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Brief description of the Kahane Chai (Excerpt of chapter 5 of the country report on terrorism 2021)

**Countries:**  
Israel, State of Palestine

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**Description:** Kahane Chai (KC) was designated as an FTO on October 8, 1997. Radical Israeli American Rabbi Meir Kahane founded Kach — the precursor to KC — with the aim of restoring Greater Israel (Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza) and expelling the Arabs who live there. Its offshoot, Kahane Chai (translation: “Kahane Lives”), was founded by Meir Kahane’s son Binyamin, following his father’s 1990 assassination. In 1994 the Israeli government banned both Kach and Kahane Chai, declaring them terrorist organizations. The Cabinet’s decision was based on evidence, submitted by Israeli security services and police, that implicated the two groups in a series of unsolved murders of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The banning followed the 1994 massacre of 29 Palestinians in Hebron by a Kach activist.

**Activities:** KC has harassed and threatened Arabs, especially Palestinians, and Israeli government officials and vowed revenge for the 2000 death of Binyamin Kahane and his wife. The group is suspected of involvement in numerous low-level attacks dating to the start of the Second Palestinian Intifada in 2000. KC was last linked to an attack in 2005, when one of its members killed four persons on a bus in Shfaram, Israel.

**Strength:** KC’s core membership has been estimated to be fewer than 100.

**Location/Area of Operation:** Israel and Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

**Funding and External Aid:** KC has received support from sympathizers in the United States and Europe.

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