

Not Mere Rhetoric

Mere Rhetoric is on a roll with important facts and trenchant commentary about the Israel-Hezbollah war and related matters. Here are some must-read posts:

IDF Videos Show Hezbollah Shelling Israel From Civilian Areas

(Videos of Hezbollah using Lebanese civilians as human shields.)

Syria is Hiding Weapons in Civilian Aid Convoys. Of Course They Are

To stop these convoys, Israel has chosen to bomb roads and bridges so that no transports can get through at all. It's not the ideal solution, but it's better than constantly having to hit civilian convoys because intelligence indicates they're transporting rockets that will be rained down on Israeli homes and schools. Israel's choice is to kill civilians or to blow up roads - they chose to blow up roads, and of course are being criticized for destroying Lebanese infrastructure.

Even 40 Years Ago, Anti-Zionism was Already Anti-Semitism

Well, duh. Anyway, there's an article about it from the post-six-day-war era that seems uncannily current.

The Lebanese Prime Minister is Either a Simpering Imbecile or a Shameless Liar

Actually it's pure evil. The Lebanese Prime Minister (himself recently so heavily praised by Condoleezza Rice and every other Western politician that it's a miracle he hasn't been made Prime Minister of the whole world) says that the videos showing Hezbollah firing from civilian areas are faked by Israel. Mere Rhetoric comments:

If the stakes involved were anything less than a genocide against millions of Jews for the second time in under a century, there might actually be humor in this sick comedy.

About That Other Group of Genocidal Lunatics Currently Shooting, Bombing Israelis

...the Palestinians are usually very careful and keep their

weapons safely under the beds of women and children. The IDF has come up with a new way of dealing with this tactic - a way that the Jewish state, because of the double standards and duplicity of the international community, has been loathe to employ in the past. Here's how it works: when the IDF discovers that the weapons being used to murder Israelis are being stored in a house they tell everyone to leave the house, then they blow up the weapons from the air. Western human rights organizations refer to this tactic as "collective punishment" - because Palestinians who let Hamas store weapons in their living rooms should not be inconvenienced when Israel has to come in and blow those weapons up.

Like Hezbollah, Hamas Uses Children As Human Shields

The videos of the air attacks show how Hamas makes use of the Gaza youth; they are sent to collect Qassam rocket launchers, after they have been used, and the IDF holds back from targetting them.

IDF Sacrifices Its Commandos to Minimize Lebanese Civilian Casualties

IDF commandos carried out their 17th operation deep in Lebanon. They were dispatched under the cover of darkness to Tyre to make sure that less than 24 hours would be allowed to pass between when a Hezbollah cell launched rockets into Hadera and when that cell would be eliminated. Two of them ended up severely injured in the mission, one sustaining shots to the midsection. Why didn't Israel just let the IAF take care of the job? Because the terrorists were firing from a civilian neighborhood and hiding in an apartment building

[...]

The IDF is the most moral army in the world.

Indeed.

Well done, Omri of Mere Rhetoric.

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Bombing roads

Apparently the other reason for bombing roads is to stop Hezbollah from bringing in the trucks that they need for launching the rockets. For examples of the trucks used for launching rockets such as Katyusha see [wikipedia](#).

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