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Vehicle used by World Central Kitchen after it was mistakenly attacked by an Israeli airstrike, resulting in the deaths of seven aid workers. Accidents like this are common, as evidenced by numerous such events caused by American forces in warzones, due largely to the “fog of war.”

## Biden hypocrisy: Blames Israel for aid workers’ deaths, despite worse U.S. errors

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

On a dark April 1<sup>st</sup> night in southern Gaza, a horrible, deadly accident unfolded—one that, though understandable and forgivable due to the “fog of war,” was no less tragic.

A World Central Kitchen (WCK) aid convoy delivering food to Palestinians that night was joined by several Hamas vehicles. Later, a couple of armed Hamas terrorists hopped aboard a WCK truck and started shooting in the air. Israel’s IDF was monitoring this activity and watched the convoy as it later split up, with the main group entering a hangar. The IDF tried to call both WCK workers and WCK headquarters to clarify Hamas’s involvement, but neither answered. When the convoy left the hangar an hour later, the IDF mistook WCK vehicles for those of Hamas and its drone mistakenly attacked them, killing seven aid workers.

While such “friendly-fire” incidents are saddening, they are also common in every war. In 2015, a U.S. Airforce gunship attacked the Kunduz Trauma Center, operated by Doctors Without Borders, killing 42 people and injuring 30 more. Doctors Without Borders called it a

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**YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH... Israel's Enemies Tell Five Big Lies**  
Following the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, antisemites mount a series of vicious attacks, threats and malicious lies against Jews and Israel

**What are the facts?**  
The world for Jews and Israel will never be the same. Military College students received official messages saying "Zionism (the usual Jewish ideology) is not welcome in school dorms. Hamas official Chahar (Israel's TV news anchor) will report on October 7 until Israel is annihilated. West Bank Palestinian activist Abed Yehuda says "What Hamas did to you was a pain—we will drain your blood and cut your shaft!"

**They condone savagery based on utter lies**  
While Hamas' October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their position, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from Israeli enemies. Tens of thousands of demonstrators demanded not two states living in peace, but justice. "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free... by any means necessary"—meaning, clearly, slaughter of civilians.

**Power of Big Lies:** Though Israel was the victim of a mass murder of innocent Jews, its enemies blame the Jewish state not only for the Hamas massacre, but also for responding in defense. The masses must blame Israel for the atrocity are based on five Big Lies. Big Lies were used by Nazi leader Goebbels, who noted that if he told an outrageous lie often enough, people would begin to believe it. Alternatively, if you use truth as a basis for your judgments, you may find these facts useful.

**Lie #1: Israel is a colonial state that stole Palestinian land.** A colonizer is a foreign nation that conquers and exploits another nation. First, the Palestinians have never owned any land in Palestine. They were also never nations. Nothing was stolen. Even the indigenous people of the land were not there. They have lived there continuously for 3,000 years and have been continuously ruled over 1,000 years. They are not foreigners. No colonial state.

**Lie #2: Israel commits genocide.** Genocide is the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members. Israel does not, nor has ever, targeted innocent Palestinian civilians for attack—nor mass murder, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred as collateral damage while fighting terrorists who hid in residential or other public areas. Tellingly, the Palestinian population in and around Israel has mushroomed since Israel's founding in 1948—from about 700,000 to seven million today. No genocide.

**Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid.** Apartheid is a system of legal racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights. Israel has no laws or policies

**Lie #4: Israel oppresses the Palestinians.** Oppression is the maintenance of power to discriminate against some groups. Because Israel completely ended Gaza in 2005, it has no power over the daily lives of Gazans. However, because of Hamas' continuous terrorist efforts to kill Jews and destroy the Jewish state, Israel and Egypt blockaded Gaza to prevent terror attacks. Likewise, under the Oslo Accords, Israel and the Palestinian Authority share governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), and Israel plays virtually no role governing Palestinians' daily lives. It enters Palestinian-controlled areas only when terrorists fail to take us there. No Israeli oppression.

Above all, Israel and the US have made numerous offers of land for an independent Palestinian state. Throughout the Palestinians have turned down five offers of land for peace since 1948. Since the year 2000. Apparently, their desire of conquering Israel "from the land to the sea" has greater importance.

**The hostility of the October 7 massacre shocked us—**including, unfortunately, upon Israel's horrific execution. Israel's kidnapping. Even worse, the gates have opened to unbridled Jew-hatred on American streets and campuses by the excuse of Palestinian liberation... based on utter lies about the Israeli state. But Hamas and the hater's should know that "Never Again" means fighting and defeating evil forever.

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deliberate breach of international humanitarian law and a war crime.

After the IDF's mistaken killing of the WCK aid workers, President Biden demanded Israel take additional steps to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza and protect aid workers. He also demanded an immediate ceasefire and threatened that [U.S. policy on Gaza](#) could change if Israel did not accede to his demands.

Yet the Biden Administration is using this death of aid workers as another excuse to [demonize Israel](#), accusing it of behavior no different from that of the United States in many such incidents. Indeed, the Kunduz tragedy took place while Mr. Biden was Vice President, exposing his hypocrisy in holding the Jewish state to a [hypocritical double standard](#).

Whereas Israel immediately took responsibility for unintentionally killing the WCK aid workers, the Obama administration initially tried to [deny culpability](#) for the Kunduz civilian deaths, taking four days for the President finally to apologize.

In short, Team Biden is cynically leveraging the accidental death of the WCK aid workers in an attempt to libel [Israel](#) and create an excuse to withdraw American support. The White House is no doubt hopeful such posturing will salvage Mr. Biden's flailing re-election campaign, solidifying support from radical, anti-Israel voters.

Unfortunately, U.S. threats to abandon Israel only make the task of defeating Iran-backed Hamas more difficult and [Israel's bargaining power](#) in demanding the release of 138 hostages, including six Americans.

**Friendly-fire accidents (FFAs) are regrettable, but common, due to the fog of war.** In fact, the U.S. has been involved in numerous FFAs, such as Ghaziabad (Afghanistan 2008), Khair Khana (Afghanistan 2008), Al-Majalah (Yemen 2008), and Kabul (Afghanistan, 2021), which occurred [under the Biden Administration](#) and killed 10 Afghan civilians, including seven children. During the first 20 years of the war on terror, the U.S. conducted more than 91,000 airstrikes across seven major conflict zones – Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen—killing 48,308 civilians, according to a 2021 analysis by Airwars, a U.K.-based airstrike monitoring group.

Israel has also made such mistakes, one of which occurred in Gaza, in December last year, when IDF troops mistakenly shot and killed three hostages after [misidentifying](#) them as threats. In both this case and that of the WCK workers, IDF investigations concluded that the tragedies occurred due to misidentification, which is common in the fog of war. Nevertheless, the IDF took full responsibility for both incidences and apologized.

**Indeed, the most honorable nations admit their errors and apologize.** In contrast, others, including the U.S., have not always responded so quickly and forthrightly. In Afghanistan, in 2009, for example, a NATO airstrike targeting Taliban terrorists in the village of Bola Boluk hit a convoy of vehicles, killing at least 27 civilians, including women and children. NATO initially [denied civilian casualties](#) but later acknowledged the mistake and apologized.

In another incident, which also took place in Afghanistan, in 2008, a U.S. airstrike hit a wedding party, killing at least 47 civilians, including 39 women and children. The accident occurred when coalition forces were attacking terrorists, but one missile went off course and hit the wedding party. The U.S. military [initially denied](#) killing any civilians, but following an investigation by the Afghan government, U.S.-led coalition forces apologized.

By contrast, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad never admit their hundreds of “friendly” misfired missiles and resultant deaths, let alone apologize for them—but we hear [nary a complaint](#) from the United Nations, Mr. Biden or “pro-Palestinian” protestors.

**Why is President Biden hypocritically blaming Israel for something that all warring nations—including his own administration—have experienced?** It all seems part of an ongoing campaign to [placate radical, anti-Israel voters](#)—perhaps the same voters who chanted “Death to America” at an Al-Quds rally in Dearborn, Michigan earlier this month. Biden also seeks to appease members of his own party, including 56 Congressional Democrats who have signed a letter calling on the President to halt weapon sales to Israel.

But while Team Biden may win the votes of anti-Israel radicals, he also stands a good chance of losing the votes of the overwhelming majority of Americans who [support the Jewish state](#). Furthermore, the President's actions also inhibit Israel's war efforts to defeat Hamas—one of

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the world's most evil terrorist groups, a proxy of Iran, the mutual enemy of both Israel and the U.S.—and win the return of the hostages, which the U.S. also insists on.

**Every civilian death in war is a tragedy.** But of course, whenever wars are fought near civilians, many innocents will inevitably be hurt or killed. This is especially true in Gaza, since Hamas uses civilians as human shields, as they did in the case of the WCK convoy, causing the IDF to mistake the aid workers as terrorists.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that Biden's steadfast criticism of Israel plays directly into the hands of America's enemies—Hamas, Iran, and of course, radical, anti-Israel, anti-American extremists in swing states like Michigan, whose votes the President is desperate to win.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson, President

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P.S. The events of October 7 have changed our world forever—and especially the world for Israel and the Jewish people. Likewise, the words “Never Again” will never be the same for us. October 7 has shown us that despite all promises of equity and commitments against hate on campus and on our streets, we can never depend on it. We will likely never be free of the scourge of antisemitism, fueled by the most outrageous slanders. I hope you'll agree that we opponents of Hamas and its savage massacre—and of all who support Hamas, against all humanitarian values—need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message —“**Enemies of Israel Tell Five Big Lies**”—refutes today's most vicious lies against Israel and the Jewish people. I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME published in the *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to **support us** with a donation.



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