

Reuters surrenders its journalistic credibility with the publication of “War looms over Gaza as death toll rises,” by Nidal al-Mughrab, a one-sided smear against Israel.

Your piece blames Israel for this escalation of violence. Where do you note the days of relentless rocket fire aimed at Israel from Hamas terrorists hiding among civilians in Gaza? Israel’s targeted strike against Ahmed Jabari was a *response* to a Hamas offensive. Hundreds of Hamas missiles in the last few days have forced more than one million Israelis into bomb shelters. They can’t go to school. They can’t go to work. They exist inside, in fear of the next round of Hamas attacks. But your readers would never know that.

Your reporters have it backward in writing: “The offensive began on Wednesday when a precision Israeli airstrike assassinated Hamas military mastermind Ahmed Al-Jaabari, and Israel shelled the enclave from land, air and sea.” In fact, the “offensive” actually began four days earlier, by Hamas terrorists firing rockets into Israel. Israel’s actions were a *response*, a *defensive* action to protect its citizens.

No other country would tolerate the attacks that Israel has.

The targeted strike by Israel against Jabari is a perfect example of Israel’s restraint. Israel made every effort to limit collateral damage.

Your description of the situation, “The sudden conflict, launched by Israel with the killing of Hamas's military chief, pours oil on the fire of a Middle East already ablaze with two years of revolution and an out-of-control civil war in Syria,” puts the onus for all the Middle East turmoil on Israel. This is highly irresponsible.

Israel left Gaza in 2005. So why is Hamas firing rockets into a sovereign nation? That’s certainly worthy of investigation. But Reuters would rather just blame Israel.

The most important message for your readers—Israel has every right to defend its citizens—is not conveyed in your reporting. Your readers deserve the full story.

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