

Israel's Devastation of Gaza

IDF Provocations since Oct 7 2023



January – February 2024 *IDF* attacks Palestinians seeking aid: The UN recorded over 14 incidents of shooting, shelling and targeting groups gathered to receive urgently needed supplies from trucks or airdrops.

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January 29 2024: Meet Hind Rejab



<https://www.artstation.com/artwork/BXq6d6>

On January 29, Hind, a 6-year-old girl, climbed into a car with her aunt, uncle, and cousins. They were doing what so many Palestinians have been doing for the past four months: trying to find the least unsafe place possible. Safe zones are dangerous. Moving toward safe zones is dangerous. Staying put can be fatal. With Israeli troops approaching, the family decided to flee, some in the car, some on foot. Hind and her family quickly came under fire. Her older cousin called the Red Crescent, pleading to be rescued. The call was cut off as she was killed along with the rest of her

family by Israeli gunfire. Only Hind remained alive. Wounded, she called the Red Crescent back, begging to be rescued. She was scared of the dark, she told them, and it was getting late. “I’m so scared, please come,” she said.

On February 13, 2024, Ryan Grim reported for the Intercept on the killing of Hind Rehab and her family by the Israeli IDF on January 29. “As we speak, somebody — perhaps many people — inside the IDF knows who committed this spectacular atrocity and is staying silent.”

Matthew Miller, a State Department spokesperson, spoke with unusual emotion about Hind’s killing at a daily briefing. “We are devastated about the reports of the death of Hind Rajab...” He then volunteered that the U.S. was demanding a timely investigation. “We have asked the Israeli authorities to investigate this incident on an urgent basis. We understand that they are doing so...”

Grim pointed out that the US urged a lot of investigations and a lot of accountability from Israel, with no response.

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/psrub/for-hind-matrix.pdf

Hind’s experience is documented in Al Jazeera’s video *The Night Won’t End*. A 22-minute excerpt explores Hind’s experience: <https://youtu.be/Nikolo5RfBo>

The following link provides information on *The Night Won’t End* as well as other pro-Palestinian documentaries.

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/psrub/videosToH2.pdf

One day after the broadcast of the Al Jazeera Arabic documentary “*Tip of the Iceberg*” — in which the Hind Rajab Foundation (HRF) revealed the identity of the Israeli battalion, company, and commanders responsible for the killing of six-year-old Hind Rajab — the Foundation has submitted a 120 pages Article 15 filing to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague.



According to a new investigation, Sean Glass ordered the shelling of Hind Rajab's car and Itai Shukerkov pulled the trigger. (Design: Palestine Chronicle)

<https://www.hindrajabfoundation.org/posts/her-name-was-hind-her-foundation-takes-24-israeli-soldiers-and-commanders-to-the-icc-for-her-murder>

February 29 2024 “Flour massacre”: Israeli troops fired on crowds of Palestinians gathered to collect flour in the south-west of Gaza City, killing at least 112 people and injuring some 760.

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February- March 2024 Israelis and soldiers attack Palestinian shepherds: Israeli settlers and soldiers drive Palestinian Shepherds out of Pastor land in the South Hebron Hills.ⁱⁱⁱ

March 15 2024 Food Massacre: 20 people were killed and 155 wounded by Israeli shelling as they waited for desperately needed food.^{iv}

April 1 2024 Strike on seven *World Kitchen* aid workers: Although the *World Kitchen* claimed to have coordinated with the Israeli military over the movement of its cars, three vehicles moving at large distances apart were hit in succession. Seven were killed while trying to bring food to starving Palestinians.^v The *Israeli Defense Force (IDF)* called it an “unfortunate mistake”.^{vi}

Israel expressed concern over the scale of Iran's retaliation of 300 missiles.^{ix} This is exactly Israel's military "Dahiya doctrine" turned back at them.

The New Gaza

According to an October 2025 United Nations report, the volume of rubble generated by the war in Gaza has reached up to 60 million tons, an amount roughly equal by volume to 15 Great Pyramids of Giza or 25 Eiffel Towers. This unprecedented scale of destruction marks one of the most extreme environmental catastrophes on record. This estimate exceeds the aftermath of any recent conflict or natural disaster. For comparison, the battle for Mosul in 2016–2017 left around 7-10 million tonnes of debris, while the 2010 Haiti earthquake generated about 13-15 million tonnes.

Gaza alone now bears more debris than both Mosul and Haiti combined, yet within an area barely 141 square miles, one of the highest concentrations of destruction ever recorded. United Nations assessments have even noted that Gaza contains more rubble than all of Ukraine's frontlines, though the latter extends 600 miles compared with Gaza's mere 25. The result is a unique environmental and humanitarian

catastrophe.

Rubble weight has risen sharply in recent months, driven by the newest wave of destruction. In September 2025, entire residential and commercial towers were flattened by the Israeli military in Gaza, among them the Mushtaha Tower (16 floors, 76 apartments), the Soussi Tower (15 floors, over 60 apartments), the Roya Commercial Tower (16 floors, 120 apartments and offices housing media and rights organizations), and the Royal Residential Building (seven floors, 30 apartments).

<https://electronicintifada.net/content/rubble-rebirth/51033>

Norman Finkelstein comments on the new UN report that found Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

In September 2025, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry released a new report in which it found that Israel was committing genocide in Gaza. The report found, however, that, overwhelmingly, it was Gaza's civilian population and infrastructure that was targeted. Indeed, the massive death and destruction was proportionate to Israel's genocidal goal. Further to this point, the report only occasionally paused to examine an Israeli claim that it was targeting Hamas in this or that attack:[13] in the grand scheme of things, beside the magnitude of death and destruction visited on Gaza, the lethal incidents in which a Hamas militant might have been present amounted to a trifle and an irrelevance.[14] The report's upshot was that the quantity (gross numbers) and quality (selection of targets) of the Israeli attack couldn't be squared with the paradigm of a war: "[T]here was no military necessity to justify the pattern of conduct."[15] It was palpably not Hamas but the entirety of Gaza's population that was being targeted; indeed, the "war" aspect of the hostilities was, all told, a fiction.[16] The body of this chapter expounded that the laws of war and genocide frameworks are mutually antithetical. The Commission's latest report confirmed this: as it concluded that Israel was committing a genocide in Gaza, it dispensed with the language and investigative modus operandi of a "war" situation.

To clinch its case that Israel was committing genocide in Gaza, the Commission demonstrated not only that Israel willfully committed acts listed in Article II of the Convention, but also that the "intent" behind Israel's commission of these acts was to physically destroy the Gazan population. The report found that from right after 7 October forward, senior Israeli officials repeatedly uttered genocidal statements:[17] that the Israeli security forces dispatched to Gaza understood these to be genocidal orders, weren't subject to "any genuine investigations or prosecutions" for committing acts prohibited by the Convention, and that, on the contrary, Israeli officials were "encouraging , permitting and authorizing such criminal behavior to continue";[18] that

Israel's genocidal intent could reasonably be inferred from the quantity and quality of the criminal acts committed by Israeli forces.[19] The report thus concludes that "Israeli political and military leaders possess the specific intent to commit genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, based on their statements and the pattern of conduct of those under their command since 7 October 2023." [20] A slightly more nuanced analysis would perhaps read like this:

Israel intentionally committed acts that perforce resulted in the destruction of the Gazan population. The inevitable massive death and destruction that Israel visited on Gaza traced back to primal vengeance, [21] Israel's perceived need to restore the Arab world's fear of it, [22] and its determination to "solve" the Gaza Question once and for all—an historical opportunity long coveted and then miraculously gifted on 7 October, that Israel was dead-set on exploiting, come what may, to the hilt. The genocide commenced immediately after Hamas's attack—the initial public statements by senior Israeli officials perfectly, indeed eerily, foreshadowed what would unfold in the next two years—but it was necessarily calibrated to take account of the response abroad.

From a postscript to a chapter in Norman Finkelstein's book *Gaza Gravediggers*.

An excerpt from NORMAN FINKELSTEIN's book *Gaza Gravediggers*

The Playbooks

The Israel media has evolved several standard playbooks to excuse or deflect acts of violence against Palestinians. All of these playbooks are based on deception or disinformation.

"It was Self-defense"

Israel is defending itself against terrorists. Schools and mosques are targeted because terrorists are hiding there;

We didn't do that (Denial)

There is no genocide in Gaza; there is no famine in Gaza;

"It was a tragic accident"

(A heartfelt apology completes the play). For example the June 1967 attack on the USS Liberty; or the March 16 2003 Death of US Citizen Rachel Corrie. On March 16, 2003 Rachel Corrie placed herself between a Caterpillar bulldozer and a Palestinian home, trying to prevent the IDF from demolishing it. She was run over twice by the vehicle and killed. Physicians present and fellow ISM activists claimed that Corrie was deliberately driven over, while the Israeli army claimed that it was an accident because the bulldozer

operator did not see her

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Corrie

"Israel's military says it made 'grave' mistakes"

The April 1, 2024, Strike on seven World Kitchen aid workers. Israel's military says it made 'grave' mistakes in killing seven aid workers in Gaza.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/04/05/middleeast/israel-world-central-kitchen-report-explainer-intl>

"Israel Conveys Deep Sorrow"

The bombing of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza, reported on July 17 2025.

Bombing of Catholic Church in Gaza

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-killed-in-strike-on-gazas-only-catholic-israel-conveys-deep-sorrow/>

"The incident is being investigated"

The Israeli military investigates 'reports of harm to civilians' after hundreds killed near Gaza aid sites 30 June 2025: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj9vveg0vp9o>

The secret report that helps Israel hide facts:

One primary source of these playbooks is a professional, well-researched and confidential study on how to influence the media and public opinion in America and Europe. Written by the expert Republican pollster and political strategist Dr Frank Luntz, the study was commissioned in 2009 by a group called The Israel Project (TIP), with offices in the US and Israel, for use by those "who are on the front lines of fighting the media war for Israel". The Luntz report was written in the aftermath of Operation Cast Lead in December 2008 and January 2009, when 1,387 Palestinians and nine Israelis were killed. In a sentence in bold type, underlined and with capitalization, Dr Luntz says that Israeli spokesmen or political leaders must never, ever justify "the deliberate slaughter of innocent women and children" and they must aggressively challenge those who accuse Israel of such a crime.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/israelgaza-conflict-the-secret-report-that-helps-israelis-to-hide-facts-9630765.html> 29 July 2014

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-experts-condemn-flour-massacre-urge-israel-end-campaign-starvation-gaza>

² <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/29/dozens-killed-injured-by-israeli-fire-in-gaza-while-collecting-food-aid>

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<https://www.btselem.org/video/20240522> video footage demonstrates how israeli settlers on farms take over palestinian pastureland

B'tselem is the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. According to its website <https://www.btselem.org/> it strives for a future in which human rights, liberty and equality are guaranteed to all people, Palestinian and Jewish alike. Such a future will only be possible when the Israeli occupation and apartheid regime end. "That is the future we are working towards."

iv <https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/14/middleeast/blasts-kill-palestinians-food-aid-gaza-intl/index.html>

v <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/central-world-kitchen-aid-workers-killed-airstrike-gaza/>

vi <https://apnews.com/article/israel-Hamas-war-news-04-02-2024-9bdf66771b62af37d85a2800f71c0e6c>

World Central Kitchen founder José Andrés said in [an interview with Reuters](#) that the seven World Central Kitchen workers who were [killed by an Israeli strike](#) were targeted "systematically, car by car."... "This was not just a bad luck situation where 'oops' we dropped the bomb in the wrong place," Andrés said. "Even if we were not in coordination with the [[Israel](#) Defense Forces], no democratic country and no military can be targeting civilians and humanitarians."

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/jose-andres-world-central-kitchen-israeli-airstrike-victims-1234998383/>

vii Israel notified the U.S. just moments before its strike on the embassy. Publicly, U.S. officials voiced support for Israel, but privately, they expressed anger that it would take such aggressive action against Iran without consulting Washington.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/17/world/middleeast/iran-israel-attack.html>

viii Another tactic taken by Israel is that the building in Syria they attacked did not have embassy status, a claim contested by statements from both Iranian and Syrian officials and video footage.

<https://researchcentre.trtworld.com/perspectives/israel-strike-on-iranian-embassy-a-grave-threat-to-global-diplomatic-laws/>

ix <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/17/world/middleeast/iran-israel-attack.html>

x <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/may/14/israel-strikes-aid-groups-gaza-october-human-rights-watch>