



STAGGERING Rate of Civilian Deaths in Gaza Revealed

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Glenn Greenwald (GG): All right, it has not been difficult to discern that huge numbers of civilians have been killed over the last 22 months in Gaza by the US-financed Israeli attack on Gaza, destruction of Gaza, genocide in Gaza, ethnic cleansing of Gaza. We're coming up on two full years now of just nonstop atrocity. And there are and always have been very extreme vocal and influential loyalists of the Israeli government who are American citizens who live in the United States but maintain loyalty to the Israeli government who defend Israel no matter what it does, doesn't matter what evidence you present, they will instantly claim the source is lying, that it's antisemites producing this information, that it's all sorts of conspiring against the poor Israelis, the poor set upon Israelis, the whole world is aligned against the Israelis, even though the most powerful and richest country on earth pay for its military, pay for its wars, deploy our own service members in harm's way to defend them. Even though Israelis have better standard of living than millions of Americans, they see themselves as constantly beleaguered and persecuted by the whole world, even though Western Europe as well provides them with arms, provides them with intelligence in a way that almost no other country on the planet receives. But its loyalists believe that anytime there's studies, anytime there is data, anytime there are reports, anytime there are accusations, inherently those who are making those who are presenting that evidence are antisemitic liars just by virtue of the fact that the information reflects negatively on Israel.

One of the questions that of course has circulated around this, especially as scholars of genocide, including Israeli scholars of genocide, have been rapidly concluding that genocide is the only accurate word to describe what the Israelis are doing in Gaza is exactly how many civilians have been killed in Gaza, whether there's been any care taken to ensure that or to avoid the slaughter of innocents and the question is what is the ratio between the number of militants or terrorists killed and the number of civilians. Benjamin Netanyahu has been making the rounds by doing interviews with podcast hosts who he knows are extremely pro-Israel or just too ignorant to ask him any meaningful questions or push back on him as in the case of the Nerk Boys. He sat down with Triggernometry's Konstantin Kisin and Francis Foster, both of whom are fanatically pro-Israel. And one of the claims that Netanyahu made was that they have a kill rate of a civilian combatant ratio of one to one – for every civilian

who's killed that means that they have killed one terrorist or one militant which is considered not a great ratio but an acceptable ratio in war. This is the claim that Netanyahu made and it was released just this morning.

Benjamin Netanyahu: We call up the Palestinian civilians and we say leave the area. Thousands, no, millions, millions of text messages, millions of individual phone calls, please get out. And Hamas stands there and tries to prevent them by shooting them, killing them. So what do you think? Is that genocide? No, it isn't. You know it isn't. And yet Israel is being blamed. And of course the ratio of combatants to non-combatants killed is about one and a half to one which is probably if you, I mean, I think every civilian death is a tragedy. We do everything we can as no army has done in history in such dense urban warfare to prevent it.

GG: "No army in the world". You know it is amazing – this is a very common claim in American discourse: the IDF is the most moral army in the world that goes out of its way more than anyone to avoid civilian death. It's kind of amazing because it is quite an insult to the American military. It's basically saying, yeah, the American military is pretty reckless. They go around killing civilians. They're not a very moral army. The Israeli army, however, they're the most mortal army in the world. And you'll hear Americans saying that about this foreign army. And it's a joke! It's an absolute joke that the IDF is even close to that. You could almost make the case at this point as we're about to show you that they're the most immoral army. That they have the least amount of concern for civilian death because they don't actually consider the people of Gaza to be civilians. They consider them animals, subhumans, their lives having no real value. We just showed you the statements from this US attorney for Nevada who leans into her Israeliness, even though she's an American citizen, now an American official, who says that there's no such thing as an innocent person in Gaza. This is a common theme. We've heard this from so many people. So do you think with that level of dehumanization and contempt for the people of Gaza – that they're not innocent, they're not even human, they are animals, they are subhuman – that there's any care taken whatsoever to avoid slaughtering them? Obviously, the answer is no.

Unfortunately for Netanyahu, he made this claim a day before at +972 Magazine, which is an Israeli magazine, obtained and then shared with The Guardian a database that came from the Israeli military that suggests that at least 83% of the people killed by the IDF in Gaza were civilians, obviously very far from the one to one ratio, or one and a half to one ratio, that Netanyahu baselessly claimed yesterday. Of all the people killed in Gaza, according to the Israeli army's own database, at least 83% are innocent people, are civilians. That's a hideous, horrific war crime ratio. Here's what +972 reported, quote: "Data from an internal Israeli intelligence database indicates that at least 83% of Palestinians killed in Israel's onslaught on Gaza were civilians, an investigation by +972 Magazine, Local Call, and The Guardian can reveal. Figures obtained from the classified database – which record the death of militants from Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (P.I.J) – contradict by a huge margin the public statement of Israeli army and government officials throughout the war, which have generally claimed a one to one or two to one ratio of civilian to militant casualties. Instead, the classified data backs up the findings of several studies suggesting Israel's bombardment of

Gaza has killed civilians at a rate with few parallels in modern warfare." The world's most moral army killing civilians, quote, "at a rate with few parallels in modern warfare. The Israeli army confirmed the existence of the database, which is managed by the Military Intelligence Directorate. Multiple intelligence sources familiar with the database said the army views it as the only authoritative tally of militant casualty figures. In the words of one of them, quote, 'there's no other place to check'. The database includes a list of 47,653 names of Palestinians in Gaza whom this unit considers to be active in the military wings of Hamas and P.I.J. According to the sources, the list is based on the group's own internal documents acquired by the army. The database designates 34,973 of those names as operatives of Hamas, and 12,700 as operatives of Islamic Jihad. According to the data, which was obtained in May of this year, the Israeli army believed it has killed around 8,900 operatives since October 7th, the death of [7,330] of whom were considered certain, and 1,570 recorded as probably dead. Assuming that all of the certain probable militant deaths were counted in the death toll, that would mean over 83% of Gaza's dead were civilians. If the probable deaths are discounted and only the certain deaths included, the proportion of civilian deaths rises to more than 86%." And there you see the graphic provided or created by the Israeli intelligence database. This is not NGOs or outside groups, or any agency in Gaza – this is the Israeli Intelligence's own accounts. And there, you see at the top, "Palestinians, civilians, and militants killed by the Israeli army in Gaza between October 23rd and May 2025". And the red here is civilian deaths, and the black is militant death, so you can see it. So it's expressed here, an infinitesimal number of the people killed in Gaza by the IDF are militants. Civilians – an overwhelming majority, obviously nowhere near a one-to-one ratio as claimed by Netanyahu. And here's a pie chart illustrating the same data where you can see how big the red is, which is the deaths of civilians, and the black is representative of the number of militants who are killed. That's what's been going on in Gaza, conducted by the world's most moral army.

Now, here's how this compares to other conflicts, quote: "In global conflicts tracked by UCDP since 1989, civilians made up a greater portion of the dead only in the genocides in Bosnia [Srebrenica], in Rwanda, and during Russia's three-month siege of Mariupol, Pettersson said." And here you see a chart of the different comparisons. Here's Rwanda at the top with a 99.8% civilian death toll. Mariupol, which is one small part of the Russian-Ukraine War, and there in fourth place, you see Gaza at 83%, and there's a huge drop off from Gaza to the others. Aleppo – 59% were civilians, Bosnia – 57%, Sudan – 49%, Syria – 29%, Ukraine – 10%, Afghanistan – 8%. So in Ukraine, the whole Russian War, in Ukraine 10% of those killed are civilians, 10%. And here you see in Gaza – 83%. And again, the ones listed above – Mariupol in Ukraine and Srebrenica in Bosnia, these were limited massacres. These weren't overall wars. These were massacres as part of an overall war. In terms of a sustained war, there's really no parallel in modern war fighting. Rwanda was basically a civil war. So the percentage of 83% killed is about as bad as it gets at least in the 21st century or even going back into the 20th century. And that has been something that has been clear for quite a while – the cruelty, the sadism, the number of civilians killed, the disregard for civilian life has been as atrocious and heinous as it gets. You have to go back to World War II to find anything comparable. We've talked to experts in genocide and famine who say you have to get back to

World War II to find anything quite as brazenly criminal, war criminal, from all of this data, as what's happening in the US-funded Israeli genocide in Gaza. And these numbers just proved more and more exactly what the reality is here.

Going all the way back to December of 2023 when Israeli propaganda was just churning out lie after lie, here from CNN: *Israeli military says that two civilians killed for every Hamas militant is a 'tremendously positive' ratio given combat challenges*. So even then they were claiming that the ratio is two to one. But it's actually infinitely higher even than that. Here from The Times of Israel in May of this year: *Netanyahu: Ratio of Hamas combatants to Gazan civilians killed in the ongoing war is about one to one*, which would be 50% of civilians killed, an absolute lie. And then here from the Prime Minister's office in November of last year, "Statement by Prime Minister Netanyahu", quote, "in Gaza we dismantled the Hamas battalions and killed close to 20,000 terrorists. We killed Sinwar, we killed Deif, we killed senior Hamas officials, and we brought 154 hostages back". They claim 20,000 Hamas militants killed in this statement in November of 2024, even though the far more updated data from Israeli intelligence only claims 8,900 militants killed, less than half as of May of 2025 than what Netanyahu just fabricated in late 2024. The Israeli government just disseminates utterly unhinged and baseless lies without the slightest regard for whether there's evidence to substantiate them.

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