

To the Atlanta Journal Constitution

Dear AJC,

Whenever there is an incident involving Israel, your headlines and text focus on the Israeli response and not the Hamas/ Hezbollah initial attack. Every Hamas militant becomes a civilian. Every statement from Hamas' Gaza Health Ministry is taken as fact. When Israeli statements are given, they are put in quotes to reduce credibility, or doubted in some other way. Articles on the Middle East that have little to do with Israel always include subsections against Israel. The thousands of terror attacks on Israelis from the West Bank could be on another planet. For example an Israeli (a father of six) immersing in a mikveh was shot by a Palestinian terrorist yesterday and later died

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-909173>

The 377 000 deaths from the Saudi-Houthi war are never mentioned, but Hamas casualty claims are mentioned almost every day. Today you even multiplied them by 10.

Sunday's issue includes

(1) "Saudi Arabia issues first alert in the capital since escalation" (Sep 20, page A5, from AP) It is good to see that the Saudi-Houthi war is actually covered, but the fact that over 377 000 people have died in the Saudi-Houthi war is never mentioned. Of course casualties from the latest fighting are not mentioned at all. I saw a BBC article that mentioned hundreds killed in the Houthi's capture of another port. Instead the opening paragraph asserts that "Israeli strikes killed three people in Gaza". Ah yes, only Israel kills people, and they are all civilians.

Later we are told that since the ceasefire last October, **"Israeli fire has killed more than 13, 780 Palestinians in Gaza since then**, according to Gaza's Health Ministry". This is a straight lie, that defies even Hamas' casualty claims. Hamas has claimed about 1370 deaths since then. Go look it up yourself. Israeli sources list hundreds of militants, including many Hamas commanders.

Why is the claimed casualty count on the side that started the war mentioned almost every day, but not in any other conflict?

Why is there never mention of the damage and deaths in Israel since Hamas and Hezbollah started their wars?

Why is there never mention of the 50 000+ rockets fired at Israel from multiple countries?

Why is there never mention of the 377 000+ dead in the Saudi-Houthi war, the 150 000+ dead in the last two years in Sudan (with millions killed before) the 600 000+ dead in the Syrian civil war, the tens of thousands killed by the Iranian regime in a single month this year in Iran, ...?

There is also

(2) "Israeli president pardons ex-soldier who killed incapacitated Palestinian" (Sep 20, page A8, from Daily News Digest)

As always all the context of the incident is omitted, and the snippet is chosen to slant against Israel.

How long will it take to mention the thousands of terror attacks from the West Bank?

How long will it take to mention the PA is still rewarding terror attacks, despite claiming not to do so?

How long will it take to mention that Mahmoud Abbas is in the 21st corrupt and oppressive year of a four year term?

How long will it take to mention Hamas' execution of opponents and its refusal to meet any of the terms of the ceasefire?

Saturday's edition included

(3) "Building collapse sign of hardships plaguing Gazans" "Tragedy that killed 21 Palestinians exposes cost of stalled reconstruction" (Sep 19, page A2, by Wafaa Shurafa and Sam Metz of AP). There is not a word that Hamas has refused to meet the terms of the ceasefire to which it agreed (most notably disarming). Nor that it continues to seize aid. There is not a word that the 300 miles of underground tunnels that made buildings in Gaza less stable. Nor that Hamas started the war and fired from all civilian institutions. Just compare this to the brief snippet on the mosque attack in Pakistan that killed 21.

Sunday's edition lists Dara Horn's new book on antisemitism as no. 6 on the NY Times list of best selling books. If you read her books, you will see that the decades long demonization of Israel, and distortions on events involving it, by media such as AP, are spreading antisemitism. No other conflict is covered this way.

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