



# Genocide

## FICTION vs. FACT in Israel's War with Hamas

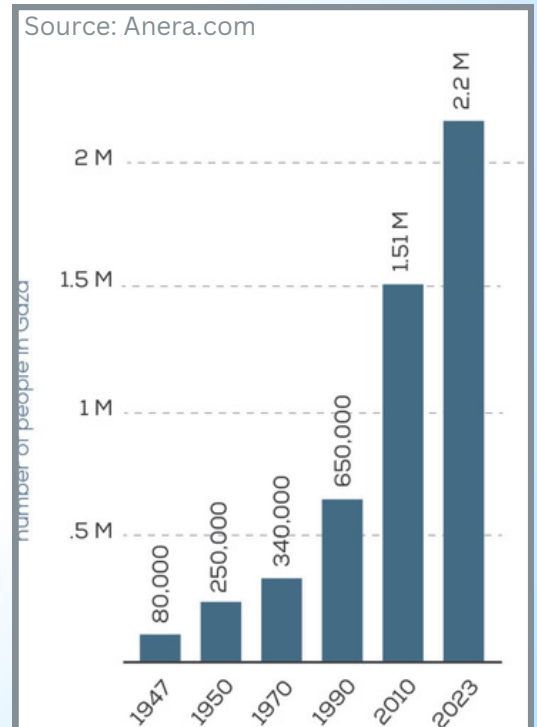
**FICTION:** Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian people.

This is a *consistent and libelous* accusation made since the establishment of Israel in 1948 until today. It is as false concerning the current war with Hamas as it has been since the rebirth of the Jewish State.

**FACT:** According to the United Nations Genocide Convention (1948), genocide is defined as “acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.”<sup>1</sup> The increase in Gaza’s population from 80,000 in 1947 to 2.2 million in 2023 demonstrates Israel is not committing genocide.<sup>2</sup>

**FACT:** The Arab population has only been referred to as “Palestinian” since Yassar Arafat<sup>3</sup> adopted the term in 1963 for use in the propaganda war against Israel. Before the foundation of Israel, Jews were identified as Palestinian and Arabs as Arab.

**FACT:** Since Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, Hamas (Gaza’s elected leadership) has perpetuated genocidal attacks against the Israeli civilian population that intensified during the Second Intifada in 2000:



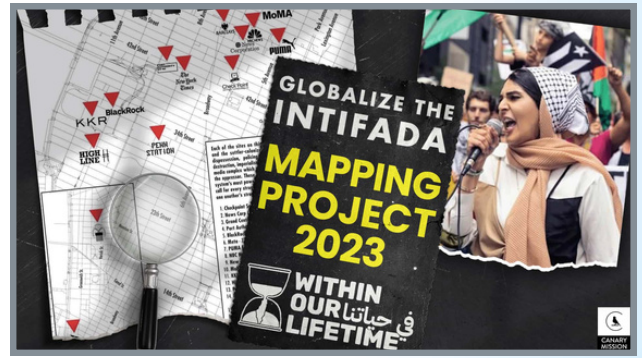
- 2000 – October 6, 2023: There were 478 separate terror attacks by terrorists from Gaza and Judea & Samaria against Israeli civilians. In all, over 2500 Israelis were killed and thousands injured by terror activities.<sup>4</sup>



- 2001 – October 6, 2003: Over 20,000 rockets were fired from Gaza into Israeli civilian populations.<sup>5</sup>
- October 7, 2023: Hama’s genocidal attack on Israel resulted in 1200 (mostly civilians) tortured and killed, 255 taken hostage, and 1000s injured and traumatized.<sup>6</sup> Tens of thousands have been displaced. **This was the highest one-day brutalization of Jews since the Holocaust.**
- October 7, 2023 – October 2024: Over 26,000 rockets, missiles, and UAVs were sent from Lebanon, Gaza, Yemen, and Iran.<sup>7</sup> The only reason these terrorists have not succeeded in committing genocide is because of Israel’s robust investment in bomb shelters and missile defense systems.
- Jan – Sept 2024: 23 terror attacks were committed against Israeli civilians.<sup>8</sup>

**FACT:** The Second (2000-2005) and Third Intifadas (2014) necessitated security measures including security walls and checkpoints. Despite these required security measures, Israel consistently provides mobility and opportunity for the people of Gaza, Judea, and Samaria. Regardless of everything Israel does, anti-Israel activists call to globalize the Intifada.

- Until October 7, 2023, Israel annually issued work permits for 18,500 Gazans and 140,000 Arabs from Judea and Samaria to enter Israel for work.<sup>9</sup>
- On average, 100,000 Arabs from Gaza, Judea & Samaria are treated annually in Israel for free.<sup>10</sup>
- Between 2004-2023, Israel provided 50% of Gaza’s electricity and 25% of its liquid fuel.<sup>11</sup>



**FACT:** Since October 8, 2023, despite the attempted genocide and taking of hostages, Israel has demonstrated unprecedented care to preserve enemy civilian lives.

- An average of 300-400 aid trucks PER DAY are delivered into Gaza (168 -468 trucks per day),<sup>12</sup> resulting in over 1 million tons of aid in one year.<sup>13</sup>
- Unprecedented numbers of routine leaflet droops, text/SMS messages, live phone calls, robocalls, and over-air announcements in Arabic warn civilians (days or even weeks in advance) to flee from military targets hidden in mosques, schools, hospitals, and homes.<sup>14</sup>
- John Spencer reports: Combatant-to-Civilian ratios are 1:1.5 to 1:1. This is a “historic low” (Modern warfare US ratios including WWII = 1:9). No nation has taken greater care to protect enemy civilian populations than Israel.<sup>15</sup>



(AllIsrael.com)

The actions Israel takes towards their often-hostile Arab neighbors are the opposite of the definition of genocide.

In fact, these efforts give the enemy notice of IDF plans, resulting in unnecessary deaths of IDF soldiers.

**When it comes to committing genocide, Israel is a failure.**

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