

Reuters Makes Up Israeli History

Seizing on the over-the-top rhetoric of some Israeli politicians, Reuters gleefully **talks up** the non-existent possibility of a forthcoming civil war in Israel. To reinforce its point, it invents some past history as well. It says that the forthcoming decisions about the Gaza disengagement plan will

show whether Israel is ready to cede occupied land for the first time in more than two decades

In reality, Israel ceded occupied land four years ago in May, 2000, when it **withdrew unilaterally from the Lebanon buffer zone**. Ten years ago, in 1994, it ceded occupied Jordanian land under the **Israel-Jordan peace treaty**. Sixteen years ago, in 1988, Israel **ceded the disputed Taba region to Egypt**.

Moreover the arbitrary formula 'for the first time in more than two decades' conceals the fact that Israel has withdrawn from occupied or disputed land on every occasion when some of its enemies have seen fit to end their campaign to destroy it – and also on several occasions when they have not.

What is Reuters playing at?

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