

## **Answering some common (false) claims against Israel on social media**

### **Israel is committing war crimes:**

Israel operates according to international law, and makes all efforts to minimize harm to civilians. Hamas on the other hand violates international law by holding 240 hostages under threat - among them babies, children and elderly people, and preventing the Red Cross from visiting them. All this while continuing to launch missiles at Israel, and operating from within the civilian population which Hamas uses as a human shield.

### **What Israel is doing is far worse**

No, it isn't. Nothing is worse than the savage onslaught and horrifying acts of torture, abuse, and rape, claiming the lives of over 1,400 individuals and leaving more than 5,300 injured by Hamas on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and you need to be a walking moral void to fail to see that.

### **Israel is committing genocide/ethnic cleansing**

The only genocidal deeds are the ones Hamas carried out on October 7<sup>th</sup> when they invaded Israel and carried out a brutal massacre targeting civilians. The whole horrifying operation was meticulously planned, and Hamas invested billions of dollars in infrastructures that would allow: the raping, the burning, the torturing and the kidnaping of unarmed civilians, among them women, babies and elderly. Needless to say, that if they invested that time and money in their own people's benefit – Gaza would today be a thriving area.

### **Israel is committing war crimes (2)**

The only criminals are Hamas who tortured, abused, and raped, claimed the lives of over 1,400 unarmed civilians and injured over 5,300. The same Hamas who now are holding 240 hostages under threat - among them babies, children and elderly, and preventing the Red Cross from visiting them. All this while continuing to launch thousands of missiles at Israel, and operating from within the civilian population using them as human shields.

Israel operates according to international law, and makes all efforts to minimize harm to civilians, warning all residents and giving them a chance to evacuate before attacking Hamas infrastructures within civilian areas. The ones using women and children as human shields, and shooting them when they do try to evacuate, are Hamas.

### **Israel is killing only women and children**

Israel operates according to international law and makes all efforts to avoid and minimize harm to civilians, warning all residents and giving them a chance to evacuate before attacking Hamas infrastructures within civilian areas.

Israel, unlike Hamas, never targets civilians. Hamas uses their own people as human shields, and shoots anyone who tries to evacuate populated areas used as Hamas headquarters, launching grounds, tunnel pits and other terror infrastructures used for killing Israelis.

### **Israel is occupying Gaza**

Get your fact right – Israel disengaged from Gaza in 2005. Gaza is not occupied by Israel. And anyone who can't condemn the brutal torture, abuse, murder, rape and kidnaping of civilians by Hamas is a walking moral vacuum.

### **Israel cut off Gaza's water – that's a basic human right**

Gaza has desalination plants and drinking wells, and Hamas has loads of water they can share with the residents of Gaza. Food, meds and fuel too.

### **The videos aren't real. There's no proof of a massacre**

Hamas themselves posted videos of their atrocities and even livestreamed them – sometimes using their victims' platform. There was literally a news reporter who boasted about Hamas kidnaping women, children and elderly, while butchering the rest of the village – in a live broadcast from Israel as the attack was happening. There are videos of Shani Louk's desecrated body being paraded in Gaza after she was murdered in the massacre that took place in the Nova party. There are thousands of videos documenting the most heinous crimes against humanity that Hamas committed.

But if you insist – there is a spine-chilling summary here: <https://oct7map.com/>

### **Israel is an apartheid state**

More fake news. Roughly 20% of Israeli citizens are Arabs with full rights, representation in the Israeli parliament and government. The University's vice president for research and development, Prof. Mouna Maroun, is Arab. Go educate yourself.



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