



Revealing Selective Outrage Over Iran's Strike on Israeli Hospital

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Glenn Greenwald (GG): Israel has built all kinds of key IDF Command and Control centres right in the heart of Tel Aviv, often underground, underneath civilian residential buildings, museums, tourist attractions. We've shown you all that before. And there's no question that this hospital is in extremely close proximity to the IDF Command and Control centres and bases that Iran claims it was trying to hit. Hear from the Jerusalem Post, this is March 30th, 2025, so just two months ago, just a little bit over two months ago: *The IDF is moving South – and Beesheba prepares with a variety of housing options*. Quote, "For years, the relocation of IDF bases to the Negev has been discussed as part of the effort to strengthen Israel's southern metropolis. Today, that vision is becoming reality. In the Gav-Yam Negev hi-tech park, the new technological centre of the IDF's C41 Directorate has been established serving thousands of soldiers, NCOs, and officers. The Southern Command base currently located in the Old City will also be relocated to the hi-tech park and built on an area of approximately 18 hectares, with over 200,000 square metres of built-up space. About 6,300 soldiers are expected to serve on the new base. Simultaneously, construction of the Intelligence Campus near the Shoket Junction is well underway, having accelerated following the events of October 7. The campus is being built on 250 hectares with over 400,000 square metres of construction. It will house 14,000 personnel from various technological and operational intelligence units in a single shared base".

Pisgat Ramot – 10,000 Hi-Tech Jobs Within Walking Distance. "Pisgat Ramot located in the northern Beersheba is part of Israel's first Innovation District, which includes the city's hi-tech park, the C-41 base, Ben Gurion University, and Soroka Medical Centre". That's the hospital that was struck by a ballistic missile yesterday. So, it doesn't take any kind of speculation, you don't have to listen to anything Iran says, Israel openly announced, they discussed the fact, the Jerusalem Post, a very mainstream pro-government paper, conservative paper, discussed the fact that all sorts of new IDF bases were being moved to or built in the same park, the same hi-tech park, meaning the set of buildings right next to each other, where this hospital is located. This hospital is absolutely next to or in the close proximity of,

certainly from walking distance of, all kinds of valid, legitimate military bases, which Iran claims is what they were aiming at. Here's Ori Goldberg, who's an Israeli political analyst, speaking on Al Jazeera this morning and describing the location of this hospital and its proximity to all sorts of IDF installations.

Ori Goldberg: Obviously, as your correspondent mentioned, the authorities are focusing on the hospital that sends a message that the Iranians target hospitals, of course, the Israelis target hospitals as well. It's important to mention that there really are various sensitive installations and headquarters very near to the hospital, because Israel places its military headquarters in the midst of civilian neighbourhoods in town.

GG: Israel places its key sensitive military installations in the middle of civilian towns, that's what he said speaking from Tel Aviv. And that's exactly what they do. They absolutely do do that. Even though, again, unlike Hamas, which they claim does it in a way because it shows Hamas is evil of using civilians as human shields, meaning you can't strike Hamas without striking civilians, Israel doesn't have to do that but they have plenty of space not to, and they choose to put all these key IDF bases right next to a hospital, in the middle of Tel Aviv, and surrounded by residential buildings, actually using their citizens and civilians as human shields. Muhammad Shehada, who is a writer and fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations, said this today, quote, "Soroka, the hospital, is Israel's main hospital to evacuate IDF troops. It proudly displays this military helicopter poster with the caption: Israel's medical Iron Dome. By Israel's own rules of engagement in Gaza, namely bombing a hospital to kill a wounded journalist, Soroka is a legitimate target. Insane, isn't it? Then why did you stay silent when Israel bombed every single hospital in Gaza?"

And there's an image, I don't know if you have that, there it is, showing that this is a hospital that overwhelmingly treats – I'm not saying it doesn't treat civilians, although it has been evacuated for civilians, but it treats overwhelmingly, there you see it, soldiers. It's a military hospital. They call it Israel's Medical Iron Dome. When soldiers are injured in Gaza, they get taken to this hospital, where they get repaired and sent back to the battlefield. Obviously, obviously, obviously, if there were some hospital where Hamas terrorists were going to after they were wounded to get treated, Israel would feel no compunction about bombing that hospital and saying that Hamas was inside. And every Western media outlet would say, oh yeah, it was a legitimate target they were treating Hamas, it was a hospital for Hamas. And certainly, if a hospital in Gaza were right next to a Hamas military base, and Israel was like, yeah, we meant to hit the military base but we hit the hospital. And then it is, oh, that's understandable, Israel's the most moral army in the world; the IDF is. And a lot of people who were outraged today, outraged that a ballistic missile landed on this hospital that killed nobody in the middle of a whole variety of IDF installations that have been built around it, not only had no outrage for the 20 months of multiple Israeli bombings with precision weapons targeting destruction of one Gazan hospital after the next, but were justifying all of those and now turn around in demand that the world cried tears over Israel's unique victimhood because one of their hospitals got touched by an Iranian ballistic missile that killed nobody.

Here is Ynet News in October of 2024. The headline is: *Israel's elite rescue unit 669: quote, "We have no fear, ready to return to the field if needed"*. "The daring rescues under heavy fire, soldiers arriving at the helicopter with no pulse and surviving, and the nightmare moment when they lost best friends in the Gaza chopper crash. Six elite Unit 669 soldiers, who juggle between reserve duty and working as doctors at Soroka Medical Hospital explain why, even with some now grandparents, leaving the unit is unimaginable". So they have IDF doctors, they have soldiers in this hospital. And again, any hospital in Gaza that had doctors that were claimed to be affiliated with Hamas, those doctors were arrested, those hospitals were bombed continuously by Israel based on the invented brand new rule of engagement that if a hospital has Hamas people inside of it, if they're treating Hamas' people, let alone that it's a location where Hamas military bases are, that Israel has every right to just destroy the hospital, no matter who is inside, patients on NICU, babies in incubators, all of whom have died in many of these assaults. And the very same country that has been doing this, and we've all watched for 20 months, now turns around and says, we demand that you look at us and cry tears for us. Look at the monsters we're facing. They're willing to bomb a hospital.

Here's the World Health Organisation on May 22nd, just last month: *Health system at breaking point as hostilities further intensify in Gaza, the WHO warns*. Quote, "The WHO has recorded 28 attacks"— let me repeat that – "The WHO has recorded 28 attacks on healthcare in Gaza during this period and 697 attacks since October 2023." 697 attacks on healthcare facilities in Gaza. "Only 19 of Gaza's 36 hospitals remain operational at all, including one hospital providing basic care for the remaining patients still inside the hospital, and are struggling under severe supply shortages, lack of health workers, persistent insecurity, and a surge of casualties, all while staff work in impossible conditions. Of the 19 hospitals, 12 provide a variety of health services, while the rest are only able to provide basic emergency care. At least 94% of all hospitals in the Gaza Strip are damaged or destroyed". Let me just underline that and highlight it. In all the different colours I can, at least 94% of all hospitals in the Gaza Strip are damaged or destroyed; almost all of them, to a far greater extent than what this single ballistic missile did to the hospital right in the vicinity of IDF bases. The same country that has spent 20 months destroying or severely damaging 94% of hospitals in Gaza, then have the audacity to turn around and say, do you see the unique evil of Iran? They allowed a missile to land on one of our sacred hospitals where sick people are. "Currently across the Gaza Strip, only 2,000 hospital beds remain available for a population of over 2 million people, grossly insufficient to meet the current needs."

My view is that it ought to be always condemned when a country bombs a hospital. Certainly, if they do so deliberately, and even if it's by mistake, you cannot accept that. Hospitals are not legitimate targets to be bombed. And the fact that there's an IDF base right next to it on purpose, or that they take Hamas soldiers, or that supposedly Hamas soldiers are working in a basement somewhere, doesn't entitle you to bomb the hospital, destroy it, kill the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and patients inside. But that has been the standard Israel and its US loyalists have insisted upon and demanded and imposed, which is why there's been absolutely no outrage from any of these people today demanding that we all weep for Israel's hospital, while Israel has bombed and destroyed or severely damaged 94% of the hospitals in

Gaza, leaving them with 2,000 hospital beds for a population of 2 million people. And not just 2 million, but 2 million people under constant bombing and assault, and shooting and massacres, and infection and starvation with no anaesthesia, no antibiotics, no basic medicines. Under any circumstances, 2,000 beds would be horrifically insufficient for a population that large. When the people of Gaza have been subjected to the deliberate suffering and massacres and disease and starvation that they have for soon to be two years, obviously, 2,000 beds for 2 million people is unspeakable; all courtesy of the country today, demanding that the entire world pay attention to this one hospital that got damaged.

And of course, the Western media did. We know every little aspect of where that hospital was. We heard from all the doctors. We heard it from all of the outraged government officials. You know, like 100 times more coverage than is given to all the hospitals in Gaza that Israel deliberately destroyed, in part because the international media is barred from entering Gaza by Israel, precisely so that they can't cover it. And the journalists inside Gaza, who are Gazan, who have covered it, have often been targeted with death and have been killed. But there's plenty of documentation, of video, and all kinds of reports that enable us to know exactly what Israel has been doing to these hospitals.

Just to remind you of how quickly this happened, on October 17, just 10 days after the war began, from Al Jazeera: *Israeli air raid on the al-Ahli Arab Hospital kills 500, Gaza officials say*. "The hospital attack has sparked international condemnation as patients in displaced Palestinians number among the dead". Here from November 3, 2023, CNN, "Israel has claimed responsibility for an attack on an ambulance outside Gaza City's Al-Shifa Hospital, the largest medical facility in the enclave, which witnesses say killed and wounded dozens of people. From Doctors Without Borders, November 21st, 2023, it's the French unit of Doctors Without Borders one of the most noble organisations in the world that sends doctors to war zones to treat people when there's not enough doctors. They said this, quote, "Doctors Without Borders is horrified by the killing of two DWB doctors, Dr. Mahmoud Abu Nujaila and Dr. Ahmad Al Sahar, and a third doctor, Dr. Ziad Al-Tatari, following a strike earlier today on Al-Awda Hospital in Gaza, Palestine". Here from the Times of Israel, March 20, 2024: *Israeli raid on al-Shifa Hospital deepens suffering in Gaza's north*. Quote, "The Israeli military has cast the operation as advancing their goal of destroying Hamas, reporting that more than 150 people they said were terrorists have been killed and hundreds of suspected detained since the operation began". BBC News, March 31, 2024: *Israel Gaza: Journalists injured in Al-Aqsa hospital airstrike*. BBC News, April 1st, 2024: "Israel's military has pulled out of al-Shifa's hospital in Gaza City after a two-week raid that has left most of the major medical complex in ruins".

What did they do, by the way, back then? Oh, they attacked a hospital with a two week raid that left the major medical complex in ruins. That is the country, that today is demanding that we all express outrage that one of their hospitals was injured and no people meaningfully hurt. "The IDF said it killed 200 quote 'terrorists' and detained over 500 more and found weapons and intelligence, quote, 'throughout the hospital'. October 14th of last year from Politico: *Deir Al-Balah Gaza Strip – An Israeli airstrike on a hospital courtyard in the Gaza*

Strip early Monday killed at least four people and triggered a fire that swept through a tent camp for people displaced by the war, leaving more than two dozen with severe burns, according to Palestinian medics. That's when we watched a video of someone attached to an IV and another young girl burning to death inside of a refugee tent, we all watched that happen. Al Jazeera, December 28, 2024: *Israeli soldiers burn Gaza's Kamal Adwan Hospital, forced hundreds to leave.* Quote, "Health officials say that they have lost contact with staff at a Northern Gazan hospital after Israel forced 350 people out". AP News, April 3, 2024: *Israeli probe into the killings of 15 Palestinian medics in Gaza finds quote 'professional failures'.*

That was when they took 15 medics who were trying to save others who were shot by the IDF, they took them, they shot them at close range. Some of them were bound, they buried them in a mass grave to prevent anyone from learning what happened. They lied about it. As it turned out, one of the corpses that was found from the Palestinian medic had the video on his phone still showing the actual reality that none of what Israel claimed was true. But they were just shot at without having any of the things that the Israelis claimed that they were approaching aggressively without their lights on. The whole thing was a lie, so Israel launched an investigation, admitted professional failures that resulted in the cold-blooded execution of 15 medics. Let me know when Iran does that.

Here from Reuters, April 13 of this year. "An Israeli airstrike has destroyed part of the Ahli Arab Hospital, the last fully functional hospital in Gaza City". So there was one fully functional hospital in Gaza City, as of December of last year, one fully functional hospital, one left was the Ahli Arab Hospital, and an Israeli airstrike destroyed part of it. "Witnesses said the strike destroyed the intensive care and surgery departments of the last remaining functional hospital in Gaza City". In March of this year, from Al Jazeera: *Israel blows up Gaza's only specialised cancer hospital in a massive blast.* Quote, "Israel has blown up Gaza's only specialised cancer treatment hospital, as well as an adjacent medical school, drawn condemnation for again targeting a medical facility, which is banned under international humanitarian law. Friday's explosion flattened central Gaza's Turkish Palestinian Friendship Hospital, which had already been severely damaged by Israeli airstrikes since October 2023. Israel later confirmed it destroyed the cancer hospital, claiming it was used by Hamas without providing any evidence." Here's the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, you can see a video of it. It was verified by the Times of Israel, and it shows the Israeli demolition. They just pull up the entire hospital, watch them do it.

GG: There it goes, controlled explosives, no more hospital, no more cancer hospital in Gaza. Is a country that does this one that you can trust with nuclear weapons? Are we all supposed to believe Israeli outrage? Oh my god, can you believe the monsters and demons and devils in Tehran that they would actually have a missile drop near a hospital and hit a hospital surrounded by IDF bases? Wouldn't we have blown up or severely damaged 94% of the hospitals in Gaza? Here from El Pais, June 17, this was two days ago: *Gaza's last hospitals face closure due to Israeli evacuation orders.* Quote, "He's on a ventilator. If they force us to leave, it's a death sentence". "Nasser Hospital, located in Khan Younis, has become the last

hospital in the southern part of Gaza with an operational intensive care unit, following the collapse of medical services in Rafah and repeated attacks on medical facilities across the territory. But this medical centre is now surrounded by so-called, quote, 'red zones', areas where Israel has ordered all residents to leave due to the imminent launch of major military operations. Medical staff, humanitarian organisations, and patients' families warn that these increasingly frequent evacuation orders and road closures are isolating the hospital from the population it is meant to serve. In February, Israeli soldiers stormed Nasser Hospital. During the military operations, several patients died after their oxygen and electricity supplies were cut off, and medical staff were arrested."

Sometimes it's very hard to focus on what's been happening in Gaza, just the series of inhumane atrocities, one after the next, just gruesome human evil. Unlike what most wars entail, you don't see this sort of thing happening every day to civilians in Russia and Ukraine, even though Russia certainly has the capability to do this if they do. Way more civilians have died in Gaza in the 18 months, 19 months that this war has been going on than have died in the four years in Ukraine, despite the far greater military power and the much bigger civilian population, far greater military power that Russia has over Ukraine, the fact that they could kill a lot more civilians, and the much higher numbers of civilians who live in Ukraine; far more, not even close. And so then you just read something like this: "During the Israeli military operation", and by Israel, Israeli, that means the same country that today is saying that it's the greatest evil they've ever seen, that a ballistic missile fell in one of their hospitals. During the military operation performed by Israel, several patients just died after the oxygen and electricity supplies were cut off and medical staff were arrested. Just like, yeah, let the patients die. We're going to arrest the doctors and the nurses. We're gonna cut off the electricity. No more respirators, no more oxygen. Sorry, just those patients have to die. We don't know who they are, but they're in the hospital that we want to destroy, so it's time for them to go. "In recent weeks, the Israeli military has also issued new evacuation orders for the area surrounding Nasser hospital and has reduced the so-called safe zone to an area barely larger than the perimeter of the medical centre."

So no, no, Israel does not have the right to apply one set of rules of war engagement for itself and then adopt a radically different set that permits it to do all the things on purpose that it screams and whines and complains about when done to it, not even necessarily on purpose. And the rationale or justification they use, oh, there's a Hamas guy near there, we think that some of these doctors were treating Hamas patients, we think they're part of Hamas, which is the government in Gaza, so therefore, we're allowed to shut down the hospital, blow it up, et cetera. That all justifies what Iran did as well, given the deliberate placement of IDF command and control bases right next to this hospital. The fact that it was a military hospital treating all kinds of soldiers who are obviously targets, legitimate targets, in order to send them back to the battlefield in Gaza. But if you're outraged by what Iran did to that Israeli hospital, you should be filled with rage, uncontrollable, unprecedented, and incomparable rage over what Israel has been doing with American weapons, with American money, with American diplomatic support – it's always important to add – not just to one hospital, but to the entire system of hospitals and health care facilities in Gaza, leaving this population not

only murdered and slaughtered and massacred, starved, denied basic medicine, filled with all kinds of dirty water and infection, but purposely destroying the healthcare system that might actually be able to treat them when they get sick or when they get wounded. So yeah, I have the view that it's always a bad thing when a military bombs or strikes a hospital. But because that's my view, I have infinitely more outrage for Israel over what they've done for 19 months, doing this over and over in the most gruesome ways imaginable, and then trying to turn around and, as always, demand that everyone recognises them, the perpetrators of the worst war crimes of the century, as the victims for whom we're all supposed to stop what we're doing and shed tears.

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