

What really happened on October the 7th?



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The events that unfolded on October 7th cast a dark shadow over the international community, raising profound concerns about the ethics of warfare and the protection of civilian lives.

The Israeli aggression, spanning a small geographical area but leaving a devastating impact, has become emblematic of the challenges faced by those seeking truth and justice in the face of conflicting narratives.

The scale of the onslaught, with the Gaza Strip enduring a bombardment equivalent so far to three nuclear bombs, has not only resulted in a staggering number of casualties but has also exposed the vulnerabilities of innocent civilians, predominantly comprising women and children.

The international response has been polarized, with approximately 20 countries providing direct support to the Israeli occupation in the form of military or intelligence collaboration, while others contribute political and media cover that amplifies the Israeli narrative.

Despite mounting evidence revealing a series of fabrications, including horrific accounts of decapitated children and mass rape, the Israeli narrative continues to pivot on the alleged deliberate targeting of civilians on October 7th.

The Kibbutz of Be'eri and the Nova music festival in Re'im have been highlighted as focal points of what happened on October 7th.

Media coverage, marked by sensationalized phrases such as "unprecedented massacre" and comparisons to historical atrocities like the Holocaust, has further complicated efforts to discern the truth.

In the aftermath, attempts to conduct impartial investigations or request evidence have been met with vehement resistance.

Accusations of anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial, and accusations of supporting terrorism have been weaponized to stifle any dissent or pursuit of objective truth.

This raises serious questions about the freedom of inquiry and the ability to hold those responsible for atrocities accountable.

Before delving into the core of this report, it is crucial to clarify the following points:

- The history did not commence on October 7, 2023; rather, it unfolds as a continuous saga spanning over 80 years, predating the establishment of "Israel." This was emphasized by António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, sparking a contentious reaction from Israel.
- The events of October 7, despite the substantial number of casualties, do not represent the worst the region has endured. Atrocities far more heinous have scarred the area, including the Sabra and Shatila massacre in 1982 and the Srebrenica massacre in Bosnia in 1995.
- The intention in the above points is not to diminish the gravity of the events or to deny them but to elucidate how the occurrences were magnified and exploited in the most egregious manner to justify subsequent war crimes and ongoing genocide against the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip.
- The forthcoming discussion does not serve as justification, glorification, or support for any movement, organization, or group. It strictly adheres to the laws in this country and most Western nations. Instead, it aims to relay what transpired on that day.
- The information presented relies on Israeli sources specifically, citing reports, newspapers, interviews, and statements that paint a narrative completely contrary to the official Israeli account, even undermining it at its roots.
- These Israeli sources cast doubt on who was responsible for the civilian casualties on that day. Did

Hamas solely bear the responsibility for their deaths? On the contrary, they assert that the occupying forces intentionally killed their own "citizens" on direct orders from officials.

- The presentation of these reports and their findings completely dismantles the justifications put forth by the occupation for its ongoing criminal aggression against the Gaza Strip. It challenges the political and media narrative that the Western media often perpetuates, supporting war crimes and genocide against the people of Gaza.

First: The Numbers

- 1) From the very first day, October 7th, the Israeli narrative began circulating the figure of 1,400 Israeli casualties, even before Israeli forces entered the penetrated areas. Subsequently, Western media embraced this narrative and disseminated it without thorough verification, turning it into an endorsed statistic.
- 2) The Zaka Foundation, widely believed as the primary source for misinformation, published a report on October 23, 2023, claiming 1,400 casualties, including 863 civilians. This further propagated the inflated casualty figures, contributing to the narrative that painted a dire picture of the situation.

The lack of scrutiny in the dissemination of these numbers raises questions about the accuracy and intent behind the information shared by both Israeli sources and the Western media. This episode underscores the importance of fact-checking and critical analysis in the reporting of such sensitive events.

<https://zakaworld.org/israeli-casualties-of-october-7th-2023/>

- 3) In the unfolding events of 2023, on November 10th, the Israeli foreign ministry released what they termed an "updated estimate," vaguely stating that the number stood at approximately 1,200 individuals.

However, the announcement lacked crucial details that could provide clarity on the nature of these figures. The absence of specific information raises concerns about the transparency and accuracy of the released estimates, leaving the public with unanswered questions regarding the scope and circumstances surrounding the reported casualties

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-revises-death-toll-oct-7-hamas-attack-around-1200-2023-11-10/>

- 4) On Thursday, November 16th, 2023, in a candid moment on the show, Mark Regev, the official spokesperson for the Israeli government, acknowledged the following during an interview with Mehdi Hasan on MSNBC:

“We originally said, in the atrocious Hamas attack upon our people on October 7th, we had the number at 1,400 casualties and now we’ve revised that down to 1,200 because we understood that we’d overestimated, we made a mistake. There were actually bodies that were so badly burnt we thought they were ours, in the end apparently they were Hamas terrorists”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD-yRuTasHU>

This acknowledgment raises a crucial question: If the 200 individuals mentioned were fighters in their burning vehicles with "hostages," how many Israelis were killed in the same airstrike targeting these Gaza militants?

The incident transformed their vehicles and bodies into charred remains.

It simply makes no sense that 200 bodies burned beyond recognition that Israel thought were Israeli civilians could turn out to be Hamas fighters unless Israel killed people indiscriminately.

Obviously, Hamas fighters did not set themselves on fire and burn themselves beyond recognition.

Israel must know the circumstances in which these people died.

- 5) On December 15, the tally was once again revised, bringing the figure to 1,139 individuals. According to the Israeli Social Security institution, Bituah Leumi,

this includes 695 civilians, marking a decrease from the previously stated 863 civilians in October.

- 6) Members of Zaka, the Israeli first responder group cited in dozens of Western media stories about October 7, "spread accounts of atrocities that never happened, released sensitive and graphic photos, and acted unprofessionally on the ground," a Haaretz investigation reveals cases of negligence and the spreading of misinformation by the Zaka volunteer group, which began collecting bodies in the devastated communities of southern Israel immediately after the Hamas attack

<https://x.com/haaretzcom/status/1752772485895094655?s=20>

The continual adjustment of the numbers raises significant questions about the precision and reliability of the initial casualty estimates.

This fluctuation not only underscores the importance of transparent reporting but also emphasizes the need for thorough and accurate data collection methods in documenting such sensitive matters.

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20231215-israel-social-security-data-reveals-true-picture-of-oct-7-deaths>

For the purpose of discussion and to establish a baseline, let us consider that, up to this moment, the number of Israeli civilian casualties stands at 695.

This is despite the numerous falsehoods accompanying the statistics, especially regarding the details of the fatalities, including children, as highlighted in a report by Nir Hasson and Lisa Roseofsky in the Hebrew newspaper Haaretz dated December 3, 2023.

After more than three months since the events of October 7th 2023, the figures continue to fluctuate and evolve.

More details are emerging about the circumstances surrounding these casualties and the party responsible for the loss of lives.

It remains a possibility that the numbers and statistics may undergo changes over time.

The Israeli narrative has consistently demonstrated a penchant for blatant falsehoods in its coverage of various incidents. Therefore, a critical approach is essential in assessing the veracity of the reported figures and the evolving narrative.

Second: Testimonials

It is now widely acknowledged that on October 7th, Israel's military received directives to shell Israeli homes and even their own bases as they faced overwhelming attacks from Hamas militants.

The question arises: how many Israeli citizens, purportedly "burned alive," were actually casualties of friendly fire?

Here, we review some testimonies from Israeli witnesses known as "survivors of the massacre" on October 7th. These testimonies, originating from various locations, align perfectly, leaving no room for doubt that Israeli forces indiscriminately fired upon their own citizens, resulting in an unknown number of casualties.

Despite the diverse sources, these testimonies collectively paint a clear and specific picture. They suggest that the Israeli military, in a state of chaos, targeted its own citizens without discrimination, leading to an undisclosed number of fatalities.

The consistency in these accounts raises serious questions about the conduct of Israeli forces during the events of October 7th, challenging the official narrative and demanding a thorough investigation into the tragic consequences of that day.

- 7) On 7 October, Israeli military spokesperson **Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari** publicly [acknowledged](#) the Israeli army was dealing with "hostage situations" and that they were using both air strikes and ground forces to deal with them.

Hagari said the military was "fighting in 22 locations," adding there was "no community in southern Israel where we do not have forces, in all the towns."

- 8) An air force colonel has said that Israeli airstrikes may have intentionally killed Israeli captives rather than let them be taken to Gaza.

Speaking in Hebrew about the airstrikes, **Colonel Nof Erez** told a Haaretz podcast in November, that “the Hannibal Directive was apparently applied” and that 7 October “was a mass Hannibal.”

<https://www.haaretz.co.il/digital/podcast/weekly/2023-11-09/ty-article-podcast/0000018b-b3a5-d3c1-a39b-bfe55acb0000>

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cz6iQlji1Ph/?utm_source=ig_embed&ig_rid=a153418a-81b8-47d8-84b9-7851cf6f8765

<https://new.thecradle.co/articles-id/13145>

- 9) **Tuval Escapa**, a member of the security team for Kibbutz Be’eri, set up a hotline to coordinate between kibbutz residents and the Israeli army. He told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that as desperation began to set in, “the commanders in the field made difficult decisions – including shelling houses on their occupants in order to eliminate the terrorists along with the hostages.”

<https://www.haaretz.co.il/news/politics/2023-10-20/ty-article-magazine/.premium/0000018b-499a-dc3c-a5df-ddbaab290000>

- 10) On 15 October 2023 An Israeli woman named **Yasmin Porat** confirmed in an interview with Israel Radio that the military “undoubtedly” killed numerous Israeli non-combatant during gun battles with Hamas militants on October 7. “They eliminated everyone, including the hostages,” she stated, referring to Israeli special forces.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gi-ESUGUUMk>

Porat released a video about what she witnessed

Porat described “very, very heavy crossfire” and Israeli tank shelling, which led to many casualties among Israelis.

While being held by the Hamas gunmen, Porat [recalled](#), “They did not abuse us. We were treated very humanely... No one treated us violently.”

She added, “The objective was to kidnap us to Gaza, not to murder us.”

- 11) In an interview with Israel’s Mako news outlet, one Apache pilot reflected on the tortuous dilemma of whether to shoot at people and cars returning to Gaza. He knew that many of those vehicles may have contained Israeli captives, but he chose to open fire anyway.

“I choose targets like that,” the pilot reflected, “where I tell myself that the chance that I am shooting here on hostages as well is low.” However, he admitted that his judgment “was not 100%.”

“I understand that we have to shoot here and quickly,” the commander of the Apache unit, Lt. Col. E., told Mako in a separate report. *“Shooting at people in our territory – this is something I never thought I would do.”*

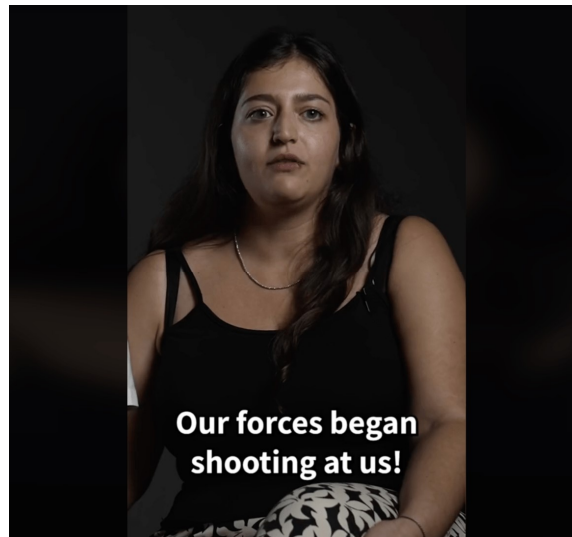
Lt. Col. A., a reserve pilot in the same unit, described a fog of confusion: “I find myself in a dilemma as to what to shoot at, because there are so many of them.”

<https://www.mako.co.il/mako-vod-channel2-news/ulpan-shishi-62106e2d06045810/shorts/Video-5fec3a6d89e4b81027.htm>

- 12) A resident of Ashkelon named **Danielle Rachiel** described nearly being killed after escaping from the Nova music festival when it was attacked by militants from Gaza. *“As we reached the roundabout [at a*

kibbutz], we saw Israeli security forces!” Rachiel recalled. “We held our heads down [because] we automatically knew they’d be suspicious of us, in a small beat-up car... from the same direction the terrorists were coming from. Our forces began shooting at us!”

“When our forces fired at us, our windows shattered,” she continued. It was only when they shouted in Hebrew, “We’re Israelis!” that the shooting stopped, and they were taken to safety.



- 13) Adi Ohana** was shot dead by Israeli police near his home after being mistaken for a Palestinian guerrilla. “*An innocent man was killed in the most negligent way possible,*” his niece complained. Israeli media is now filling up with reports of the military gunning down fellow Israelis, even as they were defending their homes from Palestinian gunmen.

<https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/bkj2ul711t>

- 14) Neomit Dekel-Chen** described her ride in a vehicle loaded with both Hamas fighters and hostages, as an Israeli helicopter shot at them. Both

Hamas members and hostages were killed, though Dekel-Chen was spared.

<https://www.jta.org/2023/10/16/israel/i-decided-to-play-dead-my-son-is-still-missing-a-survivors-account-from-kibbutz-nir-oz>

- 15) The mother of a young Israeli man named **Niv Ayo**s told of how Ayo was driving to report for duty on Sunday, October 8th, when Israeli forces misidentified him as a terrorist, and opened fire. His mother, a lawyer who intends to file a lawsuit over the incident, said that when she retrieved his car, “*it looks like a pasta strainer.*” The autopsy revealed that he’d been shot about 100 times.

<https://www.maariv.co.il/news/israel/Article-1046584>

- 16) A separate report published in Haaretz noted that the Israeli military was “*compelled to request an aerial strike*” against its own facility inside the Erez Crossing to Gaza “*in order to repulse the terrorists*” who had seized control. That base was filled with Israeli Civil Administration officers and soldiers at the time.

These reports indicate that orders came down from the military’s high command to attack homes and other areas inside Israel, even at the cost of many Israeli lives.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-10-20/ty-article/.premium/underprepared-and-overconfident-israel-failed-to-spot-the-signs-of-impending-disaster/0000018b-4976-d03a-afcb-697edb020000>

- 17) An Israeli who was released in the recent prisoner swap between the occupation and Hamas said that her mother was killed as a result of the occupation army shooting at the car that was

transporting them to Gaza, as they were being taken as prisoners of war on 7 October.

In an interview broadcast on Israel's **Channel 12** on 18 December 2023, she said: "Al-Qassam Brigades fighters put the hostages in a truck on October 7th, and Israeli forces opened fire on the vehicle."

She added, "My mother, whom I loved very much, died. I was injured in my back, and my brother was injured in his leg."

The channel claimed that the Israeli army "*opened fire to stop a tractor that was heading to the Gaza Strip.*"

18) 22 December 2023 - **Commander of the 99th Army Division**, in an interview with the New York Times:

During the Hamas attack in October, "*I ordered the bombing of homes in the Be'eri settlement, even if this resulted in the deaths of settlers.*"

"*The negotiations are over,*" General Hiram recalled telling the tank commander. "*Break in, even at the cost of civilian casualties.*"

The tank fired two light shells at the house.

Shrapnel from the second shell hit Mr. Dagan in the neck, severing an artery and killing him, his wife said.

During the melee, the kidnappers were also killed.

Only two of the 14 hostages — Ms. Dagan and Ms. Porat — survived.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/12/22/world/europe/beeri-massacre.html>

19) On 12 December 2023, the IDF admitted that it killed its own people on October 7th but claims it would not be morally sound to investigate.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rkjgoobip>

- 20) 19 December 2023: An Israeli soldier describes the distressing incident in which the Israeli army, employing tanks and helicopters, bombed its own citizens in Kibbutz Be'eri.

This chilling testimony highlights the gravity of the situation, revealing a disturbing episode where military forces turned their firepower against civilians.

<https://twitter.com/Meemmag/status/1737103237235294585?t=JuQiH3tBXVAR3jP97dxh4g&s=19>

- 21) 20 December 2023: In interview on **Kan 11**, an Israeli state-owned TV channel, military witnesses say on the 7th of October in kibbutz Be'eri Israeli warplanes & artillery targeted homes, forcing Israelis to flee their kibbutz. They described scenes of tanks on streets & missiles hitting houses.

<https://x.com/DanielFooksArt/status/1737416482479382616?s=20>

- 22) 24 January 2024: An Israeli journalist from **Channel 13 News**, refuted claims made by the military regarding alleged crimes committed by Hamas, which were published around the world. The journalist highlighted a particular incident involving the Kfir Brigade commander, who spoke to another channel giving detail on events in Kibbutz Be'eri, alleging the killing of eight babies and an elderly woman. However, the Israeli journalist said, "Well, no eight babies were killed in Be'eri, according to the Kibbutz spokesperson there's no woman named Jenya in Be'eri."

<https://x.com/MiddleEastEye/status/1750074339750445165?s=20>

Third: Reports

- 23) On October 10, 2023, the first video of an Apache helicopter indiscriminately shelling was released

https://x.com/SU_57R/status/1711520207284683263?s=20

- 24) 11 October 2023 The Jerusalem-based journalist, Quique Kierszenbaum, who visited the area of Kibbutz Beerli on October 11th:

“Building after building has been destroyed, whether in the Hamas assault or in the fighting that followed [between Hamas and Israeli forces], nearby trees splintered and walls reduced to concrete rubble from where Israeli tanks blasted the Hamas fighters where they were hiding,” wrote Kierszenbaum in his piece for *The Guardian*.

“Floors collapsed on floors. Roof beams were tangled and exposed like rib cages.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/11/it-was-a-pogrom-beeri-survivors-horrific-attack-hamas-terrorists>

- 25) An article published on 15 October in Hebrew by Yoav Zitun, military correspondent for *Ynet*, the online outlet affiliated with *Yedioth Ahronoth*.

Zitun does offer clear evidence that the Israeli military fired indiscriminately, targeting Palestinian fighters and Israeli civilians alike.

He cites the startling case of one Lieutenant Colonel A., the commander of Squadron 190 who around mid-morning of 7 October, *“instructed the other fighters in the air to shoot at everything they see in the area of the fence”*, and at a certain point also attacked an IDF [Israeli army] station with trapped soldiers in order to help the fighters of Navy commando Unit 13 attack it and liberate it.”

But Zitun's account indicates that this was not isolated.

"The air force has begun to summarize the events of the surprise attack that began the war in Gaza, and it emerges that there was a fog of war during the first hours of Black Saturday, not only for the fighters on the ground, but also for the air teams that were summoned to the skies of the western Negev,"
Zitun's article begins.

<https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/b111niukzt>

- 26)** On 07/11/2023 – *The Guardian* reported an Israeli tank commander on October 7th saying "*I arrived in Be'eri to see Brig Gen Barak Hiram and the first thing he asks me is to fire a shell into a house*"

How many Israeli civilians did the IDF kill?

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/02/israeli-tank-commander-hailed-as-hero-after-hamas-attack-is-killed-in-gaza?CMP=share_btn_tw

- 27)** 09 November 2023, a video showing apache helicopter firing on cars containing hostages was circulated.
- 28)** On 18 November 2023, an official Israeli police investigation into the Nova music festival attack near the Gaza border adds to the growing claims that the army killed civilians.

The initial narrative of a Hamas-led massacre of 260 Israelis is swiftly being debunked, as Israeli citizens demand investigations and more information surfaces.

According to *Haaretz*, a police source disclosed that an Israeli combat helicopter, upon arrival, not only targeted Hamas fighters but also fired at Israelis attending the festival. The police report has now adjusted the festival death toll to 364 casualties.

- 29)** 18 November 2023, American Journalist MAX BLUMENTHAL reveals: *'The Israeli military shelled homes in Kibbutz Be'eri with tanks under orders from the top, as one Kibbutz security coordinator named Tuval Escapa put it, to shell the homes on top of their occupants, even if they were Israeli'*

<https://rumble.com/v3wdirt-bombshell-max-blumenthal-exposes-israels-and-bidens-lies-and-deceit-over-ga.html>

- 30)** 18 November 2023 *Haaretz* article confirms IDF killed Israeli's

<https://www.haaretz.co.il/news/politics/2023-11-18/ty-article/0000018b-e1a5-d168-a3ef-f5ff4d070000>

- 31)** 21 November 2023 another video of an Apache helicopter targeting civilians at Nova music festival was circulated.

- 32)** On November 26, 2023, *Channel 12* Hebrew published a report featuring interviews with Israeli female soldiers who disclosed receiving orders to strike the homes of Israeli civilians during the Operation Aqsa Tempest on October 7. This report comes in the wake of emerging information indicating that the Israeli forces targeted Israeli civilians with helicopters and tanks on that day.

<https://x.com/EekadFacts/status/1729089212962550112?s=20>

- 33)** On November 29, an investigation by Eekad proves that it was the occupation forces that killed Liel Hetzroni.

This revelation on November 29 stems from an in-depth investigation conducted by Eekad, conclusively establishing that Liel Hetzroni met his demise at the hands of the Israeli forces.

The investigation sheds light on the circumstances surrounding Hetzroni's tragic death, bringing forth evidence that implicates the Israeli forces in this unfortunate incident. The findings underscore the critical importance of impartial investigations to unveil the truth and ensure accountability in cases of such grave consequences.

<https://x.com/EekadFacts/status/1729900913236603338?s=20>

34) 12 December 2023, Israel's police admitted that an "*immense and complex quantity*" of what it calls "*friendly fire*" incidents took place on 7 October.

The key declaration was buried in the penultimate paragraph of an article by Yoav Zitun, the military correspondent of Israeli outlet *Ynet*.

It is the first known official admission that a significant number of the hundreds of Israelis who died on 7 October were killed by Israel itself, and not by Hamas or other Palestinian factions.

Zitun wrote: An Israeli police source last month appeared to admit that some of the Israelis at the Supernova rave, taking place near Gaza that day were hit by Israeli helicopters. A second police source later partially walked back the admission.

Citing new data released by the Israeli military, Zitun wrote that: "*Casualties fell as a result of friendly fire on October 7, but the IDF [Israeli military] believes that ... it would not be morally sound to investigate*" them.

He reported that this was "*due to the immense and complex quantity of them that took place in the kibbutzim and southern Israeli communities.*"

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rkjgoobip>

35) On December 19, 2023, *Channel 12* Hebrew released a video showing Israeli tanks shelling

homes in Kibbutz Be'eri, targeting Israeli civilians residing in the area.

<https://x.com/SamParkerSenate/status/1737088041012134087?s=20>

36) Professor John Mearsheimer (19/12/2023) sheds light on a troubling scenario from October 7th, pointing to the Israeli forces, not Hamas, as responsible for many Israeli casualties. He discusses Israel's 'Hannibal doctrine' – a policy involving the Israeli military potentially harming their own to prevent hostage situations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOxxbrc73AE>

37) On 08/01/2024, **Haaretz** published an editorial by Gideon Levy, titled: *"The IDF must investigate the Kibbutz Be'eri tank fir incident, right now"*

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/editorial/2024-01-08/ty-article-opinion/the-idf-must-investigate-the-kibbutz-beeri-tank-fire-incident-right-now/0000018c-e5b8-d765-ab9d-f5fd1f830000>

38) 10 January 2024, Top Israeli newspaper **Yedioth Ahronoth** confirms Israel used the "Hannibal directive" on Oct 7th, which calls to kill Israeli hostages along with their captors.

This is the exact quote from the paper:

"At midnight on October 7, the IDF ordered all of its combat units in practice to use the 'Hannibal Directive', although without clearly mentioning this explicit name. The order was to stop 'at all costs' any attempt by Hamas terrorists to return to Gaza, that is despite the fear that some of them have hostages.

It is estimated that about a thousand terrorists and infiltrators were killed in the area between the Otaf settlements and the Gaza Strip. It is not clear at this time how many of the hostages

were killed due to the activation of this command. In the week after the attack, soldiers of elite units checked about 70 vehicles that were left in the area between the Otaf settlements and the Gaza Strip. These are vehicles that did not reach Gaza, because on the way they were shot by a combat helicopter, an anti-tank missile or a tank, and at least in some cases everyone in the vehicle was killed."

<https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/yokra13754368>

39) Washington report on 20 January 2024 – reported under the title: "*We Blew Up Israeli Houses on Oct. 7, Says Israeli Colonel*" - AN AIR FORCE COLONEL has said that Israeli airstrikes may have intentionally killed Israeli captives rather than let them be taken to Gaza. Speaking in Hebrew about the airstrikes, Colonel Nof Erez told a Haaretz podcast in November, that "the Hannibal Directive was apparently applied" and that Oct. 7 "was a mass Hannibal."

<https://www.wrmea.org/israel-palestine/we-blew-up-israeli-houses-on-oct.-7-says-israeli-colonel.html>

Fourth: Photos

The extensive devastation that befell the Gaza periphery on October 7th, 2023, offering a stark contrast to the idea of lightweight individual weapons wielded by militants from Gaza.

The aftermath unfolds in a harrowing display of charred vehicles, utterly obliterated buildings boasting reinforced concrete walls, roofs left severely damaged, and other poignant images that capture the gravity of the situation.

Israel has also never explained how Palestinians fighters could have achieved this or caused the enormous damage to Israeli houses with only the light weapons they were generally seen carrying.

These compelling images decisively affirm that the affected areas and structures fell victim to a barrage of artillery, tank shells, and aerial bombardment, dispelling any notion that attributes the destruction to individual weapons. The visual evidence presented resonates with similar scenes documented across the globe, encompassing regions such as Gaza and southern Lebanon.

These depictions underscore the repercussions of both ground and aerial assaults, offering a glimpse into the profound nature of the resulting devastation.

40) On November 6th 2023 the **Pearls and Irritations Journal** asked the following:

“Just a cursory look at the wreckage in the various kibbutz communities that were attacked that day should raise questions in the mind of any good reporter. Were Palestinian militants in a position to actually inflict physical damage to that degree and extent with the kind of light weapons they carried?”

And if not, who else was in a position to wreak such havoc other than Israel?

A separate question that good journalists ought to be asking is this: What was the purpose of such damage? What did the Palestinian militants hope to achieve by it?

The implicit answer the media is supplying is also the answer the Israeli military wants western publics to hear: that Hamas engaged in an orgy of gratuitous killing and savagery because ... well, let's say the quiet part out loud: because Palestinians are inherently savage.

With that as the implicit narrative, western politicians have been handed a licence to cheerlead Israel as it murders a Palestinian child in Gaza every few minutes. Savages only understand the language of savagery, after all".

<https://johnmenadue.com/what-the-bbc-fails-to-tell-you-about-october-7/>

The images provided in this collection stand as representative samples of the extensive photographic documentation captured on October 7th, 2023.

They serve as compelling visual testimony to the widespread destruction inflicted by a combination of artillery, tank shells, and aerial assaults.

Importantly, these visuals refute any misguided belief that light individual weapons were the primary cause behind the catastrophic events, shedding light on the true magnitude of the tragedy.

41) Nova Musical festival





42) Kibbutz Be'eri





43) Charred cars/fighters



44) Drone photage showing the destruction at kibbutz Be'eri

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-3035921/Video-Drone-footage-shows-destruction-Beer-Hamas-attack.html>

Fifth: Refusal of Independent Investigation/Censorship

45) The occupation vehemently rejects any internal or independent international investigation into the events of October 7th, attacking anyone, including Israelis themselves, who calls for such an inquiry, deeming such demands as unethical. The situation has escalated to the point where the Israeli police have accused journalists of irresponsibility, both, regarding the events of October 7th, and the ongoing coverage of massacres in Gaza.

46) The Israeli police department warned the national media outlets over their reports claiming Israeli civilians may have died while Israeli war helicopters were clashing with Hamas during the attack carried out by the Palestinian group from Gaza on Oct. 7th.

"Especially during this period, we call on the media to show responsibility in their reporting and base their news only on official sources."

Separately, the Israeli censor unit, affiliated with the army's intelligence department, sent a letter to the press on Oct. 26, imposing restrictions on news related to Gaza.

They said all news and visuals concerning the course of the war in the Gaza Strip and activities of the Israeli army should be sent to their censor unit before publication.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/another-israeli-witness-confirms-israeli-tanks-killed-own-citizens-on-oct-7/3079514#:~:text=Israeli%20police%20accuse%20national%20press,7>

47) In an attempt to conceal evidence pre-emptively ahead of any future investigation, and under the pretext of environmental preservation, Israeli authorities proceeded to cut up and bury the burnt-out vehicles within the Gaza Strip perimeter. They also deleted recordings!

Vanished Surveillance and Communications

Senior officers in the IDF expressed concerns over the disappearance of crucial recordings from October 7. During a visit by senior officers, it was discovered that recordings from border cameras and important data from that day, were missing from the database. This has led to suspicions and a sense that IDF personnel are prioritizing their interests in preparation for a future investigation. The IDF's response to these concerns was that the videos weren't deleted but were restricted to those with specific authorization.

Source:
<https://news.walla.co.il/item/3626341>
<https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/article-776318>

Shredding and Burying Cars

Cars from the Nova Music Festival will be shredded and buried. While this is being done under the guise of an environmentally friendly 'burial' because the cars have blood in them, this erases evidence.

Source:
<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-774511>



Sources:

<https://x.com/hoaxvstruths/status/1735820338783527004?s=20>

48) 06 February 2024: In a landmark admission, Haaretz reported that a military investigation has been launched into an Israeli airstrike which tragically claimed the lives of 12 hostages within a residence in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7th.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2024-02-06/ty-article/.premium/idf-probing-death-of-12-hostages-in-beeri-house-shelled-on-orders-of-senior-officer/0000018d-7b6c-d008-a9cd-fbfbdb0040000>

49) In footage broadcast by *Channel 12* on Nov. 11th, an Israeli journalist reporting from Barzilai Hospital in the city of Ashkelon, located in the southern part of Israel, said that due to the censorship announced after Oct. 7th, he could not provide information on the condition of the soldiers brought there.

"We must say that all the information we conveyed in front of Barzilai Hospital has been censored by the Israeli army. We can say that wounded soldiers have arrived here, but we are not allowed to speak about them until permission is granted," the reporter said.

50) On January 17th 2024, **Democracy Now** news outlet, published the interview with Gideon Levy – Haaretz Columnist. This is the exact word by word quote:

GIDEON LEVY: Look, everyone is postponing all the investigation to the day after, and the day after seems to get farer and farer. And we are very concerned that it will never be investigated. But here we have a very concrete case. And families, rightly so, want to know who is responsible for the killing of their beloved ones and how did it happen.

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/1/17/israel_october_7_investigations

Conclusion

According to the Israeli narrative, the majority of civilian casualties occurred at the Nova music event and the Kibbutz Be'eri.

Eyewitness testimonies from these areas were crucial in revealing the IDF's indiscriminate use of ground and aerial bombardment, suggesting that a significant proportion of civilian deaths resulted from Israeli military actions.

Moreover, it is likely that the actual death toll (of those killed by the IDF) is higher, considering witness accounts reporting Apache helicopters reloading three times and firing indiscriminately at fleeing crowds. The incident is described as an immense and complex free-fire zone.

These revelations challenge the official Israeli narrative, highlighting the following points:

- The IDF acted as brutal and trigger-happy mass murderers, causing civilian casualties among both Palestinians and Israelis.
- Some Israeli captives were still alive two days after the events of October 7th.
- Hostages were not only caught in crossfire but deliberately targeted by the IDF using tank shells and heavy weaponry in close proximity.
- The IDF, not the Palestinians, contributed to Israeli civilian deaths used to justify military actions against Gaza.
- Autopsy results, revealing the type of bullets used, could confirm the extent of IDF responsibility.
- Army spokesperson Daniel Hagari acknowledged a "substantial" number of hostages taken by Hamas being military officers.

Unverified, exaggerated, and false accounts of atrocities have been utilized to justify Israel's ongoing aggression, war crimes and genocide in Gaza.

Despite success with Western governments and media, Israel's propaganda campaign has faced scepticism from the public, overshadowed by the civilian casualties in Gaza.

Reports suggest that the attack on October 7th aimed to capture Israel's army and police for potential exchange with Palestinian prisoners. The unexpected collapse of the Israeli army in the initial 30 minutes led to chaos and civilian casualties.

Questions persist about the attack's true purpose, whether to maximize civilian casualties, as per the Israeli narrative, or if gunmen from Gaza were responsible for all civilian deaths.

The Israeli claims justifying actions in Gaza cannot be accepted, as the narrative of victimhood crumbles against solid evidence.

Accountability is crucial, and those responsible must be pursued and punished, regardless of their affiliation.

A call for an independent international committee or a fact-finding mission is essential, echoing the demand made by the families of Israeli civilians killed on October 7th, is the only way forward.

This approach is deemed necessary to uncover the truth behind the events of that day.