

Israel has been accused, and is still being accused, of carrying out a 'genocide' against the Palestinian people of Gaza.

Genocides have occurred throughout history, including into current times. The following are examples of more recent genocides:

1. **The Circassian Genocide**. In the 18th and 19th centuries (culminating in the 1860s), Tsarist Russia carried out an intentional and systematic killing and expulsion of the Circassian people from their lands. 1.5 million people were killed outright, starved to death or expelled through brutal death marches – over 90% of the Circassian population.

2. **The Armenian Genocide**. During WW1 the Turkish government targeted the Armenian people basically seeking to exterminate them. Many were slaughtered outright while most died of starvation and disease on a forced death march. Estimates vary but it is likely that over 1 million Armenians died, with only around 50 thousand remaining in Turkey today.

3. **The Jewish Genocide (Holocaust)**. 6 million Jews butchered by the Nazi regime in WW2. Hitler sought the complete extermination of the Jewish people.

4. **The Rwanda Genocide**. 1994. A section of the majority Hutu tribe in Rwanda killed over 800 thousand people of the Tutsi tribe, with the intent of wiping them out of existence.

Do Israel's actions toward the Palestinian people in Gaza at all look like the above examples?

Around 70000 Palestinians are reported (by Hamas) to have died, of a population of over 2million. Likely

over 20000 of them were Hamas fighters. The ratio of civilian deaths to fighters is extremely low compared to other wars, showing that Israel tried hard to avoid killing civilians. In fact, as is well known, the Israeli Defence Force on a number of occasions dropped leaflets on the civilian population to alert them of impending military action. Is this the action of a country with genocidal intent?

Claims were made that Israel was trying to starve the rest of the people through holding up shipments of food. Wild claims were made about mass malnutrition among the Palestinian children. These claims have all proven to be false. Malnutrition levels are lower now than before the conflict. The people have plenty to eat!

This is not to say that the Israeli Defence Force, or **Israeli government** haven't at times acted badly, but theirs is not genocidal action. **If they were acting with genocidal intent they have done a lousy job.**

What is often lost sight of is that Israel is the one nation in the world that for decades has been under existential threat. When the Jews were offered by the UN a tiny bit of poorly performing land in Palestine the surrounding Arab Muslim nations / peoples said 'NO'. When Israel declared itself a nation in 1948, they were immediately attacked by the Muslim Arab nations around them. Further attempts to destroy Israel occurred in 1967 and 1973. Ongoing attempts by Israel through the years to negotiate a two-state solution, so that the Arab Palestinian people could have their own nation, have only ever been met with a resounding 'NO'. All along, Muslim nations and peoples have not wanted Israel to exist, and have acted to try and obliterate Israel.

Does this not begin to sound something like genocidal intent and action against Israel? It is a known fact that during WW2 the Grand Mufti (Muslim religious leader) of Jerusalem visited Hitler, and, greatly approving of the mass extermination of Jews, sought an undertaking by Hitler to assist in exterminating the Jews in Palestine. **The Grand Mufti wanted to commit genocide!**

The Islamic worldview is fundamentally anti-Jewish and anti-Israel. Islamic writings often highlight Jews / 'Zionists' as enemy number 1. Their writings identify **all** non-Muslims, including Christians, as enemies because of their failing to submit to Mohammad and Islam.

Though Christianity, like Islam, will also oppose all religious systems and worldviews that stand against the truth as they see it, Christianity expresses its opposition in a radically different way. The Christian is called to be an 'ambassador of Jesus Christ' by proclaiming Jesus to the world. They will do so with the belief and prayer that the Spirit of God will convict hearts and draw people out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. **This is the Christian's 'holy war'. It is non-violent in nature.**

Whilst Muslims will also seek to win hearts and minds to 'Allah' through proclaiming their faith, they are also directed through their Quran and Hadith and other writings to wage physical war against the 'unbelievers' in order to compel conversion, but also to establish Islamic political governance over peoples and nations. There are Islamic writings that make clear how inappropriate it is for Muslims to be governed by non-believers. **Even though the nation of Israel occupies such a small amount of land**

compared to the Muslim world around it, still it is intolerable to many in Islam that Jews govern land that was previously under Muslim Ottoman rule.

It would be wrong to claim that all Muslims seek the death of Jewish people. Many Muslims would not have such genocidal intent. Widespread however would be the longing for Israel to be demolished as a nation, and for Jews to be expelled or come back under Islamic rule as subjugated people. Research shows high percentages of Muslims want 'Sharia law' in their country, pointing to their desire for Islam to rule politically.

There is another aspect of Islamic doctrine that is critical in understanding why Israel continues to be violently attacked – 'Mahdism'. Both Shia and Sunni Muslims believe that the 'Mahdi' will return in the end times to set up Islamic rule over the world. The current Islamic government in Iran belong to the 'Twelver' Shia branch of Islam. They believe that the 12th Muslim ruler in the family line of Mohammad never died but was taken aside / hidden from the world – the Mahdi. The Twelver Shias in Iran believe that one of the impediments to the Mahdi returning is the ongoing existence of Israel. It is imperative therefore that they destroy Israel to trigger the end times Mahdi return.

The US and other nations have sought to ensure that Iran never develops a nuclear weapon. There is an understanding that Iran would use the weapon if they had it, even if it triggered WW3 and brought destruction on their own people.

This belief system around the Mahdi only further points to an Islamic genocidal mindset.

The Iran Shia government has long supported and equipped Hezbollah and Hamas in Lebanon and Gaza, to keep attacking Israel. In their charter Hamas makes it clear that they are not interested in nation building; they are not interested in trying to build a material quality of life for their people. All they want to do is destroy Israel. To that end they will readily destroy their own people. When Hamas invaded Israel on Oct 7 2023 and slaughtered all the men, women and children they could find (apart from keeping some captives), they did that with the intention of bringing the Israeli Defence Force down upon their own people. They wanted their own people to be killed in order to bring world sympathy, and to bring world powers against Israel. Hamas spent billions, not helping their own people, but building a massive network of tunnels under the civilian population. These tunnels kept fighters and their weapons safe, while leaving the civilian population exposed above ground. It was reported that Hamas would at times prevent Palestinian citizens from evacuating conflict areas, so as to use them as human shields and create more civilian casualties.

Islamic belief and practice means there will never be peace in the Middle East. Muslims will continue to attack Israel seeking its annihilation. **It is not Israel who are carrying out genocide, or who are genocidal in belief and intent.**

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Genocide In Gaza?

