

RE: August 27, 2026 "A genocide scholar asks 'what went wrong' in Israel," podcast featuring Omer Bartov.

*Bartov and The Globe Help Hamas Invert Reality*

To the Editor:

Hamas' genocidal charter states their goal of killing every Jew. When Hamas invaded Israel on Oct 7, 2023, they murdered, raped and abducted as many Jews as possible as part of jihad (holy war).

Hamas intentionally stores its weapons within and under kindergartens, hospitals, mosques and civilian homes. According to international law, once combatants use civilian areas to stage attacks, these areas become legitimate war targets. Hamas has allowed a total of ZERO civilians to seek shelter underground in Hamas' > 350-mile subterranean war fortress.

War expert US Major John Spencer has said the IDF has done more to prevent civilian casualties than any army in history and has caused the lowest civilian-to-combatant death ratio in modern warfare.

So, let's get this straight, Hamas terrorists begin a holy war of extermination of Jews, and an Israeli general clearly stated in an interview that Israel intended to wipe out Hamas. The IDF has done everything in its power to protect Gazan civilians, and Hamas does everything in its power to cause civilian death. Falsely accusing Israel of the very heinous crime Hamas sought to commit is moral inversion of epic proportion.

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