



Despite A 'Ceasefire", Israel Massacres Forty-Six Children in Gaza

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Dimitri Lascaris (DL): Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Montreal, Canada for Reason2Resist on October 29th, 2025. As mentioned, I am now back in Montreal. I've been absent from Canada for several months, but I returned here on Monday of this week after a long absence. And I flew to Montreal from Amman, Jordan. And before flying to Montreal, I spent about a week in the country of Jordan, not only in Amman. And I guess you could fairly describe it as a fairly eventful week. First on October 21st and 22nd I tried twice to enter the occupied West Bank from Jordan across the Allenby Bridge or as the Jordanians call it the King Hussein Bridge. But on October 22nd officials from the genocidal entity barred me from entering occupied Palestine. And as I reported last week, they did so on the basis, I was told that I criticize Israel wherever I go. I plead guilty to that charge. On the following day October 23rd, I tried to film a report about Israel's relations with Jordan, with the Jordanian vassal of Washington, more accurately put. And I tried to film that report about 100 meters from the Israeli embassy in Amman, but I was immediately arrested when I pulled out my camera and I was thrown in jail for the balance of that day. Eventually, and again, as I've reported in the last few days, the intelligence branch of the Jordanian police allowed me to leave the police station after I assured them that I would not attempt to film any other report near foreign embassies or military bases in the country.

Then on Monday, when I returned to Canada, I was subjected to a secondary inspection from customs officials at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport in Montreal. During my adult life, I've entered Canada hundreds of times through airports in the county, but this was the first time that I was subject to a secondary inspection by Canadian border agents. I was not interviewed, interestingly, by any representative of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service or CSIS, which is, I guess, Canada's equivalent of the CIA. But when I asked the customs officer who searched my luggage thoroughly with a fine-tooth comb why I had been selected for secondary inspection, he said one word: "money". He didn't elaborate, nor did I ask him to, but I inferred that what he had been instructed to do, and he made it clear to me that he was simply following orders, was to determine whether I was carrying an impermissibly large

sum of cash. And of course, he found nothing. I had something like 300 euros on me at the time. Anyways, although I was sad to leave Greece and even sadder to have been deprived of access to occupied Palestine at a time of genocide, been deprived of the opportunity to be with our brothers and sisters in Palestine at this extraordinarily painful moment in their history, I readily admit it's good to be back with my family and friends here in Canada.

Now, today we're going to examine Israel's massive violations of the so-called ceasefire in the Gaza Strip over the past 24 hours. We will also discuss a new report on Israel's use of women as human shields in the occupied territories. Finally, I'll talk to you about a debate I had yesterday on the Jamarl Thomas Show against a liberal Zionist, Daniel Lazare. Before I get into it, I encourage you to like and share this video if you find it to be informative. And also, if you're not already a subscriber to Reason2Resist, please do become one. We launched this channel last year. Since then, we've grown rapidly to more than 110,000 subscribers. And as I'm sure you know, the more subscribers we have, the better positioned we'll be to reach people around the world with our unapologetic resistance journalism.

So let's begin with events this week in occupied Palestine. During the day yesterday on October 28th, Israel's military reported that one of its terrorists was killed by a sniper in the Gaza Strip. And here you can see a report in the Times of Israel. The person in question, the terrorist, is identified as a reservist in the Israeli military – Master Sergeant Yona Efraim Feldbaum. The Israeli army claims he was hit by sniper fire targeting an excavator. I think that's code for he was in the process of destroying civilian infrastructure with heavy machinery. And then as the subheading here notes Israel responded with retaliatory strikes, said to kill over 100. And the military says that "30 terror commanders were targeted". Gee, I wonder who the 70 other victims were of this genocidal onslaught. So the resistance, and here I'm referring in particular to Hamas, immediately and vigorously denied that it was behind the killing of this Israeli terrorist. And here you can see a statement issued immediately after the claim was put out by Israel's genocide forces. Hamas stated: "We affirm that we have no connection to the shooting incident in Rafah. We affirm our commitment to the ceasefire agreement. The criminal bombing carried out by the Israeli occupation army on areas of the Gaza Strip represents a blatant violation of the cease fire agreement signed in Sharm El-Sheikh under the auspices of US President Trump. This terrorist attack is an extension of the series of violations committed in recent days, including attacks which resulted in martyrs and wounded and the continued closure of the Rafah crossing, confirming the insistence on violating the terms of the agreement and making it fail. We call on the mediating guarantors" – that's what they are supposed to be, Qatar, Turkey, and Egypt, and Trump – "to act immediately to pressure Israel in curbing its brutal escalation against civilians in the Gaza Strip, stop its serious violations of the ceasefire agreement, and urge it to adhere to all of its terms".

Now, I'm in no position to say with any confidence who's lying here. Obviously, they can't both be telling the truth. I can't tell you that I know for sure whether this Israeli terrorist was killed by Hamas or by somebody else, but here's what I can tell you: First, Israel's genocidal regime is a pathological liar. Second, Israel's genocidal regime has made no secret of its

desire to escalate its slaughter of the Palestinian population of Gaza. And third, Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza had ample justification for killing this Israeli terrorist because as I'm going to discuss, Israel has violated repeatedly and on every single day since the ceasefire came into effect on October 11th, its agreement with Hamas. And finally, even if Israel is telling the truth, and even if Hamas had no justification for killing the Israeli terrorist, which I deny, Israel has no plausible justification for responding to the killing of the terrorist by massacring over 100 Palestinians.

Now, let's turn to the latest statement from the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza. The Western media likes to refer to this as the "Hamas-run Health Ministry". The fact of the matter is, though, that all indications are that this ministry is run by medical professionals and professional hospital administrators. And whether or not they're sympathetic to Hamas, they have proven over time to be a reliable source of information as to the levels of casualties being incurred by the Palestinian population in Gaza. And if anything, history has proven their estimates of the death toll and the wounded to be quite conservative. So this report issued today, October 29th, a few hours ago, states that 104 martyrs including 46 children – I repeat, 46 children – 20 women, and 253 injuries had reported or been reported to the hospitals of Gaza, the few ones that remain functioning, in the prior 24 hours. And since the ceasefire on October 11th, the ministry states: 211 Palestinians have been killed by Israel. Total injuries are almost 600 and the total retrieved bodies are 482. And this is without the heavy machinery that Israel committed to allow into the Gaza Strip for the reconstruction purposes and for the recovery of the dead. Note, eight martyrs, they say, were retrieved before the recent escalation. So they're pointing out there, there are now likely to be other people under the rubble as a result of this most recent spasm of savagery on the part of the Israeli military.

Now, apparently, Israel's genocidal regime believes that the life of one Israeli terrorist who's in the Gaza Strip helping to perpetrate a genocide is worth at least 100 Palestinian lives, at least 46 of whom are children. Today's report from the Gaza Health Ministry also discloses that the total number of Palestinians killed since the so-called ceasefire went into effect, as I mentioned, is 211. That works out to an average of 12 Palestinians killed by Israel for every day that the ceasefire has been in effect. Now, I don't know about you, but that doesn't sound like no ceasefire to me. Rather in all the circumstances, this is simply a shift from genocide plus to genocide light. Now, why do I say that Israel had no justification for these massacres even if Hamas killed the Israeli terrorist? And even if Hamas didn't have a lawful basis to do so? The reason is simply that the innocent should never pay for the offenses of the guilty. No person with a minimal conscience would suggest that in response to the killing of this Israeli terrorist, it was appropriate for Israel to massacre at least 66 Palestinian children and women, none of whom have any control whatsoever over the actions of Hamas. No one would think that these principles are in doubt. It should be obvious to anyone who purports to be a humanitarian, to believe in equality, and to be a journalist. But in the Western corporate media, these principles apparently mean nothing.

Here is an alert that was issued by the Toronto Star, one of Canada's most widely read newspapers, shortly after Israel began its genocide plus overnight yesterday. As you'll see here, the headline of the alert is: *Ceasefire tested as Netanyahu orders Israeli army to carry out "powerful strikes" in Gaza*. "The order from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu follows heightened tensions as Israel reported Hamas firing on its forces in southern Gaza and after Hamas returned a set of remains that Israel said belonged to a hostage recovered early in the war." No, Toronto Star. It wasn't "testing" the ceasefire, Israel was violating the ceasefire. And notice also that the Toronto Star makes no reference to the fact that Israel has been violating the ceasefire every single day since the ceasefire was entered into on October 11th, nor does the headline or the subheading disclose that Hamas immediately denied that it was responsible for the killing of the Israeli terrorists, nor does the the article acknowledge that the so-called soldiers are tasked with performing acts of terrorism on a daily basis, even during the period of the ceasefire.

After carrying out these massacres, Israel's genocidal regime claimed that it had returned to the ceasefire. It apparently left it momentarily and decided to come back. Apparently Netanyahu and his cabal of racist psychopaths think that a ceasefire agreement is like hotel accommodation. Israel can check in and out of the ceasefire hotel whenever it pleases, and it can do so even without reserving a room. If the hotel needs to expel a guest to accommodate Israel's last-minute check-in, then so be it. But serious actors in international relations do not view ceasefire agreements as something that they can exit and return to whenever they want. I have seen no statement from any resistance group, despite all of this, that the groups intend to retaliate for Israel's latest crimes. On the contrary, all of them are talking about the need to preserve the ceasefire such as it is. So yet again, we see how restrained resistance groups are relative to Israel and its murderous Western backers.

Now, last night's slaughter is not the only way in which Israel has violated the ceasefire. Israel also continues to obstruct humanitarian aid into the Strip and fails to meet its commitment to allow at least 600 aid trucks per day. I don't believe it's come close to meeting that commitment on any day since October 11th. In addition, Israel continues to re-arrest Palestinian prisoners whom it agreed to liberate under the ceasefire agreement. Here is a report on the Resistance News Network that the Israeli military re-arrested the liberated prisoner Zain Al-Barghouthi from the town of Kobar, north of Ramallah. Zain had been released as part of the prisoner exchange deal under the ceasefire agreement. And believe me, if Israel had told Hamas that it was simply going to re-arrest the people whom it had liberated, I'm quite confident that Hamas would never agree to liberate the last 20 prisoners of war in its custody.

And here is another report of a re-arrest that was published on the Resistance News Network. "PA Security Forces re-arrested the liberated prisoner Hashem Muhammad Hamdan in Qalqilya at his workplace. Hamdan previously served four years –" so he's now, you know, trying to reintegrate into Palestinian society. He's got a job apparently. And "Hamdan previously served for years in occupation prisons and a little over a month in the Palestinian Authority prisons, the prisons of the collaborationist regime, before his recent release and

subsequent redetention by the treacherous Palestinian Authority". So here it's not Israel that's doing the re-arrest, but rather its proxy, the Palestinian authority. And then they go on to say that "in yet another incident Security Forces in Jenin arrested high school student Saher Al-Atrash after assaulting him while he was leaving school in Kafr Ra'i". And by Security Forces, I think the reference here is to the police of the Palestinian Authority. This by the way, is not by any means an exhaustive list of all the liberated detainees whom Israel or its Palestinian proxy have re-arrested since the ceasefire agreement was entered into. And this really is, as I say, a violation of the very heart of the agreement because it was the release of these prisoners – what else did the Palestinians get out of it other than the release of the prisoners and some vague assurances that Israel would stop the genocide?

Now, on top of all this, Israel also murdered another Palestinian journalist within the last couple of days. This is a statement from the Government Media Office. It announced "The martyrdom of journalist Muhammad Al-Munirawi in Gaza. This raises the number of journalists killed by the occupation to 256 since the start of the genocide. The office condemns the systematic targeting of media personnel by the IOF". Now, not that it needs to be said, but if you claim to be a journalist in the West and you aren't condemning the mass slaughter of Palestinian journalists, then frankly, they should drum your ass out of the industry forthwith.

What else is Israel doing to make a mockery of this ceasefire? Well, the UN Population Fund issued a dire warning about the state of the civilian population in Gaza and here's a look at what the UN Populations Fund had to say. It warned that "severe malnutrition among pregnant women and infants in Gaza will have long-term effects on future generations as Israel's war devastates the health system and causes extreme food and medicine shortages. Around 70%" – 70%! – "of newborns are now underweight or premature compared to 20% before the war". 20% itself is a shocking number. And that was the effect of years of Israel's inhumane siege of Gaza and its repeated mowings of the lawn. And they go on to say that "neonatal units operate at 170% of capacity. The Fund said malnutrition is the main threat amid the collapse of 94 % of the hospitals with only 15 % of facilities providing emergency maternity care. It also noted rising maternal deaths, high risk pregnancies, increasing gender-based violence, including early marriage, stressing that over a quarter of Gaza's population faces hunger, among them about 11,500 pregnant women". And I just want to stress here that one of the five categories of crimes that the Genocide Convention specifies as a basis for refining of genocide is creating conditions that impede the reproductive capacities of women of the targeted population. Clearly, Israel is engaging in that nefarious activity amongst numerous others specified in Article 2 of the Genocide Convention."

Now on top of all this, Mondoweiss reported yesterday that Israel has been using women as human shields in occupied Palestine, including in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. And here is the headline from the Mondoweiss article. And you'll see there the subheading: "Throughout the Gaza genocide, testimonies have documented the Israeli army's use of Palestinian women as human shields. These are not isolated acts, but part of a systematic practice known to Israeli commanders and acknowledged by its soldiers". And as

Mondoweiss correctly explains, quote: "International law prohibits the exploitation or use of individuals protected under the fourth Geneva Convention, as the populations of the occupied territories are, and specifically, this is prohibited under Articles 28 and 29 of the Geneva Convention. And international humanitarian law grants women special protection", says Mondoweiss, "during times of conflict, recognizing that women in particular are exposed to specific forms of violence. Accordingly, they require additional safeguards, both because they are mothers and because they are more vulnerable to sexual violence."

Now, on Reason2Resist, the Israeli practice of using women as human shields is something we reported on in March of last year when I traveled to the occupied West Bank to do on the ground reporting during the month of Ramadan. During my time in the West Bank in March 2024, I visited the Jenin refugee camp on multiple occasions with my dear friend, Rehab Nazzal. For those of you who don't know Rehab, she first came to my attention when she was a doctoral student in Canada and at that time, while pursuing doctoral studies, she came back to her native Palestine for a few months. And in Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank one day, she was documenting, simply using her camera, the nefarious practice of the Israeli military spewing noxious sewage onto the homes of Palestinians. And while she was photographing this she was shot in the leg by an Israeli sniper. Her older brother was massacred by the Mossad in the streets of Athens decades earlier. They claimed him to be a terrorist as all people who put up resistance to the Israeli regime are deemed to be. He was shot in the face in the streets of Athens. The perpetrators were never apprehended. Rehab, I think it's fair to say, is a person of absolutely extraordinary courage. And one of the most interesting things she ever said to me – Rehab is a secularist. She's never told me what political factions she supports in Palestine, if any. But if I had to guess, it would be a secular left-wing political faction. And I believe her brother was associated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. She herself does not wear a hijab. She, by all appearances, is a person who is secular in nature. And she told me recently that she actually felt freer in the Gaza Strip than she felt in the West Bank. Now, I think that's an interesting commentary coming from a woman, a secular woman, in occupied Palestine. Because, of course, we're told all the time that women are subjected to brutal repression under the rule of Hamas in the Gaza Strip. That certainly wasn't the feeling that Rehab conveyed to me. But in any case, you should follow Rehab's work. She's recently produced and published a wonderful documentary that she pursued in the Gaza Strip just before the genocide began on children who were deaf and how they coped with the terror of the Israeli occupation, despite their disability.

Now, I mention all of these facts because when I went to the Jenin refugee camp in this report that I'm going to show you some excerpts from, I was accompanied by Rehab, who acted as our translator. And frankly, few people have actually watched this report because at the time that we published it in March of last year, we had just begun to establish Reason2Resist. At that point, we didn't even call it Reason to resist. It was just my personal YouTube channel and I just started doing some on the ground reporting. And so very few people have actually watched this video. But if you want to hear firsthand from a woman who was used as a human shield in the Jenin refugee camp during the genocide, I commend you to watch this report that we published. And I'm going to put a link to the complete report in the description

to this video. But here are some excerpts from the report which I think you'll find enlightening. And just to set the context, at the very beginning we are standing outside a damaged home in the Jenin refugee camp. What brought us to that home that morning was that Rehab's contacts in the camp reported to her that Israeli troops had stormed the house hours earlier. And we went there to find out what happened. So this report begins at the moment that we arrived at the front of the house.

DL: So this house was attacked this morning?

Rehab Nazzal (RN): This morning, there was a missile, a hand-held missile. So after they had the suhoor, preparing for the Ramadan, at 9, 9, 10 a.m. –

DL: This morning?

RN: This morning. This door was blown up. So no knocking, nothing.

DL: Was this part of the door?

RN: It is the door itself.

DL: It is the door, okay.

DL: Now just so you know what's going on here, when we climbed up the stairs and came in, what was the front door, immediately to our right, in the room where the father of the family is standing, that room was the bedroom for three of his sons. And it was there that the Israeli forces focused their attention. And as you'll hear, they beat the sons badly and kidnapped one of them.

DL: What happened then?

RN: They stormed inside, about 20 soldiers with uniform and also undercover with civilian clothes, and they started hitting them, hitting.

DL: Hitting whom?

RN: Him and his kids. They opened their heads. They were injured...

DL: They were bleeding from their heads?

RN: Three children.

DL: Three children, three sons? Sorry, was it three sons?

RN: Three sons, one of them 21 years old – they took him. Anyways, they start searching, destroying everything. They arranged and cleaned now, but they attacked everything, destroyed everything looking for weapons. They found a piece for them. They don't know whose it is. They even increased the hitting and the beating. Bleeding the children, and then they took the youngest.

DL: Is the picture of the one who was taken away here on the wall?

RN: This is the one who was arrested.

DL: Today, taken away?

RN: This is his friend, killed, his friend, killed, his friend, killed.

DL: Now, after interviewing the father in the bedroom and learning what had happened to his sons that day, we went into the kitchen where we spoke to the mother who's sitting on the table, and you'll see she has an injured finger.

RN: This friend, killed, this friend, killed. Ah, they held the woman as a human shield at the door.

DL: The Israeli soldiers took this lady as a human shield? And so did that cause the fighters to go away?

DL: So could you explain? Can you explain what happened?

RN: The Israeli is shot smoke bombs –

DL: Smoke bombs?

RN: Not tear gas – against the young men who were fighting. The young men, they didn't see her to stop. So the fighting was going on. And they escaped through the smoke, the Israelis.

DL: The Israelis escaped through the smoke? But she was taken temporarily as a human shield? So how did that happen exactly? Where did they take her?

RN: At the door.

DL: They took her to the door? And then how long were they holding her as a human shield, basically?

DL: Okay, so could you explain?

RN: Yeah, the whole time, they're saying. The whole time, they took her there at the door. And they said, when they see you, they won't shoot.

DL: So the whole time they were beating them, while the beating was happening – she was held basically as a human shield for an hour and a half.

RN: About an hour and a half.

DL: So there you have it folks. Minutes after this sordid attack had ended, we learned from the people who had endured it that as these soldiers, some 20 of them showed up, some in uniform, some in plain clothes, while they were beating the three sons of the mother and the father, they put the mother at the front door and held her there because they were concerned that other resistance fighters from the Jenin refugee camp would show up in an attempt to hold the Israeli baby killers to account for the abuses that they were inflicting upon this family. And they did not ultimately attack because the mother was standing at the door as a human shield and then the Israelis managed to escape with one of the sons when they used smoke bombs and sound bombs to create distraction and impede the visibility of any resistance fighters who might be in the vicinity.

The bottom line is that the ceasefire, as they call it, is more imaginary than real. The genocide continues. At best, Israel has gone from genocide plus to genocide light. And on at least two days since the cease fire was entered into on October 11th, Israel resumed genocide plus, including last night. None of these crimes have deterred Palestinian factions from seeking national unity, however. As Israel continues to inflict horrors on the Palestinian people, Palestinian factions from across the political spectrum met in Egypt to forge a national consensus in a time of genocide. And I'm going to show you the statement that they issued. This was put out on October 24th, I believe, after two days of meetings in Cairo. The attendees, it is said, agreed on the following: "1. Support and continue the implementation of the ceasefire agreement measures". So they're clearly saying we're not going to escalate, retaliate, and resume warfare despite the Israeli provocations. And they demand "withdrawal of occupation forces from the Gaza Strip". The forces of Israel continue to physically occupy over 50% of the Gaza strip. "The complete lifting of the siege", is another demand that they are making in unity. "The opening of all crossings, including Rafah, the entry of all humanitarian and health needs and the start of a comprehensive reconstruction process that restores normal life to the Strip and ends the suffering of the citizens. 2. Handing over the administration of Gaza Strip to a temporary Palestinian committee of independent technocrats from the Strip. This committee will manage daily affairs and basic services in cooperation with Arab brethren and international institutions on a basis of transparency and national accountability. An international committee shall be established to oversee the financing and implementation of the Strip's reconstruction while affirming the unity of the Palestinian political system and the independent national status."

This is quite a huge concession here, Hamas is – and this is something they've been saying for months that they were prepared to do – they are prepared to cede control over the

administration of the Gaza Strip to a committee of Palestinian technocrats, not foreign technocrats. And at the same time, they're saying that resistance groups, and it's not just Hamas, there are numerous other resistance groups operating the Gaza Strip will not give up their weapons. And they'll only do that once the Palestinian people have a state, at which point their military forces and their weaponry will be integrated into the National Army of the state of Palestine. And here is the balance of the statement. They agree that, "3. Taking all necessary measures to preserve security and stability in all parts of the Strip, emphasizing the importance of obtaining a UN resolution regarding the temporary UN forces to be formed to monitor the ceasefire". So they're agreeing to the formation of an international peacekeeping group under UN auspices to monitor the ceasefire. Not to occupy Gaza, it's important to specify that they're not authorizing anybody to do that, but to monitor the ceasefire sort of as UNIFIL does or is supposed to do in the south of Lebanon. It doesn't occupy the south of Lebanon, but it has troops there whose singular purpose is to monitor the agreements between the Lebanese resistance and the genocidal Israeli regime.

The fourth principle they agree to is: "4. Calling for an end to all forms of torture and violations against prisoners and occupation prisons and the necessity of obligating the occupation to relevant international laws and conventions. They affirmed that the cause of the prisoners will remain at the top of our priorities until their freedom is achieved. 5. Continuing joint work to unify visions and positions to confront the challenges facing the Palestinian cause. This includes calling for an urgent meeting of all Palestinian forces and factions to agree on a national strategy and to activate the Palestine Liberation Organization". This is very interesting. They all want to reactivate the Palestine Liberation Organization, "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, so that it includes all components and active forces of our Palestinian people". So Hamas is clearly not taking the position that it is the dominant force and should be accorded the right to rule over the Palestinians, which apparently Mahmoud Abbas fanatically believes he and he alone is entitled to do, despite the fact that his term expired over a decade ago and he has zero democratic legitimacy and is deeply unpopular amongst Palestinians. The position of Hamas is, you know, "we want to remain a participant in the political process in Palestine. We won't give up our weapons. We don't think other resistance groups should give up their weapons until Palestine has a state with an army to defend its people. But we are not at all determined to be in charge and we're happy for a revived Palestinian liberation organization to do that".

And then they go on to say at the end: "The attendees concluded their dialogue by emphasizing that time is critical and the current moment is fateful. They affirm to the Palestinian people their commitment to making this a true turning point towards national unity". And I think that this is really quite wise on part of all of these resistance groups. We're all familiar with the maxim "divide-and-conquer". It is a principle that Western powers and their proxies in the region have applied with ruthless efficiency for the purpose of dominating the peoples of West Asia. And if they're going to have any hope, the peoples in the Region, in overcoming Western hegemony and imperialism, they must be united. So I think I commend the resistance groups for prioritizing the forging of a national consensus.

At the end of the day, it remains the case, as I said, that the genocide is not over, it is ongoing, and it simply fluctuates in intensity from one day to the next. Every one of us has a vital role to play in ending this horror show. Do not allow yourselves to be placated by talk of a ceasefire. Even if the resistance uses that language for political purposes, for diplomatic purposes, we can see that on the Israeli side, there is no ceasefire, none that they're willing to respect. And as I've said before, we must escalate the pressure and can escalate the pressure so that our governments stop enabling their Zionist attack dog.

Finally, while I'm on the subject of Zionist attack dogs, yesterday I debated Daniel Lazare on the Jamarl Thomas Show. Daniel is an author, a political commentator, he identifies himself as a journalist and he studied at Columbia University. He's written extensively about the US Constitution, although he is not a lawyer. And the background to this debate is that a couple of weeks ago, Jamarl invited me onto his program to talk about the future of the Palestine cause. Lazare, whom I had never met or even heard of prior to that time, was interviewed immediately after me and he was in the studio, waiting to be let into the conversation as I concluded my remarks. So he heard the very end of my remarks. And as soon as he was let into the studio and the interview began he went out of his way to talk about the things that I had said and he referred to me as a fool and an idiot and scoffed at the notion that the Palestinians were winning and he completely mischaracterized my position. And then he said "I'd love to debate this guy, but I'm very skeptical he would accept my debate challenge".

Now I didn't hear any of this at the time. Members of Jamarl's audience who watch Reason2Resist brought this to my attention, at which point I had a conversation with Jamarl and I advised him that not only would I be willing and happy to debate Lazare, but in fact, earlier this year I had issued a challenge to what I regard as the 25 most accomplished and respected Zionist lawyers in Canada to debate me on the question of whether Israel is committing genocide. And not a single one of them accepted my challenge. So I was only too happy to take on Daniel in this debate. And so we had the debate yesterday. I have published the debate or a link to it in the post section of our YouTube channel. I'm going to take a link to the full debate and put it in the description of this video. I do commend it to you. For what it's worth Jamarl advised me after the debate that he had conducted a poll of audience members and 89% of those who responded said that I had won. Frankly, I'm deeply hurt that 11% didn't think I had won. I jest, of course. Frankly, I found some of the comments that Mr. Lazare had to make were quite surprising, and I do commend the full debate to you in part for that reason.

And although Mr. Lazare, interestingly, referred to Zionism as an ideology of Jewish supremacy and did criticize Israel, I myself am of the view – I don't know whether he would characterize himself as a liberal Zionist, I certainly believe that he is. And part of the reason that I say that is because he was spewing some of the core talking points of the Israeli regime throughout the debate and used relentlessly a very standard practice of Zionist propagandists when they take on people who are critics of Israel. I call this tactic "the Zionist two-step". So what is the Zionists two-step? The first step of the Zionist two-step, as soon as your opponent begins to criticize Israel, you change the subject and start talking about Hamas. That's the

first step. The second step is to characterize Hamas as the most evil and dangerous force in all the world today. And you make the preposterous claim that Israel is not only protecting the Jewish people as a whole from destruction by taking on Hamas, but it's also protecting all of humanity, because all of humanity is threatened by this sinister organization. That's the Zionist two-step. Daniel Lazare used that tactic liberally throughout. But as I say, there were some interesting admissions and theories that he put forward during the one-hour debate. So, I hope that you do find it informative and I encourage you to make your own decision as to who won that debate. At the end of the day, what matters here, having said all of that, is not winning debates but winning the struggle for Palestinian liberation. And I know that all of you feel strongly about that cause and I remain firmly of the view, despite anything that Daniel Lazare has to say, that the Palestinian cause is winning and that the Palestinian people will see freedom in our lifetimes. This is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you from Montreal, Canada on October 29th, 2025.

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