

## Statements by Israeli Officials, Soldiers and Civil Society on Genocide

### Israeli Government Officials

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister      Formal Government video address, (13 October 2023)      [Translated] *“We are striking our enemies with unprecedented might”*<sup>1</sup>

Formal Government Press Office televised address, (28 October 2023)      [Translated] *“You must remember what Amalek has done to you, says our Holy Bible. And we do remember and we are fighting. Our brave troops and combatants who are now in Gaza or around Gaza and all other regions in Israel are joining this chain of Jewish heroes a chain that has started 3000 years ago from Joshua bin Nun until the heroes of 1948, the 6-day war, the 73 October war, and all other wars in this country. Our hero troops, they have one supreme main goal: to completely defeat the murderous enemy and to guarantee our existence in this country. We’ve always said never again. Never again is now.”*<sup>2</sup>

Letter to Israeli soldiers and officers also published on X account, (3 November 2023),      [Translated] *“Remember what Amalek did to you”*  
...  
*“this is the war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness. We will not let up on our mission until the light overcomes the darkness — the good will defeat the extreme evil that threatens us and the entire world.”*<sup>3</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

מאז ומעולם נאבקנו באויבים מרים, שקמו עלינו לכלותנו.  
כשאנו מצוידיים בעוז רוה ובצדקת הדרך, עמדנו בנחישות מול  
מבקשי נפשנו. המאבק הנוכחי במרצחי ה'חמאס' הוא פרק  
נוסף בסיפור העמידה הלאומית לדורותיה. 'זכור את אשר  
עשה לך עמלק

...

זוהי מלחמת בני האור בבני החושך. לא נרפה משליחותנו עד  
שהאור יכריע את החושך – הטוב יביס את הרוע הקיצוני  
שמאיים עלינו ועל העולם כולו

Isaac Herzog,  
President

Handwritten  
messages on missiles,  
(25 December 2023)

See image<sup>4</sup>  
[Translated] *“We trust”*

<sup>1</sup> Address by the Prime Minister of Israel, (13 October 2023), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4HXaZ20M6Q>.

<sup>2</sup> Address by the Prime Minister of Israel, 28 October 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIPkoDk6isc>.

<sup>3</sup> Prime Minister’s Office in Hebrew, @IsraeliPM\_heb, Tweet (11:43 am November 3, 2023), [https://twitter.com/IsraeliPM\\_heb/status/1720406463972004198](https://twitter.com/IsraeliPM_heb/status/1720406463972004198); Prime Minister’s Office in Hebrew, @IsraeliPM\_heb, Tweet (11:44 am, November 3, 2023), [https://twitter.com/IsraeliPM\\_heb/status/1720406469055500583](https://twitter.com/IsraeliPM_heb/status/1720406469055500583).

<sup>4</sup> President of the State of Israel, @Isaac\_Herzog, Tweet (5:16 pm, December 25, 2023), [https://twitter.com/Isaac\\_Herzog/status/1739334302670745946](https://twitter.com/Isaac_Herzog/status/1739334302670745946).

Yoav Gallant, Minister of Defence	Formal video statement following assessment at the Southern Command, Beersheba, (9 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>“imposing a complete siege on Gaza. No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel. Everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly.”</i> <sup>5</sup>
	Speech to soldiers released by Israeli Defence Ministry, (10 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>“Released all restraints” . . . Israel was moving to “a full-scale response” and that he had “removed every restriction” on Israeli forces</i>  <i>. . . “You saw what we are fighting against. We are fighting against human animals. This is the Isis of Gaza. This is what we are fighting against... <b>Gaza won’t return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything. If it doesn’t take one day, it will take a week. It will take weeks or even months, we will reach all places.</b> There is no way that our brothers, our children, our parents will be killed and we won’t react because we are a state. So we understand that Hamas wanted to change the situation. It’ll change back 180 degrees and they’ll regret this moment. They will regret it.”</i> <sup>6</sup>
Itamar Ben-Gvir, Minister for National Security	Televised interview, (11 November 2023)	[Translated] <i>“To be clear, when they say that Hamas needs to be eliminated, it also means those who sing, those who support and those who distribute candy, all of these are terrorists and must be eliminated.”</i> <sup>7</sup>
	Address, (31 December 2023)	[Translated] <i>“Promoting a solution that encourages the migration of Gaza residents. We must advance it. It’s a correct, moral and practical solution. I call upon the Prime Minister and the new Foreign Secretary, whom I congratulate here. This is now the opportunity to coordinate an immigration project. A project to encourage the migration of Gaza residents, to countries around the world unmistakably. We have partners across the globe that we can work with. There are people around the world with whom we can promote this idea. Encouraging the migration of Gazan residents will</i>

<sup>5</sup> Statement by Yoav Gallant, 9 October 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nxvS9VY-t0>.

<sup>6</sup> Filmography: Ariel Harmoni, Ministry of Defense, *Kipa News*, 10 October 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9wx7e4u-xM>.

<sup>7</sup> Interview with Itamar Ben-Gvir on Channel 12, 11 November 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yRl-cc-D3w> [10:30 onwards].

allow us to return home to the residents of the surrounding area and the affected residents.”

We cannot withdraw from any territory we are in in the Gaza Strip. Not only do I not rule out Jewish settlement there, I believe it is also an important thing<sup>8</sup>

X account, (2 January 2023)

[Translated] Really appreciate the United States of America but with all due respect we are not another star on the American flag. The United States is our best friend, but first of all we will do what is best for the State of Israel: the migration of hundreds of thousands from Gaza will allow the residents of the envelope to return home and live in security and protect the IDF soldiers<sup>9</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

מעריך מאוד את ארצות הברית של אמריקה אבל עם כל הכבוד אנחנו לא עוד כוכב בדגל האמריקאי. ארצות הברית היא ידידתנו הטובה אך לפני הכל נעשה מה שטוב למדינת ישראל: הגירת מאות אלפים מעזה תאפשר לתושבי העוטף לחזור הביתה ולהיות בביטחון ותשמור על חיילי צה"ל.

Israel Katz, X account, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure (12 October 2023)

[Translated] *“Humanitarian aid to Gaza? No electrical switch will be turned on, no water hydrant will be opened and no fuel truck will enter until the Israeli abductees are returned home. Humanitarianism for humanitarianism. And no one will preach us morality.”*<sup>10</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

סיוע הומניטרי לעזה? אף מתג חשמל לא יורם, שיבר מים לא יפתח ומשאית דלק לא תיכנס עד להשבת החטופים הישראליים הביתה. הומניטרי תמורת הומניטרי. ושאף אחד לא יטיף לנו מוסר.

Bezael Smotrich, Minister of Finance Television interview, (30 December 2023)

[Translated] *Israel’s finance minister Bezael Smotrich, envisioning and encouraging Gaza settlement (Israeli civilians will “turn the desert into a prosperous place”) also wants “to encourage willful emigration, and we need to find countries willing to take them in.” On Army Radio: “We need to encourage immigration from there. If there were 100,000-200,000 Arabs in the Strip and not two million, the whole conversation about the day after*

<sup>8</sup> (<https://twitter.com/AGvaryahu/status/1741893394958364945>;  
<https://twitter.com/MiddleEastMnt/status/1742204200711541150>.)

<sup>9</sup> <https://twitter.com/itamarbengvir/status/1742291293307310186>

<sup>10</sup> Israel Katz, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Member of the Political-Security Cabinet, Member of Knesset, @Israel\_katz, Tweet (7:34 am, October 12, 2023) [https://twitter.com/Israel\\_katz/status/1712356130377113904](https://twitter.com/Israel_katz/status/1712356130377113904).

would be completely different,” he said. “They want to leave. They have been living in a ghetto for 75 years and are in need.”<sup>11</sup>

Smotrich also saying he is against fuel going in but for other humanitarian aid going in, also notes he has little power in government

Also not a cent for Gaza as long as he is finance minister

Television interview,  
(2 January 2023)

[Translated] “Gaza is an incubator of two million people, who get up every morning and want to destroy, rape and kill us all. I’m not going to get into the specific details. I’m going to say it clearly. It is forbidden for [Gaza] resident to return home. Secondly, we will control the Gaza Strip. It’s impossible to have military control of the territory for a long period, without being there with a civilian presence. We will stay in Gaza for a long time. We will be there militarily and with civilians. And in order for this to be implemented, we need to provide a humanitarian solution to the residents of Gaza, in other countries around the world. Again, like I said, a country like Israel won’t have two million people who want to destroy it, that are four kilometres away.”<sup>12</sup>

Amichai Eliyahu,  
Minister of Heritage

Facebook account,  
(1 November 2023)

[Translated] “The north of the strip—more beautiful than ever. Blowing up and flattening everything, simply a delight for the eyes. (A soldier in Gaza). We must speak about the day after. In my mind’s eye, we give away real estate to anyone who fought for Gaza over the years, and those who were evacuated from Gush Katif—god willing. (Without Merkhavim Muganim Dirati’im) [without the threat of rockets].”<sup>13</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

”צפון הרצועה, יפה מתמיד

מפוצצים ומשטחים הכל

פשוט תענוג לעיניים

(חייל בעזה)

אנחנו חייבים לדבר על היום שאחרי

בעיני רוחי אנחנו מחלקים מגרשים לכל אלו שלחמו על עזה

לאורך השנים ולמגורשי גוש קטיף - בע"ה

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eZPzRxKwWs>. For one clip,

[https://twitter.com/feldman\\_gil/status/1741155910452494364](https://twitter.com/feldman_gil/status/1741155910452494364). See also <https://www.timesofisrael.com/smotrich-touts-revival-of-gaza-settlements-after-war-says-no-innocents-in-strip/>;

<https://twitter.com/GLZRadio/status/1741347524693127398?s=20>; <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/12/31/israeli-minister-reiterates-calls-for-palestinians-to-leave-gaza>.

<sup>12</sup> Bezael Smotrich in an interview on Channel 14, translation in Middle East Eye (4 January 2024),

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/236773049367113>.

<sup>13</sup> Amichai Eliyahu, Facebook Post (1 November 2023), <https://www.facebook.com/eliyau.a/videos/148918588283326/>.

(בלי ממדים).

Radio interview, (5 November 2023)	[Translated] “we wouldn’t hand the Nazis humanitarian aid .... there is no such thing as uninvolved civilians in Gaza ... [In response to question on if an atomic bomb should be dropped on Gaza] That’s one way.” <sup>14</sup>	
	[Original Hebrew] "לנאצים לא היינו מכניסים סיוע הומניטרי. אין דבר כזה " בלתי מעורבים בעזה... [אמר אליהו שנשאל האם צריך להטיל פצצת אטום על כל עזה]... זאת אחת האפשרויות."	
Avi Dichter, Minister of Agriculture	Television interview, (11 November 2023)	“[w]e are now actually rolling out the Gaza Nakba”. <sup>15</sup>
Nissim Vaturi, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Member of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee	X account, (7 October 2023)	[Translated] “Now we all have one common goal – erasing the Gaza Strip from the face of the earth. Those who are unable will be replaced.” <sup>16</sup>
		[Original Hebrew] "עכשיו כולנו במטרה אחת משותפת- מחיקת רצועת עזה " .מעל פני האדמה. מי שלא מסוגל יוחלף."

### Israeli Military Officials and Spokespeople

Giora Eiland, Reservist Major, former Head of the Israeli National Security Council, and adviser to the Defence Minister	Newspaper column, (7 October 2023)	[Translated] “[w]hen you are at war with another country you don’t feed them, you don’t provide them electricity or gas or water or anything else . . . A country can be attacked in a much broader way, to bring the country to the brink of dysfunction. This is the necessary outcome of events” <sup>17</sup>
		[Original Hebrew] "כשאתה במלחמה עם מדינה אחרת אתה לא מאכיל אותם, אתה לא מספק להם חשמל או דלק או מים או כל דבר אחר. אתה יוצר מצור מלא על אותה מדינה. נגד מדינה אפשר לתקוף בצורה הרבה יותר רחבה, כדי להביא את המדינה לסף חוסר תפקוד. זו התוצאה ההכרחית של האירועים. זה מה שקרה ליפנים כשתקפו את פרל הארבור, לגרמנים ולאחרים."

<sup>14</sup>Gili Cohen, Dov Gil-Har, Itay Blumenthal, Suleiman Masveda, “Minister Amichai Eliyahu: Atomic bomb on Gaza? This is one of the possibilities”, *Kan* (5 November 2023), <https://www.kan.org.il/content/kan-news/politic/596470/>. “השר עמיחי”  
אליהו: "אחת האפשרויות - להטיל פצצת אטום על עזה", *Walla* (5 November 2023), available at <https://news.walla.co.il/item/3620482>.

<sup>15</sup> Interview with Avi Dichter on Channel 12: Hanno Hauenstein, @hahauenstein, Tweet (8:42 pm, November 11, 2023), <https://twitter.com/hahauenstein/status/1723441134221869453>.

<sup>16</sup> Nissim Vaturi, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. Member of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, @nissimv, Tweet (5:33 pm, October 7, 2023) <https://twitter.com/nissimv/status/1710694866009596169>.

<sup>17</sup> Giora Eiland, “מדינת עזה פתחה במלחמה נגד ישראל - ואיתה צריך להילחם בהתאם”, *Mako* (7 October 2023), [https://www.mako.co.il/news-columns/2023\\_q4/Article-fcf787ad0ba0b81027.htm](https://www.mako.co.il/news-columns/2023_q4/Article-fcf787ad0ba0b81027.htm).

זה לא יהיה קל, לחמאס יש כעת קלפי מיקוח ביד. נדרשת נחישות לאומית ונכונות לעשות דברים בסדרי גודל שלא היו כמוהם מעולם.

Television interview, (17 November 2023) [Translated] *"Israel has no interest in the Gaza Strip being rehabilitated and this is an important point that needs to be made clear to the Americans"*<sup>18</sup>

[Original Hebrew]  
לישראל אין אינטרס שרצועת עזה תשוקם וזו נקודה חשובה שצריך להבהיר לאמריקנים

Newspaper interview, (9 October 2023) [Translated] *"water comes from wells with salt water unfit for consumption. They have water treatment plants, Israel should hit those plants. When the entire world says we have gone insane and this is a humanitarian disaster — we will say, it's a means"*<sup>19</sup>

[Original Hebrew]  
והעניין השני הוא הנקודה הרגישה ביותר בעזה: המים. המים של עזה מגיעים מבארות עם מים מליחים שלא ראויים להם מתקני טיהור. ישראל צריכה לפגוע בכל המתקנים האלה. וכשכל העולם יגיד שהשתגענו וזה אסון הומניטארי - אנהנו נגיד "זה אמצעי

Newspaper column, (10 October 2023) [Translated] *"Therefore, the State of Israel has no choice but to make Gaza a place that is temporarily, or permanently, impossible to live in. ... This is not a menu for revenge, we are in the situation of the United States after Pearl Harbor in 1941. Like the United States then, we found ourselves in a situation of either us or them, and the conclusion is clear."*<sup>20</sup>

[Original Hebrew]  
ולכן אין למדינת ישראל ברירה אלא להפוך את עזה למקום "שזמנית, או באופן-קבוע, אי אפשר להיות בו זהו לא תפריט לנקמה, אנהנו במצב של ארה"ב אחרי ... פרל הרבור ב-1941. כמו ארצות-הברית אז, נקלענו למצב "של או אנהנו או הם, והמסקנה ברורה

<sup>18</sup> Interview with Giora Eiland on Kann News, 17 November 2023: Kann News, @kann\_news, Tweet (6:42 pm, November 17 2023), [https://twitter.com/kann\\_news/status/1725585143333622129](https://twitter.com/kann_news/status/1725585143333622129) (emphasis added).

<sup>19</sup> "How should one respond to the massacre of hundreds?", *Yedioth Ahronoth* (print) (9 October 2023), <https://drive.google.com/file/d/115Ow2T0Na20BcoL2yautiobij8ldNsVK/view>.

<sup>20</sup> Giora Eiland, "זו לא נקמה. זה או אנהנו או הם", *Yedioth Ahronoth* (10 October 2023) <https://www.ynet.co.il/yedioth/article/yokra13625377>.

Newspaper column,  
(19 November 2023)

[Translated] “... *The other, and more correct, narrative is as follows: Israel is not fighting a terrorist organization but against the State of Gaza. ...*

*Who are the "poor" women of Gaza? They are all the mothers, sisters or wives of Hamas murderers. On the one hand, they are part of the infrastructure that supports the organization, and on the other hand, if they experience a humanitarian disaster, then it can be assumed that some of the Hamas fighters and the more junior commanders will begin to understand that the war is futile ... The international community warns us of a humanitarian disaster in Gaza and of severe epidemics. We must not shy away from this, as difficult as that may be. After all, severe epidemics in the south of the Gaza Strip will bring victory closer ...*

*It is precisely its civil collapse that will bring the end of the war closer. When senior Israeli figures say in the media "It's either us or them" we should clarify the question of who is "them". "They" are not only Hamas fighters with weapons, but also all the "civilian" officials, including hospital administrators and school administrators, and also the entire Gaza population who enthusiastically supported Hamas and cheered on its atrocities on October 7th.”<sup>21</sup>*

Ezra Yachin,  
Israeli Army reservist  
and veteran

Speaking to soldiers,  
(13 October 2023)

[Translated] “*Be triumphant and finish them off and don't leave anyone behind. Erase the memory of them. Erase them, their families, mothers and children. These animals can no longer live. ... Every Jew with a weapon should go out and kill them. If you have an Arab neighbour, don't wait, go to his home and shoot him.... We want to invade, not like before, we want to enter and destroy what's in front of us, and destroy houses, then destroy the ones after it. With all of our forces, complete destruction, enter and destroy. As you can see, we will.”<sup>22</sup>*

Lieutenant Colonel Statement, also  
Gilad Kinan, Head of quoted on X, (28  
the Israeli army's Air October 2023)  
Operations Group

[Translated] “work[ing] together with all the  
bodies in the IDF when the goal is clear — to

<sup>21</sup> Giora Eiland, “לא להירתע מהעולם”, *Yedioth Ahronoth* (19 November 2023)  
<https://twitter.com/QudsNen/status/1726239911013982326>.

<sup>22</sup> Bazz News, @1717Bazz, Tweet (7:39 pm, October 11, 2023),  
<https://twitter.com/1717Bazz/status/1712176168823107986>. Translation by Middle East Eye, @MiddleEastEye, Tweet (8:48 pm, October 13, 2023), <https://twitter.com/MiddleEastEye/status/1712918166437806294> (emphasis added).

*destroy everything* that has been touched by the hand of Hamas”.<sup>23</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

רמ"א (ראש להק מבצעי אוויר), תת-אלוף גלעד קינן: "במטט התקיפה הלילה כמאה מטוסי קרב הטילו מאות חימושים והשמידו מאות מטרות של ארגון הטרור חמאס. חיל האוויר ערוך להמשך התפתחות המערכה, ופועל יחד עם כלל הגופים בצה"ל כאשר היעד ברור - להשמיד כל דבר שנגעה בו יד חמאס"

Yair Ben David, Commander in the 2908<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Israeli army, Video of address, (21 December 2023) [Translated] Army “entered Beit Hanoun and did there as Shimon and Levi did in Nablus,” and that “[t]he entire Gaza should resemble Beit Hanoun”, referring to the city in northern Gaza which has been entirely devastated by the Israeli army.<sup>24</sup>

## Soldiers

Colonel Yogev Bar-Sheshet, Israeli Army Colonel, Deputy Head of COGAT, Video broadcast on Israeli television, (4 November 2023) [Translated] “[w]hoever returns here, if they return here after, will find scorched earth. No houses, no agriculture, no nothing. They have no future”.<sup>25</sup>

Colonel Erez Eshel, Reserve Army Colonel, Video broadcast on Israeli television, (4 November 2023) [Translated] “Vengeance is a great value. There is vengeance over what they did to us . . . This place will be a fallow land. They will not be able to live here.”<sup>26</sup>

Group of Israeli army soldiers, Video of soldiers, (5 December 2023) [Translated] “May their village burn, May Gaza be erased”<sup>27</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Israel Defense Forces, @idfonline, Tweet (6:23 am, October 28, 2023), <https://twitter.com/idfonline/status/1718136442805686351> (emphasis added).

<sup>24</sup> Yair Ben David, Commander in the 2908<sup>th</sup> Battalion, statement, 20 December 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK8ZnGKspeI>. Translation in “War on Gaza: Israeli commander vows to flatten ‘entire’ Gaza Strip”, *Middle East Eye* (21 December 2023), <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/war-gaza-israeli-commander-vows-flatten-entire-gaza-strip>.

<sup>25</sup> Channel 14 segment, 4 November 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqEj3DzadiM>: “Special documentation from the heart of Gaza: this is how our forces fight deep in enemy territory”, *Now 14* (5 November 2023), <https://www.now14.co.il/תיעוד-מיוחד-מלב-עזה-כך-כוחותינו-נלחמים/>.

<sup>26</sup> Channel 14 segment, 4 November 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqEj3DzadiM>: “Special documentation from the heart of Gaza: this is how our forces fight deep in enemy territory”, *Now 14* (5 November 2023), <https://www.now14.co.il/תיעוד-מיוחד-מלב-עזה-כך-כוחותינו-נלחמים/>.

<sup>27</sup> Video of Kobi Peretz with soldiers, 17 November 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcH2o4c5KZY> (emphasis added).



Group of Israeli army soldiers	Video of soldiers posted by Israeli journalist Yinon Magal on X, (7 December 2023)	[Translated] <i>"I stick by one mitzvah to wipe off the seed of Amalek. we know our slogan: there are no uninvolved civilians"</i> <sup>28</sup>
		[Original Hebrew] "ובמצווה אחת דבק למחות את זרע עמלק את הבית השארתי מאחור ועד הניצחון אנ'לא אחזור את הססמה שלנו מכירים "אין בלתי מעורבים"
Soldier in Khan Younis	Video, (31 December 2023)	[Translated] "these are your homes, and we are destroying them" <sup>29</sup>
Guy Hochman, soldier	Video, (29 October 2023)	Guy Hochman recorded himself leading an offensive chant ("we will, we will f*ck you") with other Israeli soldiers. <sup>30</sup>

### Israeli Parliament Officials

Revital Gottlieb, Member of Knesset, Likud	X account, (9 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>"Jericho missile! Jericho missile! A strategic alert, before we consider introducing our forces. A doomsday weapon! This is my opinion."</i> <sup>31</sup>
		[Original Hebrew] "טיל יריחו! טיל יריחו! התרעה אסטרטגית. לפני ששוקלים הכנסת כוחות. נשק יום הדין! זו דעתי. ה' ישמור את כוחותינו כולם."
	X account, (10 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>"Only an explosion that shakes the Middle East will restore this country's dignity, strength, and security! It's time to kiss doomsday. Shooting powerful missiles without limit. Not flattening a neighbourhood. Crushing and flattening Gaza. Otherwise, we would have done nothing. Not with passwords, with penetrating bombs. Without mercy! Without mercy"</i> <sup>32</sup>
		[Original Hebrew] "רק פיצוץ שירעיד את המזרח התיכון יחזיר למדינה הזו את כבודה, את חוסנה ואת בטחונה! זה הזמן לנשק יום הדין. ירי טילים עוצמתיים בלי גבול. לא שיטוח שכונה. ריסוק ושיטוח"

<sup>28</sup> Yinon Magal, Tweet (7 December 2023) <https://twitter.com/YinonMagal/status/1732652279461757102>. Translated by Middle East Eye, Tweet (8 December 2023) <https://twitter.com/MiddleEastEye/status/1733116719668113618>.

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/YiolU7WwpUQ>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20231229-israeli-soldiers-chant-offensive-words-amid-war-on-gaza/>

<sup>31</sup> Revital Gottlieb, @TallyGotliv, Tweet (5:59 pm, October 9, 2023), <https://twitter.com/TallyGotliv/status/1711426284322996613>.

<sup>32</sup> Revital Gottlieb, @TallyGotliv, Tweet (10:41 am, October 10, 2023), <https://twitter.com/TallyGotliv/status/1711678420235534705>.

עזה. אחרת לא עשינו כלום. לא בסיסמאות, בהפצות חודרות!". ללא רחם! ללא רחם

X account,  
(29 October 2023)

[Translated] “*May your village burn’!! Yes, yes, as far as I’m concerned, it’s a great morale to wish Gaza to be wiped out and set on fire. I have often said revenge is a value. They almost occupied the kibbutzim of the south, slaughtered, raped, decapitated and gouged out eyes, almost 1400 were murdered in one Shabbat. So let their village burn. And if ‘La Familia’ sing it, it’s because they understand that the enemy only understands power! And more power.*”<sup>33</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

"שישרף לכם הכפר! כן כן מבחינתי אחלה מורל לאחל" לעזה להימחק ולהעלות באש. אמרתי לא פעם נקמה היא ערך. כמעט כבשו את קיבוצי הדרום שחטו אנסו ערפו ראשים ועקרו עיניים, כמעט 1400 נרצחים בשבת אחת. אז שישרף להם הכפר. ואם 'לה פמיליה' שרים את זה זה כי הם מבינים." "שהאוייב מבין רק כח! ועוד כח"

X account, (7  
December 2023),

[Translated] “Shelling from the air without mercy!! It is enough to feel sorry for cruel people at such painful prices. It is enough to feel sorry for Gazans who are not involved. There are no uninjured. Any Gazan who remains in a combat location is assisting a terrorist organization. enough! Change diskette. Destroy every place where there are terrorists and terrorist aides. from the air!! Do not endanger soldiers if you can shell from the air!”<sup>34</sup>

[Original Hebrew] הפגזות מהאוויר ללא רחם!! די לרחם על אזורים במחירים כ"כ כואבים. די לרחם על עזתים בלתי מעורבים! אין בלתי מעורבים. כל עזתי שנשאר במקום לחימה הוא מסייע לארגון טרור. די! תשנו דיסקט. תחריבו כל מקום בו יש טרוריסטים וסייעני טרוריסטים. מהאוויר!! לא לסכן חיילים אם אפשר להפגז מהאוויר!

Statement in the  
Knesset, (23 October  
2023)

[Translated] “Without hunger and thirst among the Gaza population, we will not be able to recruit collaborators, we will not be able to recruit intelligence, we will not be able to bribe people

<sup>33</sup> Revital Gottlieb, @TallyGotliv, Tweet (5:10 pm, October 29, 2023), <https://twitter.com/TallyGotliv/status/1718676748542296207>.

<sup>34</sup> Revital Gottlieb, @TallyGotliv, Tweet (3:46 pm, December 7, 2023), <https://twitter.com/TallyGotliv/status/1732788632430186872>.

with food, with drink, with medicine, in order to achieve intelligence”.<sup>35</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

"בלי רעב וצמא אצל האוכלוסייה העזתית לא נצליח לגייס משת"פ, לא נצליח לגייס מודיעין, לא נצליח לשחד אנשים, באוכל, בשתייה, בתרופות, כדי להשיג מודיעין ואנחנו יודעים שמציאת החטופים היא מטרה עליונה וסופר חשובה לצד מטרת הלחימה."

X account, (13 December 2023) [Translated] “There are no non-involved parties either in Khan Yunis or in Sajaiya. Everyone there is mortal. This is the working assumption that must be. Shell mercilessly from the air! Ground maneuvering only after flattening buildings. Each Gazan who did not obey the army’s request to leave, is an assistant of terrorism, he assisted terrorism. And if Biden or anyone else has a problem with this job offer, he is welcome to enter Gaza himself”<sup>36</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

אין בלתי מעורבים לא בחאן יונס לא בסג'עיה. כולם שם בני מוות. זו הנחת העבודה שהיית להיות. להפגז ללא רחם מהאוויר! תימרון קרקעי רק אחרי שיטוח בניינים. כל עזתי שלא שעה לבקשת צהל לעזוב הוא סייען טרור. ואם לביידן או לכל יפה נפש יש בעיה עם הנחת העבודה הזו הוא מוזמן להיכנס בעצמו לעזה

Galit Atbaryan, Member of Knesset, Likud X account, (1 November 2023)

[Translated] “Hate the enemy. Hate the monsters. [...] Spend your energy on one thing; erasing all of Gaza from the face of the earth. Let the Gazan monsters fly to the southern fence and flee into Egyptian territory. Or have them die. And have them die horribly. Gaza must be wiped out. And fire and billows of smoke must be upon the heads of the Nazis in Judea and Samaria. Jewish wrath that will cause the ground to shake around the world. We require a revengeful and cruel IDF. Anything less than that is immoral. Simply immoral”<sup>37</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

"תשקיעו את האנרגיה הזאת בדבר אחד" מחיקת כל עזה מעל פני האדמה

<sup>35</sup> Statement by Revital Gottlieb in the Knesset, 23 October 2023: Knesset Channel, @KnessetT, Tweet (6:10 pm, October 23, 2023), <https://twitter.com/KnessetT/status/1716502486331113922>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbT33E1mswA>.

<sup>36</sup> Revital Gottlieb, @TallyGotliv, Tweet (7:39 am, December 13, 2023), <https://twitter.com/TallyGotliv/status/1734840416522948800>.

<sup>37</sup> Galit Distel Atbaryan, @GalitDistel, Tweet (12:13 pm, November 1, 2023), <https://twitter.com/galitdistel/status/1719689095230730656>.

שהמפלצות העזתיות יטוּסו אל הגדר הדרומית וינוסו לתוך  
שטח מצריים  
או שימותו  
ושימותו ברע  
עזה צריכה להמחק  
ואש ותמרות עשן על ראשם של הנאצים ביהודה ושומרון  
חרון אף יהודי שירעיד את אדמת העולם  
דרוש כאן צה"ל נוקם ואכזר  
כל דבר פחות מזה הוא לא מוסרי  
"פשוט לא מוסרי"

Meirav Ben-Ari,  
Member of Knesset,  
Yesh Atid

Televised Knesset  
session,  
(16 October 2023)

[Translated] *"the children of Gaza have brought this upon themselves"*<sup>38</sup>

Boaz Bismuth,  
Member of Knesset,  
Likud

X account,  
(16 October 2023)

[Translated] *"We must not forget that even the 'innocent citizens' – the brutal and monstrous ones from Gaza took an active part in the pogrom inside the settlements of Israel, in the systematic murder of Jews and the shedding of their blood, in the kidnapping of children, the elderly, and mothers and in the spooning of babies and burning them alive! It is forbidden to show mercy to cruel people, there is no place for any humanitarian gesture – the memory of Amalek must be protested!"*<sup>39</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

אסור לשכוח שגם 'האזרחים התמימים' – האכזריים  
המפלצתיים מעזה לקחו חלק פעיל בפוגרום בתוך יישובי  
ישראל, ברצח השיטתי של יהודים ושפיכת דמם, בחטיפת  
ילדים, קשישים, ואמהות ובכפיתת תינוקות ושריפתם חיים!  
אסור לרחם על אכזרים, אין מקום לשום מחווה הומניטרית –  
"יש למחות את זכר עמלק"

Ariel Kallner,  
Member of Knesset,  
Likud

X account,  
(7 October 2023)

[Translated] *"Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. Nakba in Gaza and Nakba to anyone who dares to join! their Nakba, because like then in 1948, the alternative is clear. Because there is no turning back, and there is no other way, There is no nation that will withdraw from the pits of its life."*<sup>40</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Meirav Ben-Ari, Knesset Session, 16 October 2023,

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=3497251110531404](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=3497251110531404) [2:30:50]

<sup>39</sup> Boaz Bismuth, @BismuthBoaz, Tweet (8:02 am, October 16, 2023),

<https://twitter.com/BismuthBoaz/status/1713812686784311358>, reported by "ח"כ בעז בייסמוט: אין מקום לשום מחווה הומניטרית - "יש למחות את זכר עמלק", *Israel National News* (16 October 2023), available at <https://www.inn.co.il/flashes/954554>.

<sup>40</sup> Ariel Kallner, @ArielKallner, Tweet (10:29 pm, October 7, 2023),

<https://twitter.com/ArielKallner/status/1710769363119141268>.

[Original Hebrew]

!כרגע, מטרה אחת: נִכְבּ" 48 נִכְפָּה שתאפיל על הנִכְפָּה של נִכְפָּה בעזה ונִכְפָּה לכל מי שיעז להצטרף. נִכְפָּה שלהם, כי כמו אז ב 48, האלטרנטיבה ברורה, פִּי לא נִשׁוּב אָחֹר, נִדְרָךְ אֵין אַתְרָת "אֵין עִם אֲשֶׁר יִסּוּג מִתְפִּירוֹת תִּיּוֹ

Yitzhak Kroizer, Israeli Army radio interview, (5 November 2023) Member of Knesset, Otzma Yehudit [Translated] "The Gaza Strip should be flattened, and there should be one sentence for everyone there – death... We have to wipe the Gaza Strip off the map... There are no innocents there."<sup>41</sup>

Avigdor Lieberman, X account, (30 November 2023) Member of Knesset, Yisrael Beiteinu [Translated] "There are no innocents in Gaza."<sup>42</sup>

[Original Hebrew]  
"אֵין חַפִּים מִפְּשַׁע בַּעֲזָה."

Eliyahu Revivo, X account, (1 November 2023) Member of Knesset, Likud [Translated] "This testimony, which joins a multitude of shocking testimonies and joyous demonstrations of children, young people, adults and old men - women and men, brought me to the understanding that \*every\* resident of the Gaza Strip who does not fight against the Gaza terror is a son of death. ... there is no logic in creating an equation that differentiates between those wearing the uniform and the rest of the residents there, except as mentioned for the exclusion of those who go against that oppressive regime! Therefore, I am full of hope and expectation that the decision makers will make it clear to the world about updating the war objectives. Crushing Gaza on all its inhabitants ..."<sup>43</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

"הַעֲדוֹת הַזֹּאת שֶׁמְצַטְרֶפֶת לְשֵׁלֶל עֵדוּיּוֹת מְזַעְזַעוֹת וְהַפְגָּנוֹת " שֶׁמַּחֲהָ שֶׁל יְלָדִים, צַעִירִים, מְבוֹגְרִים וּזְקֵנִים - נָשִׁים כְּגַבְרִים, הַבִּיאָה אוֹתִי לְהַבְנִה כִּי \*כָּל\* תּוֹשֵׁב הַרְצוּעָה שֶׁאֵינוֹ נֹלָחַם נֶגֶד עֲזָה, בֶּן מוֹוֹת הוּא... וְאֵין שׁוֹם הַיְגִיוֹן בִּיצִירַת מְשׁוּאוּהָ דָאֵעֵשׂ הַמְבַדִּילָה בֵּין לּוֹבְשֵׁי הַמְדִים לְשֶׁאֵר הַתּוֹשְׁבִים שֶׁם פֶּרַט כְּאִמּוֹר !לְהַחְרַגַּת הַיּוֹצֵאִים נֶגֶד אוֹתוֹ שֶׁלְטוֹן צוֹרֵר

<sup>41</sup> "MK Yitzhak Kroizer: "The Gaza Strip should be wiped off the map", *Galey Israel* (5 November 2023), <https://www.gly.co.il/item?id=30587>.

<sup>42</sup> Avigdor Lieberman, @AvigdorLieberman, Tweet (6:45 pm, November 30, 2023), <https://twitter.com/avigdorliberman/status/1730297081959530685>

<sup>43</sup> Eliyahu Revivo, @revivoelياهو, Tweet (2:46 pm, November 1, 2023), <https://twitter.com/revivoelياهو/status/1719727722459508915>.

לפיכך, אני מלא תקווה וציפייה שמקבלי ההחלטות יבהירו להבהיר לעולם על עדכון יעדי המלחמה. ריסוק עזה על כל "יושביה"

Keti Shitrit, Member of Knesset, Likud	Television news interview, (1 November 2023)	[Translated] <i>"They used the word revenge a lot. I don't think it's revenge - it's justice. If you ask me on a personal level - I flatten Gaza, I have no sentiments. Because the murderers of the women and children should not be separated from the citizens of Gaza."</i> <sup>44</sup>  [Original Hebrew] "השתמשו הרבה במילה נקמה. אני לא חושבת שזאת נקמה - זה צדק. אם אתה שואל אותי ברמה האישית - אני משטחת את עזה, אין לי סנטימנטים. כי אין להפריד בין הרוצחים של הנשים והילדים לבין אזרחי עזה"
Tzvi Sukkot, MK	Speech to Knesset, (2 January 2023)	[Translated] <i>Occupy, Annex, destroy all houses, and build wide and large settlements, give the lands we occupy to our soldiers"</i> <sup>45</sup>  [Translated] <i>"To occupy, to annex, to destroy all the houses there, to build large and spacious neighborhoods, large settlements that will be named after the nation's heroes who fought there, to distribute plots of land to the soldiers who fought, to the wounded who fought - so that Palestine Square will become the Israeli hero's square. Watch the words from the victory lobby in the Knesset today."</i> <sup>46</sup>
Moshe Saada, Likud	Television interview, (2 January 2023)	[Translated] <i>"Today it's simple. Everywhere you go, you're told, 'Destroy them!' In the kibbutzim, you're told, 'Destroy them!' Even those working for the State Attorney that argued with me over internal political issues: 'It's clear we have to destroy all the Gazans "Today it is clear to everyone that all Gazans must be destroyed"</i> <sup>47</sup> <i>and these are statements I have never heard."</i>

### Public figures

David Mizrahy Verthaim,	X account, (7 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>"One principle that needs to be abandoned today: proportionality. We need a</i>
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<sup>44</sup> Interview with Katrin "Keti" Shitrit-Peretz on Now 14, 1 November 2023: Now 14, @Now14Israel, Tweet (9:50 pm, November 1, 2023), <https://twitter.com/Now14Israel/status/1719834297832526215>.

<sup>45</sup> 9:58 PM, January 2, 2024), <https://twitter.com/ytirawi/status/1742304288221925541?s=20>.

<sup>46</sup> Tweet, (Video) (06:18 PM, January 2, 2024), <https://twitter.com/tzvisuccot/status/1742248981433065787>.

<sup>47</sup> Interview, video at (Tweet) (Yuval Ganor @yuval\_ganor) (11:29 pm, January 2, 2024), [https://twitter.com/yuval\\_ganor/status/1742327270453231886](https://twitter.com/yuval_ganor/status/1742327270453231886).

Journalist and Radio  
Presenter

*disproportionate response. May Israel see what she is hiding in the basement. If all the captives are not returned immediately, turn the strip into a slaughterhouse. If a hair falls from their head – execute security prisoners. Violate any norm, on the way to victory – for them to see and be seen. ... Those in front of us are human animals who do not hesitate to violate minimal rules, including the murder of medical staff and babies. This is not passed on.*<sup>48</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

עקרון אחד שצריך לזנוח היום: מידתיות. צריך תגובה לא "מידתית. שישראל תראה מה היא מחביאה במרתף. אם לא מחזירים במידי את כל השבויים, להפוך את הרצועה למשחטה. אם תיפול שיערה מראשם - להוציא להורג אסירים ביטחוניים. להפך כל נורמה, בדרך לניצחון. למען יראו ויראו ... מי שמולנו אלו חיות אדם שלא בוחלים בהפרה של כללים. מינימליים, לרבות רצח צוותי רפואה ותינוקות. על זה לא עוברים הלאה."

Moshe Feiglin,  
Leader of Zehut

X account,  
(12 October 2023)

[Translated] *"It is not Hamas that should be eliminated. Gaza should be razed and Israel's rule should be restored to the place. This is our country."*<sup>49</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

כשגנץ ונתניהו אומרים שהמטרה היא "היסול החמאס" מה שהם אומרים הוא שחיילי צה"ל יישלחו לכבוש את עזה, כדי למוסרה לאבו מאזן. באוסלו מסרנו את עזה לערפאת, ועכשיו נקיז את דם בנינו כדי לכבוש את עזה עבור אבו מאזן - יורשו... לא את חמאס צריך לחסל. את עזה צריך לשטח ולהחזיר למקום את שלטון ישראל. זו ארצנו

Television news  
interview,  
(24 October 2023)

[Translated] *"Now we need to retaliate with strong vengeance... There is one and only one solution, which is to complete destroy Gaza, before invading it. And when I talk about destruction, I mean destruction like it was in Dresden and Hiroshima, without a nuclear weapon... on the contrary [the Americans] looked for the weakest cities and over there they dropped rockets to make it clear that they were serious. ... Now they have a very high number of deaths and it will remain that way. But if you do to them like what was done in Dresden, like what the British did, and if you burned everything and if you threw bombs that penetrate defensive structures, to penetrate al-Shifa*

<sup>48</sup> David Mizrahy Verthaim, @dverthaim, Tweet (4:52 pm, October 7, 2023), <https://twitter.com/dverthaim/status/1710684531114602891>.

<sup>49</sup> Moshe Feiglin, @moshefeiglin, Tweet (6:16 am, October 12, 2023), <https://twitter.com/moshefeiglin/status/1712336429982846977>.

*Hospital, and to destroy the ground from beneath it, without any consequences.*<sup>50</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

את עזה יש להחריב עד היסוד, ללא שום התחשבות הומניטרית. "אין פתרון מלבד החרבת עזה לפני שנכנסים אליה וכשאני אומר החרבה אני מדבר כמו דרזדן, כמו הירושימה. אני לא זוכר שביידן או קודמיו, הוא רק נולד אז למיטב ידיעתי, עשו מסדרון הומניטרי לתושבי נגאסקי והירושימה. הם עשו בדיוק להיפך, חיפשו את העיר שעשויה מהכי הרבה נייר, הכי פחות בטון, להטיל שם את האטום שלהם כדי שיהיה ברור שהם רציניים. זה מה שגמר את המלחמה וחסך חיים של מיליון חיילים אמריקניים."

Israeli analyst  
Eliyahu Yossian      Television interview,  
(30 December 2023)      [Translated] says Israel should level the ground in Gaza, kill as many as possible & spare no one. "the woman is an enemy, the baby is an enemy... the pregnant woman is an enemy."<sup>51</sup>

Television interview,  
(29 October 2023)      [Translated] There are no innocents. There is no population in Gaza, there are 2.5 million terrorists... All of them are terrorists... we should have killed 50,000 Gazans... Hamas is not the enemy, entire Gaza is the enemy", on 29 October.<sup>52</sup>

Television commentators      Television interview,  
(28 December 2023)      [Translated] "we must demolish, eliminate and destroy them. We should go crazy for once. I said this a month ago ... three months ago ... we must kill 150,000 on the first day. Now they're suggesting this, they realised that this is what should have been done.", other commentator: We must demolish every house our soldiers come across (...) every building must be demolished. Gaza should just be sand, sand like the seashore"<sup>53</sup>

Eyal Golan, Singer      Television news  
interview,  
(15 October 2023)      [Translated] "Erase Gaza, not leave a single person there"<sup>54</sup>

[Original Hebrew]

"למחוק את עזה, לא להשאיר שם בן אדם אחד"

<sup>50</sup> Interview with Moshe Feiglin Channel 7, 24 October 2023: <https://www.inn.co.il/news/617836> (Hebrew).

Also on Al Jazeera, 25 October 2023, <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/politics/2023/10/25/عضو-كنيست-سابق-يدعو-لتنكرا-سيناريو>.

<sup>51</sup> <https://twitter.com/MiddleEastEye/status/1741069437518680399>

<sup>52</sup> <https://twitter.com/NimerSultany/status/1718980647178403893>

<sup>53</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/shorts/eRRqAmcyO\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/eRRqAmcyO_E); <https://twitter.com/abierkhatib/status/1741205417345028516>.

<sup>54</sup> Interview with Eyal Golan on Now 14, 15 October 2023: Now 14, @Now14Israel, Tweet (1:24 pm, October 15, 2023), <https://twitter.com/Now14Israel/status/1713531211300167928>.



## Former officials and retired Israeli Army soldiers

Eliyahu Yossain, Formerly Intelligence Unit 8200	Television news interview, (29 October 2023)	[Translated] <i>“There are no innocents. That’s exactly it. You’re saying now “population!” There is no population. There are 2.5 million terrorists. Therefore, warning before bombing is meaningless! Warning has to be for innocents only and since there’s no innocent so there’s no problem when I said they are all terrorists”</i> <sup>55</sup>
Danny Neumann, former MK	Television interview, (13 December 2023)	[Translated] <i>“I tell you, in Gaza without exception, they are all terrorists, sons of dogs. They must be exterminated, all of them killed. We will flatten Gaza, turn them to dust, and the army will cleanse the area. Then we will start building new areas, for us, above all, for our security.”</i> <sup>56</sup>
MK Michael Ben Ari, veteran Kahanist	Television interview, (28 December 2023)	[Translated] <i>“Our enemy is not Hamas, it's not the rockets, our enemy is the Arabs in Gaza. As long as there are Arabs in Gaza, the State of Israel is under threat”</i> <sup>57</sup>

N.B.: The above statements have been translated from Hebrew into English by a conversant in the Hebrew and English languages, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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<sup>55</sup> Interview with Eliyahu Yossain on Now 14 Israel, 29 October 2023: Now 14, @Now14Israel, Tweet (9:32 pm, October 29, 2023), <https://twitter.com/Now14Israel/status/1718742747455053922>.

<sup>56</sup> Middle East Eye, @MiddleEastEye, (3:20 pm, December 26, 2023), <https://twitter.com/MiddleEastEye/status/1739667383243956311>.

<sup>57</sup> <https://twitter.com/ireallyhateyou/status/1740364610438627821>