

Why Isn't That Murder? Israeli Soldiers Kill Unarmed People.

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The pictures are chilling and unambiguous. Israeli snipers, shooting from safely defended, distant positions have been killing and maiming unarmed

Palestinian demonstrators for weeks now. The snipers shoot from behind a barbed wire border fence into throngs of men, women, and children. As of May 14, Israelis had killed 55 people while suffering zero casualties themselves.

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And the killing isn't even the worst of it. Israeli policy calls for wounding more than it kills. More than 2,000 Gazans have been wounded with ammunition that leaves fist-sized exit wounds and injuries likely to last a lifetime. Israeli policy calls for snipers to aim low, causing belly and leg wounds, leaving survivors intentionally crippled for life.

On March 31, an Israeli Defense (sic) forces spokesman tweeted: “Yesterday we saw 30,000 people; we arrived prepared and with precise reinforcements; everything was accurate and measured, and we know where every bullet landed.” That is a confession.

There is no justification for hunting Palestinians in the open-air prison that is Gaza.

The earliest apparent US Congressional response came April 14 when five of the best Representatives could manage only mild tut-tutting over “the tragic loss of life over the past two weeks.” Tragic loss of life is something very different from shooting unarmed people. Vermont’s Representative (Peter Welch) attached his name to a mealy-mouth statement on April 26 that begins: “We are deeply concerned by the violence and the tragic loss of life along the border of Gaza. As strong supporters of Israel...”

And there’s the problem. As strong supported of a rogue state committing mass murder, even our best members of Congress have lost their moral footing. The answer to the murder of unarmed civilians starts with outright condemnation and ends with a war crimes tribunal.

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