Hamas War Tactics: Attacks from Civilian Centers

Evidence of Hamas’ Violations of International Law through Use of Civilian Facilities and Densely Populated Areas for Terror
Hamas: Defining the Battlefield in Gaza

- Hamas uses UN facilities, schools, childrens’ playgrounds, water towers, mosques and countless other active civilian facilities as launching sites for rockets and attacks. In this operation alone, Hamas has launched above 1,600 rockets from civilian sites.

- Additionally, Hamas purposefully engages IDF troops in conflict in urban areas. For example, in Shuja’iya and in Jebaliya, IDF troops have come under intense attack by terrorists from highly populated areas, and have been forced to defend themselves.

- Hamas also uses civilian infrastructures for other military purposes, and places weapon caches and C2 centers in civilian places.

- Hamas’ tactic serves two purposes. Firstly, because the IDF responds to attacks with acute concern for innocent lives, attacking from these sites gives Hamas a major strategic advantage. Secondly, any civilian casualties that are incurred from these attacks are used to create international pressure against Israel, even though it is ultimately Hamas that is to blame for these deaths.

- Such tactics flagrantly violate international law and the most basic of moral precepts.
Summary of Gaza Rocket Launches from Civilian Areas

Rocket Launches

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Unclassified
Introductory Media

Hamas Fires Rockets from Civilian Areas in Gaza:
Published on 27 Jul 2014
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETm2o0RUB5g&list=UUawNWlihdgaycQpO3zi-jYg

12 Examples of Hamas putting Civilians in Line of Fire:
Published on 31 Jul 2014
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUrDAEgisXM

Hamas: We Place Civilians in the Line of Fire
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzFglhFKII8&list=UUawNWlihdgaycQpO3zi-jYg&index=74
Locations of Rocket Launches in Each Gaza Region
Launching Sites: Gaza - Center
Launching Sites: Gaza - South
Launches From Educational Facilities
Case 1: Launch from within El’ Azhar Islamic College

8-Jul 2014
02:44:28
Launch from inside College
Case 1: Launch from El’ Azhar Islamic College Targets Ofakim Town


Ofakim Town

Rocket trajectory
Case 2: Launching from Abu Nur School

July 27th, 2014- Hamas terrorists are seen shooting three rockets at Israel from within a school in Gaza.

Video Link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-fh-fRs7To
Launches From UN and Red Cross Facilities
Case 3: Launch from beside UNRWA Headquarters

UNRWA – Headquarters for the Middle East and Gaza

8-Jul 2014 20:04:12
Launch 9m from this Facility
Case 3: Launch from UNRWA Headquarters Targets Kibbutz Beeri

UNRWA – Headquarters for the Middle East and Gaza

Rocket trajectory

Kibbutz Beeri
Case 4: First Launch from beside UNDP Facility

30-Jul 2014
21:44:48
Launch 7m from this Facility

UNDP National Rehabilitation Association
Case 4: Second Launch from beside Red Cross Station

Red Cross Station
Ambulance Station

30-Jul 2014
21:44:49
Launch 5m from Station
Case 4: Launches From Red Cross Station and UNDP Building Target Ashkelon

- Red Cross Station Ambulance Station
- UNDP National Rehabilitation Assoc.
- Rocket trajectories
- Ashkelon City
Case 5: Rocket Launch from within UNRWA Girls’ School & Refugee Camp

UNRWA Girl’s School B & Refugee Camp

23-Jul 2014
10:55:10
Rocket launched from within school
Case 5: Launch from UNRWA Girls’ School Targets Ashkelon City

UNRWA Girls’ School
B & Refugee Camp

Rocket trajectory

Ashkelon City
Case 6: Rocket Launched from beside UNRWA Packaging Center

UNRWA Rafah Packaging Center

30-Jul 2014
21:06:46
Launch
30m from Facility
Case 6: Launch from UNRWA Oacjagubg Center Targets Yevul Village

UNRWA Rafah Packaging Center

Launching Sites:

Rocket trajectory

Yevul Village
July 31st:

Report Showing Rocket Fire Caught on Camera Launched from Residential Neighborhood beside UN Facility

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE3feo_b8Cg
Rocket Launches from Mosques
Case 8: Nasr Mosque, Hospital and School

- Nasr Hospital
- Nasr Mosque
- Nasr Schools

30-Jul 2014
17:20-17:22
Launches from the Mosque, Hospital and School premises

Salvo of 11 rockets
Case 9: Mosque of Aiysah Morad - North Gaza

23-Jul 2014
14:13
Launch from next to the Mosque

Ayisah Mored Mosque
Case 10: Ibn Ummiya Mosque

31-July 2014
18:00
Rocket launched approx. 20m from Mosque
Case 11: Mosque Stores Weapons and Entrances to Tunnels

July 31st

While operating in Gaza against Hamas, IDF soldiers found a mosque that contained many weapons. Furthermore, two tunnel openings were found in the bottom floor, which was also the prayer area.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWkjwfkh-qM
Launches from Power Plants
Case 12: Rocket Launched from within Power Plant

Power Plant

30-Jul 2014
08:39:14
Launch from within Power Plant
Case 12: Launch Targets Urim Village

Power Plant

Rocket trajectory

Urim Village
Launches from Hospitals
Case 13: Shifa Hospital

Live Report After Hamas launches rockets from Shifa hospital: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne5qWXx-k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne5qWXx-k)
Launches from Graveyards
Case 14: British Cemetery

03-Aug 2014 16:18
6 rockets fired from Cemetery

British Military Cemetery
July 27th:
Hamas Terrorists Fire a Rocket from a Graveyard

http://videoidf.co.il/0468-EN.mp4
Launches from Media Hotels
August 4th:

Hamas Terrorists Prepare and Launch Rockets beside Hotel Housing International Media

Summary

Hamas uses Schools, Universities, UN Facilities, Red Cross Facilities, Mosques, Power Plants and other civilian facilities as launch sites for rocket attacks on Israel’s Civilian population.

Hamas purposefully engages IDF troops in conflict from dense urban areas such as the market in Shuja’iya or from Humanitarian facilities such as the UNRWA School in Jabal’iya.

Hamas’ tactics flagrantly violate international law and the most basic of moral precepts. Given these tactics, the ultimate responsibility for the damage done to civilians as well as the civilian infrastructure of Gaza lies with Hamas.