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POLITICAL EARTHQUAKE: HAMAS AND THE PALESTINIAN ELECTIONS

The future of the Middle East entered a new era of uncertainty with the stunning victory of the radical Islamic group Hamas in last week's Palestinian parliamentary elections. The election upset by Hamas, labeled a terrorist organization by the US and the European Union, raises fundamental questions about all aspects of the status quo and the future of the Middle East peace process. Join us to hear leading experts discuss the implications for Palestinians, Israel and the broader Middle East region.

FEATURED PANELISTS

Rami Khouri: Syndicated columnist, editor-at-large of the Beirut-based regional newspaper the Daily Star, and winner of the 2004 Eliaz-Sartawi Award for Middle East Journalism

David Makovsky: Senior Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Director of the Institute's Project on the Middle East Peace Process

Shibley Telhami: Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland and non-resident Senior Fellow at the Saban Center at the Brookings Institution.

**WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006
6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**WHERE: B-1 Auditorium, Center for Strategic and International Studies
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