

Exposing the Gaza Genocide Liars . . . One Hard Fact at a Time

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Last June, Spanish President Pedro Sanchez joined the shameless chorus of Israel’s slanderers, asserting, falsely, that Gaza is in a “catastrophic situation of genocide.”

Israel’s enemies—college radicals, mainstream media, NGOs, UN officials, celebrities and even heads of state—have cast accusations of genocide in the current Gaza war as wildly as rice at a wedding. Despite their frequency, such accusations are outright lies—disproven by hard, unassailable facts.

These lies can be destroyed using two powerful truths. First, nothing in Israel’s conduct of its war against Hamas indicates any *intention* of eliminating Gaza’s population. To the contrary, Israel’s policies show exactly the opposite—remarkably effective efforts to protect Gaza’s civilian population.

Second, nothing in Gaza death-toll demographics indicates that Israel has actually *targeted innocent Palestinians*. Rather, again, the opposite: Facts show Gaza death tolls are heavily skewed toward combatants. Moreover, overall deaths in the conflict reveal it to be one of the least deadly wars to the enemy’s population compared to any previous conflict in the last century. Finally, most public health estimates place number of births in Gaza during the war far higher than war-related deaths—hardly a diminishing population.

Outrageously, instead of praising Israel’s efforts to save civilian lives, increasing members of the “international community” slander the Jewish state, using the genocide accusation in the same manner blood libels were used to discredit, delegitimize and

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physically attack Jews over the centuries, Simultaneously, these enemies viciously parrot Hamas's fake death statistics, while ignoring Hamas's war crimes and its own genocidal strategy of human sacrifice.

Israel's actions utterly fail to support the accusation that it intends to eliminate or diminish the Palestinian people. Remember that a key legal requirement of the crime of genocide is that the perpetrator *intends to decimate an enemy population*.

Yet, it is irrefutable that the Israel Defense Force (IDF) targets only terrorists. In fact, to avoid harming innocents, the IDF consistently gives warnings to civilians of impending attacks. It uses phone calls, SMS messages, leaflets, social media and "roof-knocking," in which the Israeli Air Force fires a non-explosive missile or sound munition at the roof or upper edge of a targeted building a few minutes before the actual strike.

The IDF also issues evacuation warnings to Palestinian civilians, encouraging them to move to areas where they will face less danger from combat operations. For example, in mid-October 2023, the IDF issued evacuation warnings to approximately 1.1 million residents of northern Gaza to move south, where they would be safer. Israel similarly plans to warn civilians to evacuate Gaza City ahead of an upcoming offensive. The IDF's painstaking efforts to separate civilians and combatants are inconsistent with genocide.

In addition, the IDF has allowed massive deliveries of humanitarian aid—about two million tons of it—meant to preserve civilian life. In fact, John Spencer, chairman of urban warfare studies at West Point, wrote of Israel's humanitarian aid efforts in Gaza that "There is no historical precedent for a military providing the level of direct aid to an enemy population that Israel has provided to Gaza." How can a country that provides its enemy with such ample humanitarian assistance be rationally accused of genocide?

Finally, Israel has been adamant that its war is against Hamas, not the Palestinians of Gaza, though polls show

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many of them support the terrorist group. Indeed, Israel has consistently stated its goals to be a) destroying Hamas's military and governing capabilities, b) securing the release of all hostages, and c) ensuring that Gaza never again threatens Israel. What's more, as noted by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, "If we had wanted to commit genocide, it would have taken exactly one afternoon."

Actual death toll numbers confirm that Israel has targeted Hamas fighters, not Palestinian civilians.

Indeed, Israel has been successful in *minimizing* the number of deaths of non-combatant Gazans compared with armed combatants. A study by the Tamaror research group for Israeli-Palestinian conflict studies indicates that during this war "the proportion of (potential) armed casualties increased beyond 45%, indicating increasingly precise targeting and corresponding civilian casualty reductions." No surprise, then, that the ratio of civilians to combatants in Gaza is much lower than in comparable wars. Whereas the civilian-fighter ratio in Gaza is estimated to be as high as 1.5:1, the average ratio in urban warfare in general, according to the UN, is 9:1 civilians to fighters. This ratio alone destroys the genocide argument.

Furthermore, despite the war, Gaza's population—measured by births vs. violent deaths—has actually increased. Estimates by such organizations as the United Nations Population Fund project births in Gaza from October 7, 2023 to the present at about 124,245. Contrast that with violent deaths estimated at about 75,200 over the same period by the independent Gaza Mortality Survey: Using births vs. violent deaths, the territory actually experienced a net gain in population—the opposite effect of a genocide.

Finally, how do overall Gaza deaths compare to other wars in the last century? Consider that 16-17 million people perished in WWI; 70-85 million died in World War II; 3-4 million in the Korean War; 2.5-3.5 million in the Vietnam War. Most recently, an estimated 5-600,000 died in Syria's civil war. Notably, none of these conflicts

was termed a “genocide.” In contrast, according to Gaza’s Hamas-controlled Ministry of Health and others, some 62,000-75,000 Gazans have died in the current war, out of an estimated population of 2.1 million. Again, these numbers don’t come close to genocide proportions—rather they are simply the result of a brutal urban war, one that Hamas started and in which it uses its citizens as human shields.

In short, despite countless baseless assertions by media, NGOs, the UN, radical leftists and clueless celebrities, all hard data about deaths in Gaza unassailably refute accusations that Israel is committing genocide. The truth is, Israel takes extraordinary measures to limit civilian casualties, especially given the fact that the IDF possesses military power that could inflict many more deaths without such precautions.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that we can fight these enemies of Israel by using *hard facts* to expose the genocide slander every time it is uttered—condemning their lies and cursing their shameless immorality.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline at no charge.

Best regards,
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P.S. I’m sure you’d agree: If your enemy says they want to kill you and take your land, you’d be smart to believe them. If you try to make peace, but they refuse all your offers and continue to make murderous threats, it’s time to eliminate this enemy. Israel has faced exactly this danger with the Palestinians—yet continued to hope for peace . . . until Hamas’s October 7 massacre and kidnappings. Finally, Israel and many lovers of Israel are facing reality. They’ve concluded their futile

dreams of peace must end. They must finally defeat their Palestinian enemies—starting with Hamas and other jihadi terrorists. I hope you’ll agree that we supporters of the Israel-U.S. relationship need to speak out. FLAME’s new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—“[End of the Palestinian Lie](#)”—describes how Israel and the West have for 77 years bought the myth that the Palestinians want peace. It details the many offers of land for peace Israel, the U.N. and the U.S. have made to give Palestinians their own state—all refused. Finally, it explains why Israel must adopt a bold new strategy—disarming, disabling and defeating Hamas and all other terror groups that attack Israeli civilians. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME intends to publish to millions—in leading social media, as well as in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Denver Post* and *Los Angeles Times*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, the President and Vice President. 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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