist the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Al-Fajr Forces also fought against the Israeli military during the Israel-Hizballah conflict in 2006. The unit probably has access to small arms and explosives and has conducted rocket attacks into Israel.

Terrorist Group Designation

The US State Department designated JAI a foreign terrorist organization and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist group in January 2026.

KEY LEADERS



Muhammad Fawzi Taqqush

Secretary general since 2022; Specially Designated National since January 2026



Imad al-Hout

JAI political figure and member of Lebanese parliament since 2009



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KEY LEADERS *(continued)*



Ali Abu Yassin

Head of JAI's political bureau

NOTABLE ATTACKS

18 October 2023

Israel

Al-Fajr Forces target Israel with rockets in JAI's first attack since 2006.

