

Israel Targets Terrorists. Iran Targets Civilians.

THE LIE

Israel deliberately targets civilians in war, while Iran avoids attacking civilians.

THE TRUTH

The opposite is true. Israel takes extensive measures to avoid civilian casualties. Iran, by contrast, deliberately targets Israeli civilians with missiles, drones, and through its terrorist proxies.

BACKGROUND

- On July 2, 2026, an Iranian propaganda account on X calling itself "Persian Girl" claimed that Iran has never struck a civilian target, not even by accident, while Israel and the United States — despite possessing the world's most precise weapons — supposedly attack civilians as a matter of course.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **Iran struck a school in Gedera during its October 2024 barrage** — a crater landed near classrooms that had been full of children hours earlier, part of a roughly 200-missile attack that also damaged about 100 homes in Hod HaSharon and hit a restaurant near Tel Aviv. ([Grokikipedia](#))
- **Iran hit Soroka Medical Center, a major hospital, in 2025** — injuring approximately 80 people at a facility that exists solely to treat the sick and wounded. ([i24 News](#))
- **In 2026, Iran increased its targeted attacks on Israeli civilians.** On February 28, 2026, a missile killed a caregiver in a Tel Aviv apartment building while she was attending to an elderly patient, injuring dozens more. On March 1, 2026, a strike on a Beit Shemesh neighborhood killed nine Israeli civilians, including children. On March 9, 2026, cluster munitions from an Iranian missile killed two construction workers in Yehud. ([Grokikipedia](#))
- **Human Rights Watch found Iranian strikes landing 1.5 to 9 kilometers from any military site**, concluding the pattern constitutes war crimes due to indiscriminate effects on civilians. ([HRW](#))
- **Iran deliberately uses ballistic missiles that are incapable of precision strikes.** Older models like the Emad and Ghadr, and even newer variants, lack the accuracy for surgical targeting. Tehran uses these to cause maximum damage to civilian populations. ([CSIS](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- **Israel and the U.S. use guided munitions, warnings, and proportionality review before strikes.** Israel conducts roof-knocking, phone calls, leaflet drops — a process built to reduce civilian harm. ([West Point](#))
- **Iran's terror proxies embed themselves in hospitals and schools** — tunnels, command centers, weapons caches — documented by IDF footage, Hamas's own past admissions, and independent groups like NATO StratCom, which under international law strips those sites of protected status. The IDF does not embed among civilians and yet Iran still targets Israeli women and children. ([NATO](#)), ([Hoover Institution](#))
- **Iran-backed proxies target Israeli civilians on purpose.** Hamas's October 7 massacre was a deliberate attack on Israeli families, festival-goers, and children, not a strike on a military target that went wrong. Hezbollah rockets and Houthi missiles fired at Israeli cities follow the same logic: hit population centers, call it resistance. Iran arms, funds, and directs all three.

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QUOTES

“Iran’s breach of international humanitarian law, and mainly customary international law, throughout the latest round was systematic. It came from the senior commanders of the IRGC targeting civilians in densely populated areas. And that was a tactic of war, not accidental.” — Adv. Uri Morad, Jerusalem Institute of Justice

TAKEAWAY

The claim is ahistorical propaganda. Iran didn’t “miraculously” spare hospitals and schools. It repeatedly slammed ballistic missiles into them, including Gedera school in 2024 and Soroka Medical Center in 2025, shredding civilian homes, restaurants, and neighborhoods with inaccurate barrages and cluster munitions that killed and maimed non-combatants. Its “precision” is a myth born of volume over accuracy.

Meanwhile, Israel uses warnings, intelligence, and proportionality rules. It targets Hamas and Iranian military assets deliberately embedded in Gaza’s hospitals, schools, and tunnels—human shields that cynically weaponize their own civilians. The real strangeness is pretending a terror-sponsoring regime lobbing indiscriminate rockets at cities is morally superior to democracies fighting an enemy that hides behind human shields while crying victim.