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√ “The October 7 raid was a slaughter of innocents.”

1. Yes, at the hands of Israel.

- On Oct 7, “the IDF ordered all of its combat units in practice to use the ‘Hannibal Procedure’” ([YNet](#), [archive](#)), an IOF directive to kill Israelis before they can be taken hostage, in an “immense and complex quantity,” yet Israel refuses to investigate these incidents ([YNet](#), [archive](#)).

For example, “[H]undreds of cars [containing Israelis]” ([Jerusalem Post](#), [archive](#)) “in the area between the Otaf settlements and the Gaza Strip. ... 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.” ([YNet](#), [archive](#)) “[H]undreds were killed or were burned alive in [the] vehicles,” yet “[Israel] decided to bury the vehicles.” ([Jerusalem Post](#), [archive](#))

See Informed Leftist’s [“Zionists Killing Zionists According to Zionists” article](#) for a list of occurrences.

- Israel blocked a U.N.-mandated commission of inquiry from collecting evidence on the so-called atrocities that Israel claims happened at the hands of Hamas ([Reuters](#), [archive](#)).

2. A number of hostages have testified to the Resistance keeping them safe while in custody.

- A hostage returned to Israel from Gaza said IOF bombardment was “the first time [they] really felt like [their] lives were in danger” ([The Guardian](#), [archive](#)).
- A freed Israeli hostage is receiving hate for saying she was treated well by the Resistance ([Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)).

3. Although there were some war crimes (some shootings of unarmed settlers and POWs; something Western armies have always done), kibbutzim are legitimate military targets.

- A kibbutz is a “fortification line of Jewish settlement in Palestine” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)), which has its own defence force, an armoury and, typically, a heavy metal electric gate ([The Economist](#), [archive](#)). Indeed, some kibbutzim managed to fight off the Palestinian Resistance.

4. Israel has blocked independent investigations into the deaths on Oct 7.

- Israel blocked a U.N.-mandated commission of inquiry from collecting evidence on the atrocities that Israel claims happened at the hands of Hamas ([Reuters](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel blocked the UN from investigating war crimes in Gaza ([The Cradle](#), [archive](#)).

√ **“The October 7 raid achieved nothing.”**

1. It advanced Palestine’s cause politically.

- Operation Al-Aqsa Flood successfully stopped normalization between various Arab states and Israel.
- It put the Palestinian cause back on the world stage, with pro-Palestinian protests accross the world and a number of countries discussing the creation of a Palestinian state, including Western ones. Thousands of students across the world have taken up the Palestinian cause in protests and even encampments, the intensity of which hasn’t been seen since the struggle against Apartheid South Africa.
- Domestically, Hamas, the leading force of the operation, has become more popular among Palestinians ([AP](#), [archive](#)), and a large majority of Palestinians called the operation a success 6 months after ([Al Mayadeen on X](#), [archive](#)).

2. It was a sophisticated military raid.

- Former CIA analyst Larry Johnson described the Oct 7 attack as “a pretty professional military operation” ([Youtube](#)), former US Marine Corps Officer Scott Ritter called it “one of the finest military raids conducted in modern history” ([Youtube](#)).

3. It lead to the release of Palestinian hostages.

- The Resistance also successfully took a large number of hostages, many of whom were leveraged to in hostage exchanges to free previously kidnapped Palestinian hostages by Israel, thousands of whom have been in captivity prior to Oct 7 ([B’Tselem](#), [archive](#); [Jacobin](#), [archive](#)).

4. The Resistance is currently winning the military war against Israel.

- A former Israeli commander said that Israel lost the war against Hamas ([PressTV](#), [archive](#)), mainstream Israeli pundits have echoed this sentiment ([Google](#), [archive](#)), and most Israelis agreed an “absolute victory” was unlikely in Gaza ([Israel Democracy Institute](#), [archive](#)).

- An Israeli official expressed admiration for the “dazzling ingenuity” of the Hamas tunnel system ([Hersh](#), [archive](#)).

√ “The Resistance should free the hostages.”

1. Israel had more hostages before Oct 7, and has taken more since.

- Israel took over 7,000 hostages (which they call “prisoners”) in the first 6 months following October 7 ([Al Jazeera](#), [archive](#)), adding to the 5,000 it had before ([B'Tselem](#), [archive](#)). About 3,400 of them are “administrative detainees” who are being held indefinitely without charge or trial, i.e. hostages ([Jacobin](#), [archive](#)).

2. The Resistance offered on October 9 to free all hostages in exchange for no Israeli invasion of Gaza.

- As per mediators at the negotiations, Hamas offered on Oct 9 to release all civilian hostages in exchange for IOF no invasion of Gaza, but Israel refused ([X](#), [archive](#); [Jerusalem Post](#), [archive](#); [Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)).

3. Since, Israel has consistently sabotaged hostage deals.

- Netanyahu “sabotaged” a hostage deal “at least twice” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)). Israel military officers told the MEE that Israel abandoned its goal of freeing hostages ([Middle East Eye](#), [archive](#)).
- May 2024: “Israel will, under no circumstances, agree to end the war as part of a deal” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)), and it “won’t end [the] war for [a] deal to free all [the] hostages” either ([Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel killed a number of hostages during from Oct 7 to Oct 9. See Informed Leftist’s “[Zionists Killing Zionists According to Zionists](#)” article ([archive](#)) for a list of occurrences.
- Israel admits to flooding Hamas tunnels, where Israeli hostages were said to be ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- Netanyahu said Israel would invade Rafah even if the hostages were returned ([NDTV](#), [archive](#)).
- The US says that “some [hostages] were likely killed during Israeli strikes on Gaza” ([Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)).

4. The Resistance insisted on freeing a hostage for humanitarian reasons, in spite of Israel.

- “ Hamas wanted to release me [Yocheved Lifshitz] and Nurit Cooper from Nir Oz, who was with me. Her shoulder was broken. Israel didn’t want to accept us – the government was afraid they would have to give too much in return. Then Hamas said, if you don’t want to accept them, we’ll leave them on the border fence, if you want, take them – if you don’t want, don’t take them. Israel accepted us for free – without any compensation.” ([YNet](#), [archive](#))

√ “Palestinians are mistreating their hostages.”

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2. Despite pressure to not do so, a number of hostages have testified to the Resistance keeping them safe while in custody.

- Two Israeli hostages, Chen and Agam Goldstein-Almog, described being treated well by the Resistance, Agam explaining that “for them [Hamas], women are sacred, women are like queens” ([Instagram](#)). (The Times of Israel did not report on this sentence, nor did any other Western media.) “Agam would keep up with her workout routine, which she said her captors commended her on, and there was even an arm wrestling competition between Chen and one of the guards. ‘He — the younger one — brought a towel, because he’s not allowed to touch me,’ Chen said.” ([Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)). They received hate online by Israelis afterwards for having said so ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- Yocheved Lifshitz, released for humanitarian reasons, explained that she shook one of her captor’s hands when being released because the militants “were very delicate and gentle” with her and the other captives, and that they “took care of all [their] needs.” ([Sky News](#), [archive](#))
- Chen Almog-Goldstein, a hostage returned to Israel from Gaza, said that IOF bombardment was “the first time [they] really felt like [their] lives were in danger” ([The Guardian](#), [archive](#)).
- “An Israeli settler who lives in a southern kibbutz near Gaza recounts how a group of Hamas fighters came to her house, ate bananas and left, telling her: ‘Don’t worry, we’re

Muslim. We won't hurt you.” ([Middle East Monitor](#), [archive](#))

3. Israel actually tortures, rapes, and kills Palestinian hostages.

- Palestinian hostages are "blindfolded and fed through straws," they "lose weight within a week or two," are forced to "defecate in diapers" and are denied adequate healthcare. Amputations due to bondage is "a routine event" ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)). Israel tortures them because they're Palestinian ([CNN](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel tortures its Palestinian hostages with constant beatings, sexual violence, and the denial of food, water and bathroom access ([Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), [archive](#)).
- Many Palestinian hostages have been tortured to death in Israeli custody since October 7 ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- June 2024: The IOF beat 2 Palestinians to death ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).

√ “The Resistance uses human shields.”

Self-projection

- The IOF “again and again” uses Palestinians—including children and the elderly—as human shields, often dressing them up as Israeli soldiers and making them explore disputed conflict zones. “The ranks know this,” and it’s a procedure that has been used since at least 2002 ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)). The IOF even coined a term for this procedure ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- The IOF uses human Palestinian shields in military operations ([Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), [archive](#)).

√ “The Resistance committed sexual violence on Oct 7.”

1. Israel blocked investigations into supposed sexual violence on Oct 7.

- Israel has ignored the UN’s repeated requests to investigate sexual violence on Oct 7 ([France 24](#), [archive](#)). Over a year later, “Israel block[ed] [a] UN probe into Hamas’ [alleged] sexual crimes from October 7” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)) .
- Israel blocked a U.N.-mandated commission of inquiry from collecting evidence on the atrocities that Israel claims happened at the hands of Hamas ([Reuters](#), [archive](#)).

2. Israeli propagandists admit that there is no proof of systematic sexual violence, or even a single case.

- Israeli institutions admitted to finding “no signs” of sexual violence on the deceased from Oct 7 ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- Israeli sexual assault institutions (hospitals, rape crisis centers, trauma recovery facilities and sex assault hotlines) did not treat a single victim ([Intercept](#), [archive](#)). This was further confirmed in late December 2024 when Ben Hatar, a prosecutor with Israel’s “Southern District Attorney’s Office “responsible for the area of sexual offenses,” admitted that “[u]nfortunately, it will be very difficult to prove these offenses [of sexual violence allegedly committed by the Palestinian Resistance]. In the end, we have no complainants.” ([YNet](#), [archive](#))

Older admissions of specific areas:

- “[A]t Shura Base, to which most of the bodies were taken for purposes of identification, ... there were no signs on any of [the examined] bodies attesting to sexual relations having taken place or of mutilation of genitalia.” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#))
- At the Nova music festival, the “police forensic investigation teams – 12 police officers, all told – work[ing] at the site of the party, alongside volunteers of ZAKA Search and Rescue ... did not document a single case of sexual assault or cases of genital mutilation.” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#))

3. The UN’s only commission so far (as of 2024-06-27) found no proof.

- “The Commission has reviewed testimonies obtained by journalists and the Israeli police concerning rape but has not been able to independently verify such allegations, due to a lack of access to victims, witnesses and crime sites and the obstruction of its investigations by the Israeli authorities. The Commission was unable to review the unedited version of such testimonies. For the same reasons, the Commission was also unable to verify reports of sexualized torture and genital mutilation. Additionally, the Commission found some specific allegations to be false, inaccurate or contradictory with other evidence or statements and discounted these from its assessment.” ([UN](#) [click on “Report”], [archive](#))

√ **“The Gaza Ministry of Health is unreliable.”**

1. Israeli intelligence disagrees, the Ministry has held up to scrutiny in the past, and the death toll is likely far higher.

- Israeli intelligence admits that it relies “almost exclusively” on the Gaza Ministry of Health’s death toll because it is “reliable” ([Mekomit](#), [archive](#)).
- “In previous wars, the ministry’s counts have held up to U.N. scrutiny, independent investigations and even Israel’s tallies” ([AP](#), [archive](#)).
- The real death toll is likely far higher, as thousands of bodies that remain under the rubble are not counted ([Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), [archive](#)).

✓ “Israel is not committing genocide.”

1. Elected Israeli officials disagree.

- “Those are animals, they have no right to exist. I am not debating the way it will happen, but they need to be exterminated,” argued Yoav Kisch, Israeli Minister of Education. (*)
- “Gaza is the city of evil, we will turn all the places in which Hamas deploys and hides into ruins. I am telling the people of Gaza — get out of there now. We will act everywhere and with full power,” Netanyahu said on October 13. (*)
- “There are no innocent civilians in Gaza,” president of Israel Herzog said on October 14. ([X](#), [archive](#)) (Better link*)
- “Bring down buildings!! Bomb without distinction!! ... Flatten Gaza.” -- Revital Gottlieb, Member of the Israeli Knesset (Likud), 07/10/2023 (*)
- April 30, 2024: Israel’s Minister of Finance called for the “total annihilation” of Gaza ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).
- See the Database with 500+ instances of Israeli Incitement to Genocide for more ([Law For Palestine](#), [archive](#)).

2. Israeli military officials disagree.

- The IDF admitted it ran a gory telegram channel calling Palestinians “roaches” to be “exterminated” ([Vice](#), [archive](#)).
- An Israeli brigade commander urged his soldiers to commit “genocide” in Lebanon ([Anadolu](#), [archive](#)).

3. Israeli citizens call it a genocide.

- November 2023: 94% of Israeli Jews thought Israel was either using the appropriate amount of force in Gaza or not enough, while fewer than 2% believed Israel was using too much firepower ([Tel Aviv University](#), [archive](#)).

January 2024: 75% of Jewish Israelis do not want to reduce the bombing in Gaza ([Israeli "Democracy" Institute, archive](#)).

May 2024: 73% of Israelis say military response in Gaza is "just right" or "doesn't go far enough" ([Pew Research Center, archive](#)).

- During all of this, Israeli civilians have also been blocking aid from entering into Gaza for months ([X, archive](#)).
- 68% of Jewish Israelis oppose humanitarian aid to Gaza ([Israel Democracy Institute, archive](#)).

6. Genocide experts call it a genocide.

- October Raz Segal, an Israeli genocide scholar specialized on the Holocaust, calls Israel's assault on Gaza a "textbook case of genocide" ([Jewish Currents, archive](#); [Democracy Now! on YouTube](#)), who is backed by a public statement by 800 scholars and practitioners of international law, conflict studies and genocide studies in their public statement ([TWAIL Review, archive](#)).
- March 2024: Francesca Albanese, the UN special rapporteur on human rights, called it a genocide ([New Arab, archive](#)).
- Israeli historians Amos Goldberg and Daniel Blatman call it a genocide ([Haaretz, archive](#)).
- [South Africa's case against Israel](#) ([archive](#)).

7. Israel it has concentration camps where it tortures and rapes Palestinians to death.

- Israel has concentration camps, where the victims wear grey pajamas, are tortured and the amputation of their body limbs is a "routine event" ([Haaretz, CNN](#)).

8. Israel is deliberately starving Gazans.

- Israel is deliberately starving Gazans ([Guardian citing the UN special rapporteur on the right to food](#)).
- Children in the strip "are starving at the fastest rate that the world has ever known" ([ITV, archive](#)).
- April 2024: All Gazans are drinking unsafe water ([X, archive](#)). Nearly all 600K kids in Rafah are "injured, sick or malnourished" ([Common Dreams](#)).
- Israel purposefully killed the World Central Kitchen volunteers ([Haaretz](#)).

- Israel attacked UNICEF ([Al Jazeera](#)).

9. Israel targets civilians.

- Israel massacred at least 112 civilians queuing for flour near Gaza City ([Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel killed civilians waiting for aid south of Gaza City ([Anadolu](#), updated link required*).

10. Israel is flattening Gaza.

- March 2024: Israel has damaged or destroyed half of Gaza's structures ([X](#), [archive](#)).

11. Conflicts with fewer deaths and less genocidal intent by officials have been called “genocide” by the West.

- The West considers the Bosnian genocide (33,000 killed and 1.2 million displaced over 3 years) to be a genocide, but not the Palestinian genocide (34,000 killed, 1.7 million displaced over 7 months).
- Western leaders called Russia's invasion of Ukraine a genocide after about 6 weeks ([1,611 Ukrainian civilians killed](#), no statements by elected Russian officials calling for the extermination of Ukrainians that I could find), but refused to do so for the genocide in Gaza after 13 weeks ([23,469 Gazan civilians killed](#), [archive](#); [many statements by elected Israeli officials calling for the extermination of Gazans](#), [archive](#)).

✓ “The media is against Israel.”

1. Western outlets are biased in favour of Israel.

- CNN's own staff claims the outlet's “systemic and institutional bias within the network toward Israel ... amounts to journalistic malpractice” ([Guardian](#), [archive](#)).
- The New York Times censors expressions like “genocide,” “ethnic cleansing,” “occupied territory” and “refugee camp” in regard to Palestine ([Intercept](#), [archive](#)).
- CBC broke its own rules to favour a pro-Israel coverage ([Breach](#), [archive](#)), and a former CBC producer accused the outlet of an “anti-Palestinian bias across all [its] platforms” ([Breach](#), [archive](#)).
- CTV censors the word “genocide” in relation to Palestine and systematically gives more coverage to Israel than to Palestine ([Breach](#), [archive](#)).

- The BBC's own staff claim the outlet makes "systematic Israeli propaganda." The "entire job" of its Middle East editor, who used to work for the U.S Department of State, "is to water down everything that's too critical of Israel." "How much power he has is wild," says another of his colleagues. ([Dropsite News](#), [archive](#))
- The Atlantic's editor in chief is an IOF veteran.

" Hamas infiltrated large institutions "

1. Israel has never provided proof of this.

- Israel has no proof that UNRWA is Hamas ([Guardian](#), [archive](#)), and a handful of mainstream outlets ([Channel 4 on YT](#); [Sky News](#), [archive](#); and [France 24](#), [archive](#)) privy to Israel's internal document of allegations say that Israel fails to provide any proof of its claim. April 2024: Israel still has no evidence of UNRWA participation in Oct 7 ([ReliefWeb](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel tortured UNRWA staff into false confessions ([AP](#), [archive](#); [CNN clip on Twitter](#)). Israelis later set fire to UNRWA's headquarters in Jerusalem ([UN official on X](#), [archive](#)).

2. Israel has told verifiable lies like this before.

- In 2016, Israel arrested an aid worker from World Vision, a charity then largely financed by Australia, claiming that he was embezzling funds to Hamas. An independent audit by the firm Deloitte found this to be false, yet Australia still cut its funding, and the aid worker, Mohammad El Halabi, still sits in Israeli prison to this day. ([EI](#), [archive](#))

" Ansarullah... "

- A US Navy Captain Wroe said in March 2024 that "the Houthis have posed the greatest challenge to the US Navy in recent history" ([BBC](#), [archive](#)).
- More than half of British exporters report higher shipping costs due to Yemen's blockade ([Al Jazeera](#), [archive](#)).
- Israel lied about having a functional land route bypassing the Yemeni blockade, going as far as creating a fake Emirati company ([Mondoweiss](#), [archive](#)).

- Western airstrikes on Yemen have led Ansar Allah to intensify its blockade of the Red Sea ([Al Mayadeen](#), [archive](#)).

“Iran’s April attack was useless.”

- Israel spent over US\$1B defending against Iran’s strike, which succeeded in penetrating its air defence for a fraction of the cost ([YNet](#), [archive](#)). The US only intercepted 2 missiles, while Israel intercepted 84% (it previously claimed 99%) [[The Cradle](#), [archive](#)].

√ “Student protests and encampments are bad.”

1. They’ve successfully gotten a number of institutions to divest from Israel.

2. They’ve been peaceful.

- 99% of student protests from October to April in the US have been peaceful ([ACLED](#), [archive](#)).

3. The protests have gotten violent typically when police, Zionist thugs and/or Nazis attacked them.

- Neo-Nazis joined sides with the Zionists to attack the UCLA encampment ([Guardian](#), [archive](#); [Boston Review](#), [archive](#); [Background Briefing](#), [archive](#))

√ “Palestinians are Nazis.”

1. Zionists have actually been supported by Nazis and fascists.

- Neo-Nazis joined sides with the Zionists to attack the UCLA encampment ([Guardian](#), [archive](#); [Boston Review](#), [archive](#); [Background Briefing](#), [archive](#))
- “Israel Expects Far-right Gains in European Parliament Will Improve Its Standing” ([Haaretz](#), [archive](#)).

“Palestinians are the aggressors.”

1. The first Zionist leaders disagree.

- “Let us not ignore the truth among ourselves ... politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves... The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to take away from them their country. ... Behind the terrorism [by the Arabs] is a movement, which though primitive is not devoid of idealism and self sacrifice.”
— David Ben Gurion ([Progressive Israel](#), [archive](#))
- “If I were an Arab leader, I would never sign an agreement with Israel. It is normal; we have taken their country. It is true God promised it to us, but how could that interest them? Our God is not theirs.”
— David Ben Gurion ([Progressive Israel](#), [archive](#))

“Palestinians are bad to Black people.”

1. Self-projection.

- Israel has sterilized Ethiopian Jews against their will, resulting in an large decrease of at least 20% in the Ethiopian-Israeli population ([Forbes](#), [archive](#); [Haaretz](#), [archive](#)); and has also targeted Iraqi Jews with terrorist false flag bomb attacks ([Middle East Monitor](#), [archive](#)).
- The ADL surveils Black activist groups ([Guardian](#), [archive](#)).

Specific atrocity propaganda

√ “The Resistance beheaded kids.”

1. The IOF itself debunked this claim.

- “Israeli army spokesperson [told] Anadolu over phone that they have no information confirming allegations that ‘ Hamas beheaded babies’” ([Anadolu](#), [archive](#)).

2. The IOF has beheaded a number of Palestinian children.

- Israel beheaded an infant in Rafah refugee camp ([X](#), [archive](#)), then Zionists proceeded to make fun of it ([X](#), [archive](#)).

√ “67 Palestinians raped a hostage teenager.”

1. The source of the claim admitted it was made up.

- Sandra Ifrah, the source of this claim ([X](#), [archive](#), [archive](#)) and a member of the Zionist propaganda front “Women United for Peace,” admitted she lied ([X](#), [archive](#)).

√ Yossi Landau’s “executed children”*

- The source of the “executed children” admitted the story was untrue ([Electronic Intifada](#), [archive](#)).

√ NYT’s “Screams Without Words”

- Anat Schwartz admitted, “I have no qualifications” to conduct an investigation on sexual violence.
- Schwartz admitted on a Channel 12 podcast: “First thing I called them all [Israeli hospitals, rape crisis centers, trauma recovery facilities and sex assault hotlines in Israel], and they told me, ‘No, no complaint of sexual assault was received,’” she said in the Channel 12 podcast. “I had a lot of interviews which didn’t lead anywhere. Like, I would go to all kinds of psychiatric hospitals, sit in front of the staff, all of them are fully committed to the mission and no one had met a victim of sexual assault.”

Schwartz even then contacted the head of the sexual assault hotline in southern Israel for a lead, but was told that there had been no reports of sexual violence related to Oct 7 ([Electronic Intifada](#), [archive](#)). The *New York Times* then confirmed this ([Intercept](#), [archive](#)).

- The NYT reported on footage of the 2 Be’eri girls fully clothed on Oct 7, debunking its own claim that they were raped ([X](#), [archive](#)).
- A spokesperson of the kibbutz and the grandmother of the two sisters in the “Screams Without Words” story both deny they were raped ([Intercept](#), [archive](#)).
- Two volunteers cited by the piece lied and saw no evidence of sexual assault ([X](#), [archive](#)).

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- Pramila Patten, the investigator behind this report, falsely claimed in 2022 that Putin was giving his soldiers Viagra to rape Ukrainians. She then later admitted she had no proof during a call with the famous Russian pranksters Vovan and Lexus ([Grayzone](#), [archive](#)).
- The report admits to an “absence of comprehensive forensic evidence” and to not meeting “any survivor/victim of sexual violence” ([UN](#), [archive](#)).

√ Cochav Elkayam-Levy’s “Israel’s Civil Commission on October 7 Crimes by Hamas Against Women and Children”

- Despite being invited to the White House and receiving Israel’s most prestigious civilian prize for her “commission” and receiving millions in donations, Elkayam-Levy never actually made the commission ([Electronic Intifada](#), [archive](#)).

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- [The Intercept](#) ([archive](#))

√ Amit Soussana’s claim that she was sexually assaulted

1. She changed her story months later so as to include sexual assault.

- She gave an interview two months earlier, in January 2024, during which she went into very specific details, but did not mention any sexual assault ([Times of Israel](#), [archive](#)).

2. Other freed hostages have lied about their treatment to fit Israel’s narrative (likely under Israeli pressure).

- “Despite media reporting that she was beaten by Hamas, [Israeli hostage Noa] Argamani went to social media on Friday to say that her words had been taken out of context. She said she was not beaten and her hair was not cut. ‘I said, I had cuts all over my head and I was hurt all over my body.’ Argamani emphasized that her wounds came from the collapse of a building after it was bombed by the IAF [Israeli Air Force].” ([Jerusalem Post](#), [archive](#)) She had previously said that her captors had “hitted [sic] [her] all over [her] body.” ([Youtube](#))

3. It’s impossible to verify her claim.

- According to Soussana, there is no physical evidence, no witnesses and no verifiable perpetrator (apart from the name “Muhammad”), thus her claim is impossible to verify or disprove.

4. One instance doesn’t make it systematic.

- Assuming she’s telling the truth, her being “the first [and therefore only] Israeli to speak publicly about being sexually assaulted [as of March 26, 2024]” ([New York Times, archive](#)) therefore disproves the narrative that the Palestinian resistance committed “systematic” sexual assault.

5. Other hostages have testified to good treatment while in captivity.