

RE Wall Street Journal, August 19, 2026 Israeli Military investigating combat incidents involving civilian deaths

*Context Matters*

To the editor:

It's exceptionally sad if innocent civilians are mistaken for terrorists in Gaza. One could see how that could easily happen, though.

Hamas often hides within and behind civilian structures like schools, mosques, hospitals and ambulances to carry out attacks. Furthermore, of the more than 350 miles of underground fortified military complexes Hamas built—complexes large enough to fit almost half of Gaza's entire population—not one Gazan civilian has been allowed to seek shelter there.

Additionally, Egypt controls a border with Gaza, yet Egypt refuses to allow Gazans to escape from Hamas. Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey possess tremendous wealth and/or power in the region. What's stopping them from chartering planes and taking all Gazan civilians out of harm's way?

Hamas is a death cult which rejoices in dead civilians to achieve their religious objectives.

What's the Arab community's excuse?

Sincerely,

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