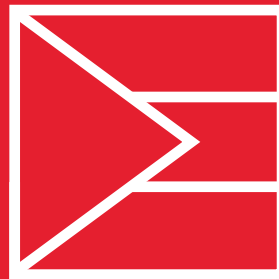


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“If there were not an Israel, we’d have to invent one.”

US President Joe Biden
October 2022.¹



US Military Aid to Israel, 1970-2024²



*Data is adjusted to constant 2024 dollars using the price index for the first half of fiscal year 2024.

Note: Amounts for FY 2024 are from the March 23 appropriations bill and April 26 aid bill and are preliminary. The April bill included an additional \$5.4B for procuring and replacing weapons in U.S. stocks which is not included in this chart. Data for prior fiscal years is from foreignassistance.gov, with missile defence included starting in 2006 using data from the Congressional Research Service.

Sources: USAID; Congressional Research Service; Bureau for Economic Analysis via Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Graph Source: Council on Foreign Relations

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Historical Overview of the Relationship between US and Israel



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Historical Overview of the Relationship Between US and Israel

The US has been the central political, economic, and military force propping up Israel between 1948 and today.³

Israel is a key financier of the US military industrial complex, and the US main outpost for advancing US foreign policy objectives in the Middle East.⁴

Political Ties

The US was the first state to recognise the settler-imposed government of Israel in 1948.⁵ Both the Democrat and Republican parties staunchly support Israel and have had numerous representatives funded by the pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC.⁶

These political ties manifest in favourable US economic and military deals with Israel, and US cover for Israel at an international diplomatic level.⁷

The US has recognised the occupied Syrian Golan Heights as a non-occupied Israeli sovereign territory, occupied Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and in 2018, moved its “embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem.”⁸

The US has used its United Nations Security Council veto to prevent condemnation of Israel 49 times, amounting to over half of all US Security Council vetoes to date.⁹

Israel is the only country in the Middle East other than Egypt to be designated as a major non-NATO ally by the US.¹⁰

Military Ties

Military aid to Israel began in 1959.¹¹ Nearly all US ‘aid’ today goes toward funding Israel’s military, and the US has provisionally agreed through a memorandum of understanding to give Israel \$3.8 billion per year until 2028.¹²

US aid funds 15 percent of Israel’s defence budget.¹³

Most of the aid—around \$3.3 billion a year—is granted under the Foreign Military Financing program, which requires Israel to use the funds to purchase US military equipment and services, sustaining the US military industrial complex.¹⁴

Qualitative Military Edge (QME) underpins US military aid to Israel and was formally enshrined in US law in 2008.¹⁵ QME requires that the US government upholds Israel’s ability “to defeat any credible conventional military threat from any individual state or possible coalition of states or from non-state actors, while sustaining minimal damage and casualties”.¹⁶

The 2008 law mandates that the US does not allow any weapons it sells to other countries in the Middle East to compromise Israel’s QME.¹⁷ Accordingly, the US has had to provide Israel with offsetting weaponry as part of larger regional arms sales due to this law.¹⁸

QME has also ensured that Israel is the first in the region to receive access to the most advanced US weapons, such as the F-35 stealth fighter jet, of which Israel has 50.¹⁹

Historical Overview of the Relationship between US and Israel continued...

Financial Ties

Israel has been the largest recipient of US foreign aid since 1948, receiving approximately \$310 billion (adjusted for inflation) in total economic and military assistance.²⁰

The US is Israel's largest trading partner, with trade between the two amounting to around \$50 billion in 2023.²¹

Since 1972, the US has provided loan guarantees to Israel to assist with housing shortages, absorption of new Zionist settlers, and economic recovery.²²

In 1985, the US' first ever free trade agreement was signed with Israel.²³

Israeli purchases of weapons from US weapons manufacturers significantly boosts the US economy.²⁴

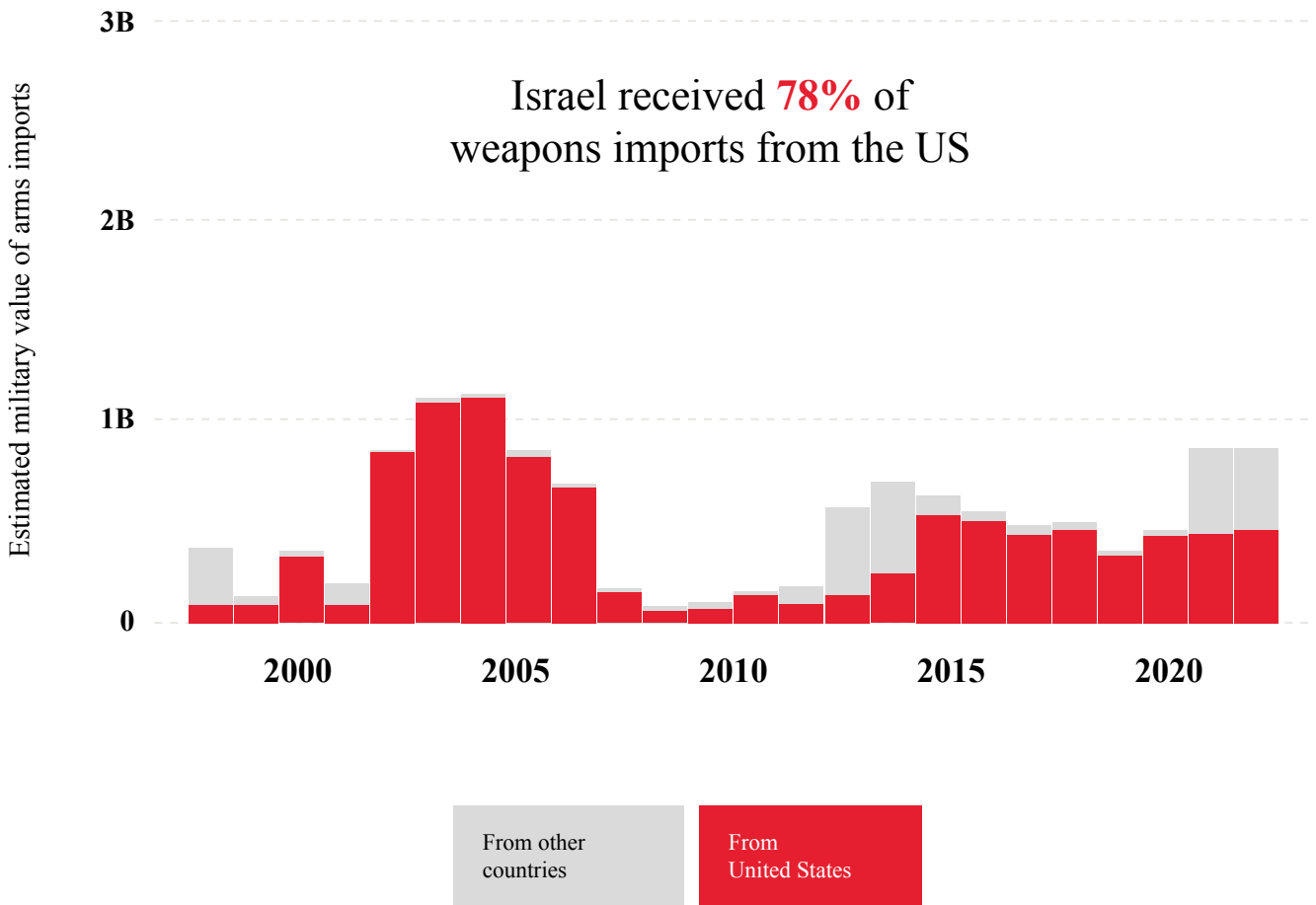
“If there were no Israel with [its military] force, we’d have to supply ... our own, so this isn’t just altruism on our part.”

Ronald Reagan²⁵
Former US President



Israeli Weapons Imports, 2000-2024²⁶

Israel is not the largest importer of U.S. arms, but 78% of its imports have come from the United States.



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The US as Israel's Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide



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The US as Israel’s Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide

Since 7 October 2023, the US government has provided Israel with \$17.9 billion in military aid and weapons transfers.²⁷

This funding breaks US domestic law. Under the Leahy Law, the US cannot provide security assistance to foreign governments or groups that commit gross human rights violations.²⁸

Most weapons transfers to Israel since October 2023 have been carried out by US Air Force cargo planes.²⁹

By 31 October 2024, the US Department of State’s Civilian Harm Incident Response Guidance had identified over 500 instances where US weapons were used by the IOF to kill Palestinian civilians.³⁰ To date, the US has failed to take any action to suspend weapons transfers and military assistance to Israel.³¹

Although the Biden administration has reportedly made more than one hundred military aid transfers to Israel since October 2023, only six have been made public.³²

Instances of US-made weapons killing Palestinians in Gaza

Israel’s Attack on al-Shifa Hospital

10 November 2023

The IOF used US-made AGM-114R9X Hellfire missiles to strike al-Shifa Hospital, killing dozens of Palestinians.³³

The AGM-114R9X is a non-explosive yet lethal missile due to its rotating blades that decapitate anyone within 3ft.³⁴

Israel’s murder of Hind Rajab and her family

29 January 2024

IOF tanks fired 335 rounds of ammunition at the car carrying Hind Rajab and six other members of her family, and at paramedic vehicles attempting to rescue Hind, who at the time, was the sole survivor of the attack on the family’s car.³⁵

Pieces of a US-made 120mm tank round were found at the scene of the crime, which killed Hind, her six family members, and the two paramedics.³⁶

The IOF’s airstrike on a Mosque in Deir al-Balah

6 October 2024

The IOF’s airstrike on a mosque in Dier al-Balah that killed 22 Palestinians and injured dozens more used a US-made Joint Direct Action Munition (JDAM), manufactured by weapons company Woodward, based in Colorado.³⁷

This was not the first time US JDAMS have been used in Gaza.³⁸ In December 2023, Israel used JDAMS to conduct two airstrikes on residential buildings in Gaza, killing 43 Palestinians, including 19 children.³⁹

The IOF’s airstrike in Hasbaya, Southern Lebanon

25 October 2024

The IOF’s airstrikes on a residential building housing Lebanese journalists in Hasbaya, southern Lebanon, killed three journalists.⁴⁰ One of the bombs used was a 500lb MK-80 series bomb guided by a US-made JDAM, with fragments being verified by three independent weapons experts.⁴¹

The US as Israel's Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide continued...

Killing journalists is a war crime.⁴² Under US law, if a state uses US weapons to commit war crimes, then the US must suspend military assistance to the state.⁴³ However, US weapons transfers to Israel have continued.⁴⁴

Israel's Helicopter Attack on Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital

9 November 2024

The IOF used a US-made Apache AH-64 Attack Helicopter and a US-made AGM-114 Hellfire Missile to bomb a hospital shelter in Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, killing and injuring dozens of Palestinians.⁴⁵

US Weapons Manufacturers

Under the stipulations of US government funding to Israel, Israel must purchase most of their weapons from US companies, sustaining the US-Israel military industrial complex.⁴⁶

US weapons manufacturers have supplied Israel with weapons used in war crimes.⁴⁷ For example, in October 2023, IOF used US-made white phosphorus in attacks on southern Lebanon.⁴⁸

The main US corporations supplying Israel with weapons are Lockheed Martin, RTX, Boeing, and General Dynamics.⁴⁹ All their stock market prices have increased significantly since October 2023.⁵⁰

AM GENERAL

AM General

- AM General, a US manufacturer of military equipment has provided the IOF with High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV or Humvee) used extensively in IOF attacks in Gaza.⁵¹

BOEING

Boeing

- Boeing supplies the IOF with F-15 fighter jets and Apache AH-64 attack helicopters, which the IOF has used extensively in its attacks on Gaza and Lebanon.⁵²
- Boeing also provides the IOF with Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) kits, which convert unguided bombs into guided munitions.⁵³
 - JDAMs were used by the IOF to bomb Jabalia refugee camp on 1 November 2023, killing hundreds of Palestinians.⁵⁴
 - JDAMs were also used by the IOF to kill 22 Palestinians in the al-Najjar Family Massacre and 19 Palestinians in the Abu Mu'eileq Family Massacre on 10 and 22 October 2023, respectively.⁵⁵
- Boeing also provides the IOF with 250-pound GBU-39 guided small diameter bombs.⁵⁶
 - The IOF used two of these bombs on 26 May 2024 in an attack on Tel al-Sultan refugee camp in Rafah that killed over 45 Palestinians.⁵⁷
- Immediately after 7 October 2023, Boeing expedited delivery of 1,000 small diameter bombs and another 1,800 JDAM kits to Israel.⁵⁸

The US as Israel's Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide continued...



Caterpillar

- Caterpillar supplies the IOF with D9 armoured bulldozers, which have been crucial for Israel's ground invasion of besieged Gaza, accompanying combat troops and paving their way by clearing roads and demolishing buildings.¹⁹⁰
- Since December 2023, the IOF has used Caterpillar D9 bulldozers and other heavy equipment to systematically destroy residential buildings and other property alongside the occupation border wall encircling the Gaza Strip, creating a half-a-mile-wide "buffer zone" over roughly 16% of the Strip's area.¹⁹¹
 - According to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, "extensive destruction of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly, amounts to a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and a war crime."¹⁹²
- On 16 December 2023, Israeli bulldozers ran over and crushed displaced Palestinians sheltering inside tents in Beit Lahia's Kamal Adwan Hospital courtyard, killing several Palestinians.¹⁹³



Day & Zimmermann

Day & Zimmermann

- Day & Zimmermann operate the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP), which provides the IOF with much of its artillery munitions, including 155mm rounds, fired by The IOF's M109 howitzer guns, and 120mm M830A1 High Explosive Anti-Tank (HEAT) rounds, fired by The IOF's Merkava battle tanks.⁵⁹
- In December 2023, the US government used emergency measures to send The IOF around 14,000 M830A1 tank rounds, without congressional review.⁶⁰ The transfer, from the existing inventory of the US military, was worth \$106.5 million, funded by US taxpayer money.⁶¹
- On 29 January 2024, The IOF tanks fired M830A1 rounds as part of their attack that killed 6-year-old Hind Rajab, her six family members, and the medics that attempted to rescue her.⁶² The serial number on an exploded round found inside the ambulance indicates that it was made at IAAP in November 1996.⁶³

The US as Israel's Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide continued...



General Dynamics

- General Dynamics is the only company in the US that makes the metal bodies for the MK-80 bomb series, one of the primary aerial munitions the IOF has used to bomb Gaza.⁶⁴
- The Israeli Air Force extensively uses 500-pound MK-82/BLU-111 bombs, 1,000-pound MK-83/BLU-110 bombs, and 2,000-lbs MK-84/BLU-109 bombs.⁶⁵
 - The explosion of a 2,000-pound bomb means instant death for anyone within 100 feet, with lethal fragments extending for up to 1,200 feet.⁶⁶
 - Between 7 October and 21 December 2023, the US sent Israel over 5,000 MK-84 bombs.⁶⁷
 - The IOF dropped more than 500 of these 2000-lb bombs in northern Gaza between October and November 2023.⁶⁸ Most devastatingly, on 1 November 2023, the IOF dropped one of these bombs on Jabalia refugee camp, killing hundreds of Palestinians.⁶⁹
 - The IOF dropped more than 208 of these 2000-lb bombs in southern Gaza between October and mid-November 2023, in areas where Israel had ordered civilians to move for safety.⁷⁰ These bombs were used by the IOF to massacre 24 members of the al-Najjar family.⁷¹
- General Dynamics is also the only company in the US to make 155mm calibre artillery shells, which have been used by the IOF in Gaza.⁷² Between 7 October and 25 November 2023, one IOF brigade fired over 10,000 of these shells.⁷³



General Motors

- General Motors provides the IOF with engines and transmission units for multiple vehicles.⁷⁴ The IOF purchases GM parts with US taxpayers' money, even if vehicles are made in occupied Palestine.⁷⁵



Lockheed Martin

- Lockheed Martin provides F-16 and F-35 fighter jets to the IOF, which have been used extensively to bomb Gaza.⁷⁶ The IOF also uses Lockheed Martin's C-130 Hercules transport planes to support the ground invasion of Gaza.⁷⁷
- Lockheed Martin also manufactures AGM-114 Hellfire missiles for IOF Apache helicopters.⁷⁸ Around 2,000 Hellfire missiles were shipped to Israel during the first month of the genocide in Gaza.⁷⁹
 - On 9 November 2023, the IOF bombed journalists sitting near al-Shifa Hospital with a Lockheed Martin Hellfire R9X missile, a version of the Hellfire that was developed by the CIA for carrying out assassinations.⁸⁰
- On 28 December 2023, Lockheed Martin signed a \$10.5 million contract to continue its support for the IOF's fleet of F-35 warplanes.⁸¹

The US as Israel's Ammunition Factory in Gaza Genocide continued...



Northrop Grumman

- Northrop Grumman supplies the IOF with the Longbow missile delivery system for its Apache attack helicopters and laser weapon delivery systems for its fighter jets.⁸² It also provided five Sa'ar warships to the IOF.⁸³



RTX

- RTX supplies the IOF with guided air-to-surface missiles for its F-16 fighter jets, cluster bombs, and 'bunker buster' bombs.⁸⁴
- RTX also makes interceptors for Israel's Iron Dome system.⁸⁵



Valero Energy Corporation

- Valero provides military-grade jet fuel (JP-8) for the IOF, paid for with US taxpayers' money.⁸⁶
- Every other month, Valero ships a tanker filled with JP-8 fuel from its refinery in Texas to the IOF.⁸⁷



Woodward

- Woodward provides the IOF with fin control actuation systems for Boeing's JDAM kits and GBU-39 small diameter bombs.⁸⁸
- On 26 May 2024, IOF airstrikes on Rafah that killed over 45 Palestinians used two GBU-39 bombs.⁸⁹ Bomb fragments found at the scene showed serial number 81873, associated with the Woodward factory in California.⁹⁰
- On 23 October 2023, a photo of bomb/missile remnants in Gaza showed a component with Woodward's name and logo.⁹¹

“The US is not a negotiator, arbitrator or by any means an objective voice vis-a-vis the Israeli occupation of Palestine. It is the raison d’etre.

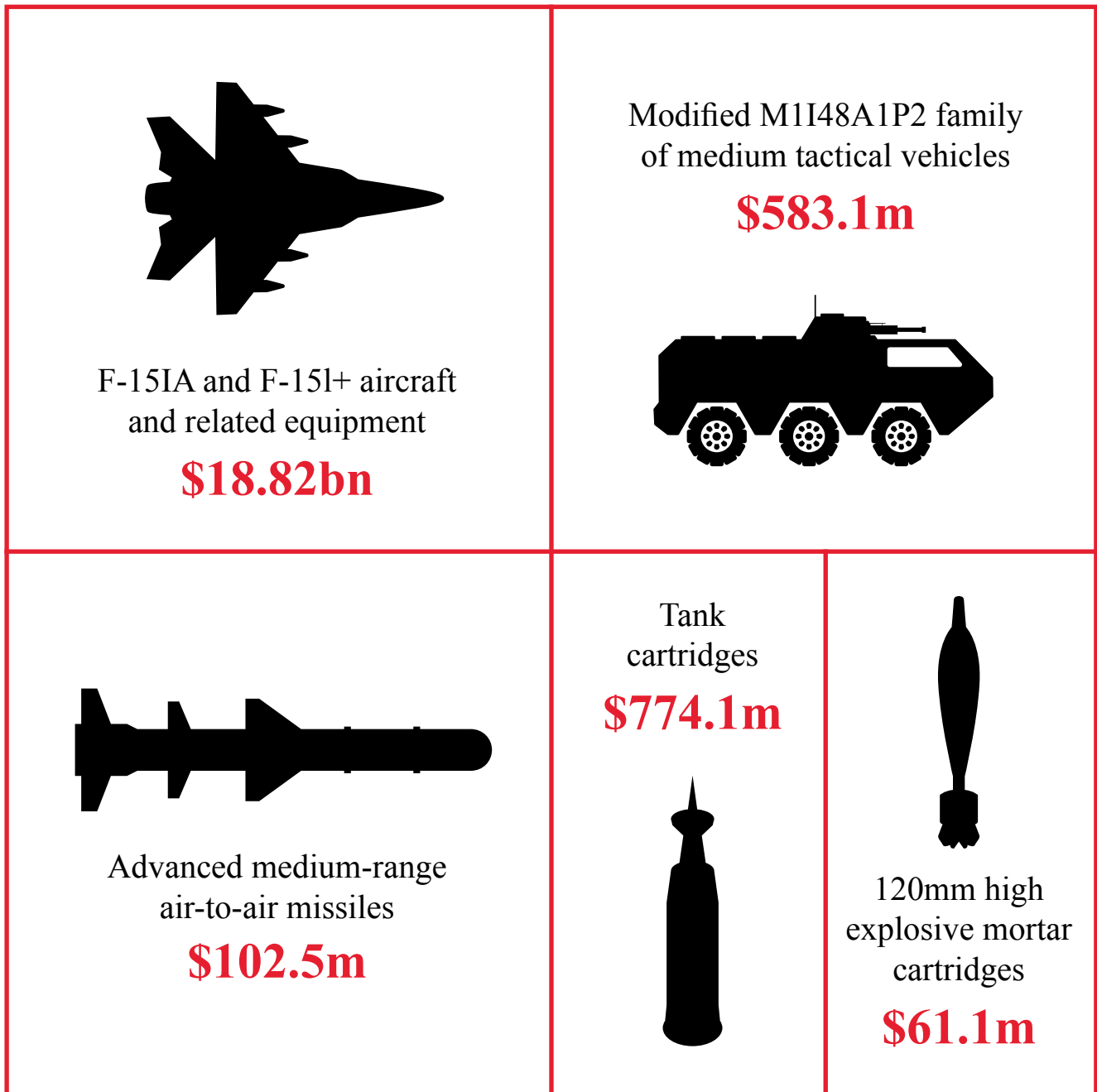
The Gaza genocide is an American one, and it is high time Americans came to terms with their government’s complicity in the type of war crimes they so often associate with historical hegemonic rivals.”

Imam Omar Suleiman⁹²



US Weapons Package to Israel, August 2024

In August 2024, the US approved another \$20bn in weapons transfers to Israel, despite the grave human rights violations the rogue state continues to inflict on Palestinians.



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Israel as the US Proxy against Regional Power



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The US uses Israel as a regional proxy to further its political, military, and financial objectives in the Middle East, without the negative domestic consequences of US citizens' casualties and deaths from direct US engagement in the region.⁹⁴

Iranian Sphere of Influence

Israeli attacks against Iran and its allies in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq serve the US' goal of eliminating the Iranian sphere of influence in the Middle East.⁹⁵

2006 Invasion of Lebanon

Since the early 2000s, US political analysts have become increasingly preoccupied with countering the so-called problem of the 'Shi'a crescent', namely, Iran, Shi'a groups in Iraq, and Hezbollah in Lebanon.⁹⁶

In 2006, the US military was too heavily engaged in its occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan to intervene against Hezbollah directly.⁹⁷

With US funding, Israel's invasion of Lebanon furthered US strategic interests in the region as well as its own expansionist desires.⁹⁸

2023-2024 Israeli attacks against Iran

Since October 2023, Israel has used its genocide in Palestine as an excuse to further US strategic aims against Iran, killing several members of the Iranian forces who were key US targets.⁹⁹

25 December 2023

Israel killed Iranian commander Razi Mousavi in an airstrike on his residence in Damascus.¹⁰⁰

20 January 2024

Israel killed five Iranian officials, including General Sadegh Omidzadeh in airstrikes on Damascus.¹⁰¹

1 April 2024

Israel bombed the Iranian embassy in Damascus, killing 16 people, including Quds Force commander Mohammad Reza Zahedi.¹⁰²

19 April 2024

Israel bombed three locations near Isfahan Airport in Iran, including a military base and a radar for the Natanz nuclear site.¹⁰³

Israel as the US Proxy against Regional Power continued...

Pan-Arabism

The US uses Israel as a proxy to prevent pan-Arab political movements and destabilise the region.¹⁰⁴

Containment of Gamal Abdel Nasser

During the mid-20th century, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser was spearheading the pan-Arabist, anti-colonial, and anti-Western revolutionary forces in the Middle East, and seeking to destabilize pro-Western governments.¹⁰⁵

In 1956, Israel, acted as a US proxy during the Tripartite attack on the Egyptian Suez Canal.¹⁰⁶ At the time, US President Dwight Eisenhower feared that direct US involvement in the attack would push Arab governments further towards the Soviet Union.¹⁰⁷

Israel's involvement ensured US influence over the Canal had the attack been successful, whilst the US' role in negotiating the ceasefire agreement between the four states cemented US dominance in the region over the UK and France.¹⁰⁸

2003 Invasion of Iraq

In 2002, Israeli 'intelligence officials' provided 'evidence' to the US government that Saddam Hussein was developing biological and chemical weapons to help justify the US invasion and occupation.¹⁰⁹

Notwithstanding his crimes against Iraqis, Kurds, and others, Saddam Hussein was one of the leading proponents of pan-Arabism and anti-Americanism in the Middle East during the late 20th century.¹¹⁰ In particular, Saddam's attacks on Israel, and support for the Palestinian resistance and the Jordanian economy threatened US-Israeli power in the region.¹¹¹

Anti-Americanism and Regional Communism

Communism in Iraq

In the early 20th century, the Iraqi Communist party was the strongest in the Middle East and threatened British American influence in Iraq.¹¹² A large proportion of the members of the Iraq Communist Party at the time were Iraqi Jews.¹¹³

Between 1950 and 1951, Mossad agents carried out a series of bombings on the Jewish community of Iraq to drive the population to the newly founded Zionist colony.¹¹⁴ The exodus of Iraqi Jews had a damaging impact on the Iraqi Communist Party, facilitating British-US political influence.¹¹⁵

Cold War Funding

From 1970 to 1974, the Nixon administration increased funding to Israel from \$30 million to \$2.5 billion per year, primarily with the purpose of combatting Soviet-allied Arab states in the region and the growing Arab nationalism which was largely anti-American in ideology.¹¹⁶

Cold War Intelligence Operatives

In 1970, during the war along the Suez Canal ceasefire line for three years following the Six-Day War, IOF operatives crossed the Canal and captured a recently installed Soviet air-defence radar, which they took to Israel.¹¹⁷ The radar was then delivered to US intelligence, alongside other weaponry captured from Egypt and Syria in the wars of 1967 and 1973, providing the US intel on Soviet weapons during the Cold War arms race.¹¹⁸

Weapons Sales to Anti-Communists

During Israel's 1982 Invasion of Lebanon, Israel seized large quantities of weapons from the PLO and sold them to the Nicaraguan Contras fighting the Nicaraguan Communist government.¹¹⁹ When Congress terminated the aid that the Reagan administration was supplying to the Contras, Israel's weapons sales of PLO weapons maintained their supply.¹²⁰

“There is no fear that Israel will undertake any aggressive policy towards the Arab states when this would explicitly contradict the wishes of the US and Britain. But if for any reason the Western powers should sometimes prefer to close their eyes, Israel could be relied upon to punish one or several neighbouring states whose discourtesy to the West went beyond the bounds of permissible.”

Israeli newspaper Haaretz
in 1951¹²¹

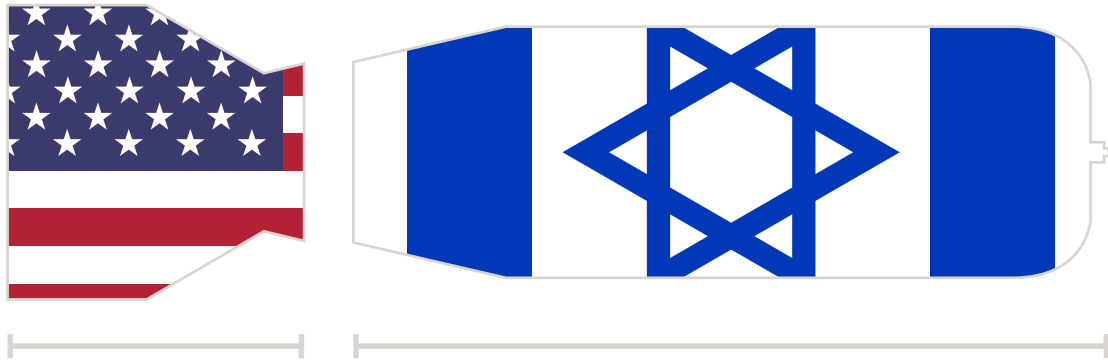
 **HAARETZ**

December 2023: US provided Israel with its largest military aid in history*

**This figure has since been surpassed*

US set to provide Israel with its largest military aid in history

US is set to provide over a third of the budget for the Israeli government, which aims to spend more than **\$50bn to destroy Gaza**



United States passed a plan providing

\$14BN

military aid package for Israel

The **largest** single **military aid** provided to Israel



Nearly **one-tenth** of the total military aid provided by the U.S. to Israel since its establishment

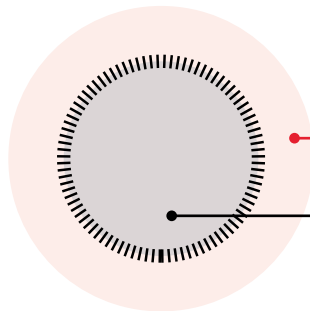
ANNUAL MILITARY AID AMOUNT PROVIDED BY THE US TO ISRAEL

NEARLY \$4BN

US NATIONAL DEFICIT

\$1.7TN

US gives **\$10.4M** to Israel every single day



TOTAL AID PROVIDED BY US TO ISRAEL SINCE 1948

\$263BN

\$130BN
MILITARY AID

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Israel and the US: a Legacy of Judeo-Christian Supremacy



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The US and Israel have manufactured 'Judeo-Christian' religious supremacy to exclude Palestinian Muslims from their rights in Palestine and increase global Islamophobia to ensure Western apathy towards the killing of Muslims.¹²² Palestinian Christians are also excluded from their rights in Palestine, but it is the spectre of Palestinians as a Muslim-majority people that is capitalised on by Judeo-Christian supremacists to undermine support for Palestinians' rights.

Judeo-Christian supremacy positions Islam as a threat to Christian and Jewish 'values' and perpetuates the myth of a 'clash of civilisations' between the Judeo-Christian West and the Muslim-majority Middle East.¹²³

This myth is perpetuated through the language used by Judeo-Christian supremacists to describe resistance to the Zionist entity.¹²⁴ National liberation movements resisting Zionist colonisation, such as Hamas and Hezbollah, are incorrectly described as Islamic terrorists.¹²⁵

Central to Judeo-Christianity is the ideology of Christian Zionism, whereby Christians support the right of Jews to colonise Palestine to precipitate Christ's return to Earth.¹²⁶

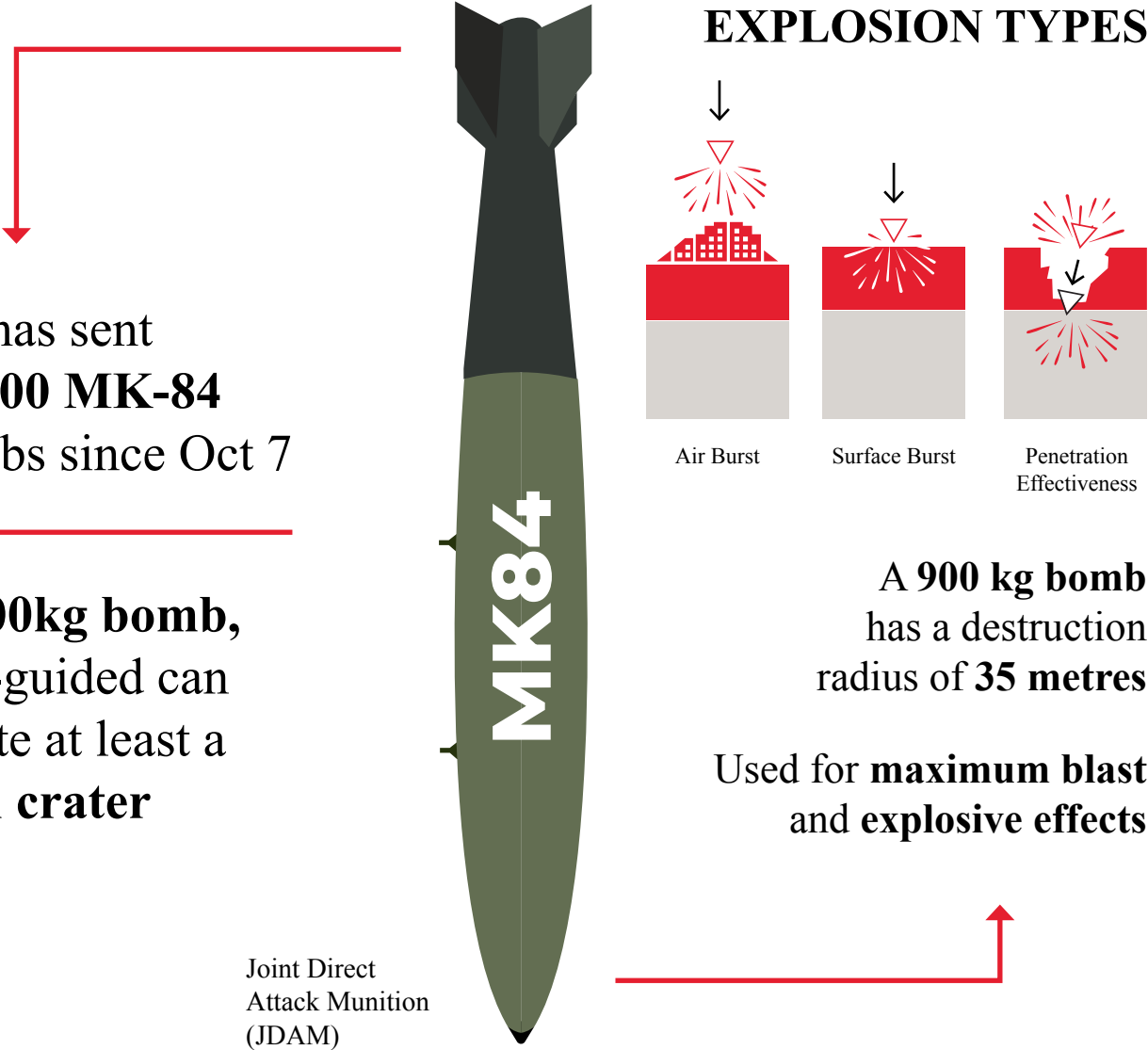
Christian Zionism is a prevalent ideology in right-wing Christian circles in the US, and results in significant funding by Christian Zionists for the state of Israel and projects encouraging Jews to travel to occupied Palestine.¹²⁷

“It is an American backing of Israeli war crimes and human rights abuses that allows the occupation to continue its ongoing genocide, and it is this sinister defence of Israeli terror – often at the expense of its own citizens – that is putting the final nail in the coffin of America’s spiritual death.”

Imam Omar Suleiman¹²⁸



Israel hits Gaza humanitarian zone with US-made bombs



US has sent **14,000 MK-84** bombs since Oct 7

A 900kg bomb, non-guided can create at least a 15m crater

A 900 kg bomb has a destruction radius of 35 metres

Used for **maximum blast** and **explosive effects**

Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)

EXPLOSION TYPES

- Air Burst
- Surface Burst
- Penetration Effectiveness

 Immediately after 7 October 2023, Boeing expedited delivery of 1,800 JDAM kits to Israel.

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Israel as a Mechanism of Resource Extraction



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Israel’s colonisation of Palestine facilitates the extraction of Palestinian natural resources for Western consumption.¹²⁹

As of 2019, it is estimated that 3 billion barrels of oil exist under Palestinian land and off the Palestinian coast.¹³⁰

Indeed, Israel’s expansionist goal of ‘Greater Israel’, neatly maps over the Levant gas field that stretches from Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon to Cyprus.¹³¹ This field is estimated to contain about 122 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.¹³²

Gaza’s Gas Fields

In 1999, the Gas reserves in Gaza Marine were estimated at 1.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.¹³³

In June 2022, Israel and Egypt signed a memorandum of understanding to boost natural gas exports to Europe.¹³⁴ It is believed that most of this gas will be extracted from Gaza’s gas field.¹³⁵

On 18 June 2023, Polish Israeli President and wanted war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu gave approval for the development of an offshore gas field in the Gaza Marine.¹³⁶

On 20 November 2023, the US announced it was exploring plans to exploit the gas fields off the coast of Gaza as part of an “economic revitalization plan”.¹³⁷

It is believed that the temporary US pier built off Gaza’s coastline was an attempt by the US to exert control over Gaza’s offshore natural gas reserves.¹³⁸ The infrastructure was intended to easily transition to commercial operations, strengthening their capacity to extract the resources.¹³⁹

Lebanon’s Gas Fields

Since 2010, Lebanon has been embroiled in a dispute over its maritime borders with Israel due to the Levant offshore gas field.¹⁴⁰

In October 2022, Lebanon’s economic crash resulted in the two states signing a maritime border deal, brokered by the US.¹⁴¹ The deal exploits Lebanon: placing the US as a permanent observer, supervisor, and mediator of all extractions from gas fields, and mandating that information regarding “all currently known, and any later identified” resources must be shared with the US.¹⁴²

The deal only allows “reputable, international corporations” approved and supervised by the US to extract gas from the fields and reduces Lebanese control to around a third of the area.¹⁴³

“This genocide is not about the claims of Israel protecting itself, this genocide is about oil.

It was always about oil. It was about evacuating Gaza people from Gaza. Gaza is floating on oil.”

Shereen Talaat

founder and director of MENAFem Movement for Economic, Development, and Ecological Justice.¹⁴⁴



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The Fascist Exchange: At Home and Abroad



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Israel and the US mutually reinforce and intensify fascist policing, militarisation, and politics in both countries' domestic and foreign policies.¹⁴⁵

Policing, Military and Security

For over 20 years, US law enforcement, police departments, the FBI, the CIA, and ICE officials have been trained by the IOF, both on taxpayer funded trips to Israel, and in the US.¹⁴⁶

States such as Baltimore, Florida, New York, California, Arizona, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Washington State, Georgia, and Washington DC have all sent their law enforcement officials to Israel for training in Israeli techniques for surveillance, intelligence, use of force, and crowd control.¹⁴⁷

In addition to the US and Israeli government agencies and private companies, non-profit organisations such as the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs also fund joint trainings.¹⁴⁸

IOF training in particular is believed to have exchanged tactics with US police on racial profiling and violent suppression of peaceful protests and dissent.¹⁴⁹

Israeli manufactured 'Skunk', tested on Palestinian protestors in the occupied West Bank, has been sold to US police forces to control demonstrations.¹⁵⁰ Skunk is a foul-smelling liquid designed to cause nausea and linger for days when sprayed at high pressure onto protesters. Skunk was used by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police during the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri.¹⁵¹

Surveillance

Lawrence Sanchez, a CIA officer who established the New York Police Department's (NYPD) "Demographics Unit", which consists of informants known as "mosque crawlers" that spy on Muslim communities, acknowledged that the NYPD drew inspiration from Israeli practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.¹⁵²

US police officers in Israel visit the IOF's network of 400 surveillance cameras covering occupied Jerusalem monitoring Palestinian movement.¹⁵³ Following visits to Israel by the Atlanta Police, the department created a Video Integration Center, collecting and monitoring footage from the city's surveillance cameras.¹⁵⁴ The Atlanta Police Department reported that the centre is modelled after the IOF's command and control centre in occupied Jerusalem and that it copies Israeli surveillance techniques.¹⁵⁵

These exchanges create opportunities for Israeli security corporations to obtain contracts in the US.¹⁵⁶ In Baltimore, the city's camera network is operated by Israeli company Nice Systems, who also have contracts with the LAPD, alongside another Israeli company, Verint.¹⁵⁷ Cellebrite, an Israeli company specialising in technology that collects data from phones, has contracts with police departments and law enforcement agencies in at least 20 US states.¹⁵⁸

Racial Profiling

Israeli training of US law enforcement legitimises practices like systematic racial profiling and criminalization of entire communities, that result in discriminatory immigration policies like the US' Muslim ban.¹⁵⁹

The Fascist Exchange: At Home and Abroad continued...

Use of Propaganda

US law enforcement has trained Israeli officials in manipulating the media.¹⁶⁰ Law enforcement in San Bernardino and Los Angeles, among others, reported that they learned from the IOF about how to intervene and shape media access and coverage of violence committed by the military and police.¹⁶¹

Through exposure to Israeli methods, these trainings encourage US law enforcement to adopt Israel's view of the media as an arm of the government and to reframe coverage of state violence.¹⁶²

The Israel Lobby & Fascist Politics

Israeli and US politicians mutually strengthen fascist ideologies in both countries. As the fascist faces of both the Democrat and Republican parties are increasingly unmasked for their actions domestically and support for genocide internationally, so too has Israeli politics shifted even further rightward.¹⁶³

Israeli lobbies influence the fascist trajectory of US politics, by funding candidates who are increasingly vocal in their Zionism and will support the increasingly fascist politics in Israel.¹⁶⁴

This shift towards even greater fascism left US voters with no anti-genocide candidates from either of the two main parties during the 2024 presidential election.¹⁶⁵

Kahanism & Trumpism

Evidence of the increasing fascism within Israeli politics is the mainstreaming of Kahanism.¹⁶⁶ American-born Meir Kahane advocated for 'Jewish violence' to rid 'Greater Israel' of Palestinians, and he was ultimately convicted in a US court of terrorism.¹⁶⁷

Kahane inspired American-born Baruch Goldstein, who massacred 29 Palestinians in 1994.¹⁶⁸

Although Kahane was previously regarded by most Israelis and Americans as an extreme racist and terrorist and was banned from running for election to the Knesset due to his party's open racism, today his supporter, Itamar Ben-Gvir - a "Kurdish" senior Minister in the Israeli government - has substantial popular support.¹⁶⁹

This increasing mainstreaming of Kahanism mirrors the growth of Trumpism in the US.¹⁷⁰ Donald Trump's supporters believe in the rollback of many established civil rights and the increased militarisation of US borders and policing.¹⁷¹

After Trump directly incited that he did not lose the 2020 US Presidential Election to Joe Biden, extremist Trump-supporters attempted to stage a coup d'état in Washington DC's Capitol.¹⁷²

Women's Rights

The reduction in women's rights in both the US and Israel are one indicator of the increasing fascism within both societies.¹⁷³

In the US, women's right to abortion was rolled-back in many states, and far-right male demonstrators held signs after the 2024 election of Donald Trump, reading: 'Your body, my choice'.¹⁷⁴

Similarly, judicial reforms in Israel have strengthened the role of rabbinic courts, which follow Jewish law and do not allow women to be judges.¹⁷⁵ Rabbinical judges have barred women witnesses from testifying, even in domestic abuse cases, and make it extremely difficult for women to get divorced.¹⁷⁶

Whilst sexual assaults of Palestinian women by IOF soldiers have existed for decades, there has been a marked increase since October 2023.¹⁷⁷ The attitude of IOF soldiers towards women has also been revealed by images and photographs of IOF soldiers going through the drawers of displaced Palestinian women containing personal items, including undergarments.¹⁷⁸

The Fascist Exchange: At Home and Abroad continued...

Censorship of Intellectual Opposition to the US-Israel Empire

Antisemitism is falsely manufactured and weaponised to silence intellectual opposition to Zionism, and US-Israeli imperialism more broadly.¹⁷⁹

Pro-Palestinian students and staff on US campuses have been intimidated, excluded, blacklisted, and beaten for their solidarity with Palestinians.¹⁸⁰

This censorship has broader implications than just silencing pro-Palestine advocacy; many pro-Palestine voices in US universities level a wider critique of imperialism, racism, Islamophobia and capitalism against the imperial US political system.¹⁸¹ This structural and cross-coalitional opposition to the US-Israel empire threatens the foundations of the US system.¹⁸²

As such, falsified antisemitism is an increasingly useful weapon for US universities to cleanse intellectual opposition to the US-Israel empire and intimidate others from speaking out.¹⁸³ The US employed this tactic widely against students participating in the student intifada and encampments for Palestine during the 2023-2024 academic year.¹⁸⁴

“The US has never been complicit in genocide. United States is committing this genocide with Israel.”

Walid Mahmoud

Palestinian photojournalist in Gaza.¹⁸⁵



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Embedded with IOF

Mainstream US outlets such as CNN have embedded with the IOF in their coverage of Israel's genocide in Gaza. These reports are censored by the IOF before publication, destroying any semblance of journalistic impartiality and independence.¹⁸⁶



The image is a screenshot of a video advertisement from CNN. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CNN logo and menu items: World, Africa, Americas, Asia, Australia, China, Europe, India, Middle East, and United Kingdom. The main visual is a photograph of an Israeli soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and a large backpack, standing in a destroyed urban environment. The soldier is facing away from the camera, looking towards a building with significant structural damage, including exposed rebar and debris. A red banner at the bottom left of the image reads "ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR". A white banner across the bottom of the image contains the text "CNN REPORTS ON IDF OPERATIONS FROM INSIDE GAZA" in black capital letters, followed by the CNN logo. In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a "NEWSROOM" logo. Below the image, there is a "Video Ad Feedback" icon and text.

CNN embeds with Israeli forces inside Gaza

US Media Bias in Coverage of Israel continued...

Repeating Israeli lies as fact

US media frequently parrots Israeli lies as factual, without due diligence regarding the accuracy of the information.

Since October 2023, mainstream US media organisations such as *The New York Times*, *CNN*, *Fox News*, and *MSNBC* have reproduced Israeli lies including:

- “ Hamas beheaded babies on 7 October 2023 ”
- “ Hamas committed mass rape and sexual violence on 7 October 2023 ”
- “ A Misfired Hamas Rocket hit al-Ahli Hospital ”
- “ There was a Hamas roster in al-Rantisi Children’s Hospital ”
- “ There were Hamas Tunnels and Command Centre Under al-Shifa Hospital ”¹⁸⁷

Gaza hospital blast was caused by misfired rocket, says European military source

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Israel shows alleged Hamas ‘armory’ under children’s hospital in Gaza. Local health officials dismiss the claims

‘40 BABIES MURDERED BY HAMAS’



- Children beheaded as families slaughtered, says Israel
- ‘Isis-level savagery’ says US as Americans held hostage
- Hamas begins new blitz after two terror chiefs die in raid

HAMAS SUICIDERS OVERCAME 40 BABIES IN MASSACRE IN A HOSPITAL, SAYING CHILD SURVIVORS WERE SHOT AND BURIED. IT IS CALLED...
BY BEN ASHTON
30000 CIVIL. IT'S NOT A WAR. IT'S DARK IN THE...



The death toll at Star Aza kibbutz was rising, entire families having been shot as they slept. One military officer said: “We are afraid we’ll find hundreds of bodies”

Hamas ‘cut the throats of babies’ in massacre

US Media Bias in Coverage of Israel continued...

Casts doubt on Palestinian sources

US media repeatedly undermines the legitimacy and accuracy of Palestinian spokespeople or interviewees in reporting, by:

- Referring to the Gaza Health Ministry as the “ Hamas-run ” Health Ministry
- Repeatedly asking Palestinians to condemn Hamas
- Caveating Palestinian sources with “ Palestinians say ” or “ according to Palestinians ”¹⁸⁸

Israeli strike on Gaza humanitarian zone kills 19, Hamas-run health ministry says

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More than 40,000 killed in Gaza, Hamas-run health ministry says

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“Nothing will erase the fact that Biden’s legacy is — and always will be — genocide.”

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