

Subject: Denouncing Your Coverage of the Al-Ma'amadani Hospital Explosion

Dear New York Times:

Journalistic integrity is central and necessary to the function of democracy and the free world. The public must rely on sources to have integrity to develop a truthful worldview. The behavior of the New York Times on October 17th, 2023, not only violated the principles of journalistic integrity but also perpetrated actual tangible harm to all Jewish Americans and Jews around the world.

The decision to rely solely on a recognized terrorist organization, responsible for the heinous massacre of civilians on October 7th, 2023, as the primary source of information concerning the Al-Ma'amadani Hospital explosion, is not only abhorrent but also deeply disturbing. The reckless pursuit of being the first to publish, driven by the thirst for "clicks," has tarnished the very essence of journalism. This stain on the legacy of the New York Times will persist indefinitely. It is vital to remember that your mission is to seek truth, to report on conflicts impartially. In the fog of war, the haste to disseminate such injurious content is nothing short of indefensible.

Furthermore, the choice to pair an image from an entirely unrelated location with a headline that points fingers at Israel—evidence of which is provided [here](#)—is a glaring example of misinformation and outright dishonesty. Even now, [your articles give equal weight to the "exchange of blame" between Israel and Hamas](#), despite ample evidence—and confirmation from the National Security Council—that Israel was not responsible for the missile that struck the hospital. (For your reference, the title of this section should read “Israel not responsible for hospital explosion, according to NSC spokeswoman.”) Furthermore, you continue to say that “claims have not been independently verified.” Instead of reporting on unverified claims, it would be more fitting to invest efforts in investigating these assertions. Your conduct throughout this incident has been, and continues to be, utterly reprehensible.

Jewish Americans now find themselves in a perilous position. Every time an Israeli action is reported, the safety of Jewish Americans is jeopardized. Security at synagogues is heightened, and hate crimes against Jews escalate. The alleged bombing and the initial, unfounded accusations against Israel have fanned the flames of outrage, even inciting another terrorist organization, Hezbollah, into action, and setting back attempts at negotiations and diplomacy in the Middle East. The New York Times has, regrettably, become complicit and may have significantly contributed to the heightened risks in an already devastating conflict for both sides.

As a long-standing reader of the New York Times, I implore you to issue a retraction of your initial rush to blame Israel, just as it was delivered initially (as a news blast and headline). In this retraction, I beseech you to unequivocally state that the missile did not originate from Israel but

was launched by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. It is imperative to clarify the track record of this group and Hamas, highlighting their history of failed missile launches and their tendency to wrongly ascribe blame to Israel for their own missteps. While I recognize your leaning towards the left, I expect your reporting to exhibit responsibility. Should you persist in displaying such a blatant disregard for the safety of Jewish individuals and for the truth, regrettably, I will no longer be able to trust the NYT as a reliable source of information and will urge my loved ones to turn to alternative sources in the future.

Please understand that reporting has consequences, the words you write have weight, and your integrity as journalists is paramount. I eagerly anticipate your retraction, alongside a significant improvement in the accuracy of your journalism moving forward.

Sincerely,

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