

# We Need to Call it What it Is

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Words are very powerful. I may be wrong, but calling what Israel is doing with regard to members of Hamas a "war" is a mistake in my opinion. The people who attacked the small community near the southern border of Israel on October 7th, 2023 are murderers pure and simple. Murderers must be tracked down, captured and brought to justice.

The fact that these murders have been using Palestinians as human shields to facilitate their atrocious actions must be dealt with as carefully as any law enforcement entities would do when in hot pursuit of dangerous criminals.

Could the pursuit of members of Hamas currently being conducted by Israel's armed forces be done in such a way as to protect Palestinians while, at the same time, effectively capturing or otherwise neutralizing members of Hamas in order to prevent those Hamas members from continuing to commit the murderous activities that their brother and sister Hamas members committed on October 7th, 2023?

Perhaps there is.

But, until such a method is developed, the pursuit of these murderers who are members of Hamas must continue with all due diligence and energy. The lives of innocent people depend on it.

By the way, Hamas not only has the

Jewish People on its list of those to kill, i.e. on it's "Hit List." Along with the Jewish People, Hamas includes followers of Jesus, who was, after all, Jewish, on their list of targets who they have also promised to kill. It seems that nobody remembers to bring that up in all the talks, programs and articles dealing with this situation.

Safety first must, of course, be the order of the day.

With that in mind, if the law enforcement troops who are currently trying to track down members of Hamas could stop people who they encounter and do a background check on them, they could then send Palestinians to a safe zone and could arrest the members of Hamas without any collateral damage.

How that could be done safely while other members of Hamas might be hiding nearby and waiting for an opportunity to do damage, is a question that needs to be addressed.

I keep thinking about what could be done to keep law enforcement troops safe while hunting down members of Hamas who are shielding themselves by keeping Palestinians in front of and around them. But, everything I come up with would involve a great deal of intricate synchronization between members of the government forces, which would take a great deal of time, and which would give members of Hamas more time to improve

their hiding places or to launch other attacks on innocent people.

I am wondering if it would be possible or how we could to put the "situation" before experts in combat, such as the leadership at the United States Military Academy, to have such experts develop a plan of attack that would work and, at the same time, keep the Israeli troops safe and protect Palestinians who they encounter along the way.

Instead of condemning and criticizing Israel, what other humanitarian based nations might do to help is to come up with a solution or solutions to the problem as I have just presented it and, then, offer their own troops to help do the job that needs to be done, and done now, i.e. to capture the members of Hamas and to bring them to justice.

There is a connected issue that needs to be addressed better than it has been. Palestinians protesters: What is their message? Are they saying stop the "war" against Hamas or are they saying, Palestinians are NOT Hamas and need to be protected even while Hamas is using them as shields so that members of Hamas can continue to escape capture and, thereby, to continue their attacks against Jewish people.

If it can be determined that Palestinians are willingly serving as shields in support of the members of Hamas who were the

perpetrators of the October 7th massacre and who have been and still are willingly to let themselves, their family members and even their children die to protect the members of Hamas from being stopped from doing their evil deeds, then those Palestinians are just as guilty as their Hamas brethren.

All those throughout the world who demonstrate in favor of the Palestinians are making a statement. We need to know what the message of their statement really is.

Is their message that Palestinians are innocent bystanders and need to be saved. Or, is their message, stop going after members of Hamas because they are our compatriots.

It is important to get these issues clarified. But, frankly, coming up with the battle strategy discussed above, to be able to know who is a Palestinian and who is a member of or a supporter of Hamas, would deal with this issue at the very same time.

Words are indeed powerful. Let us please clarify things as I have requested and suggested we do and to be exacting in stating what was done and what is being done and by whom and let us do what needs and must be done to bring the guilty to judgment and to finally and in perpetuity protect the innocent.

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