

Tactics

Destroying Hezbollah's ability to fight is taking – and will take – Israel far longer than was at first thought. There are several reasons for this: as always in war, the first casualty is the plan. But the reason that stands out is Hezbollah's astonishing success at the tactic that has been developed over decades by the Palestinians: using willing human shields. Hezbollah have taken this tactic to new heights of evil – and effectiveness.

Never before in history has an army succeeded in packing a battlefield with human shields, filled with an ideology of hatred and spite and in many cases willing to die – with their children – and using the enemy's decency and humanity as a weapon of war. The great majority of Israel's military **casualties** to date have been caused, through this tactic, as a result of their own conscious choice to send ground troops to capture objectives that could have been erased from the air or by artillery.

The tendency in the media, and in Western public opinion, to attribute the exact opposite tactics to Israelis by accusing them of a 'disproportionate response' to being under threat of mass murder is nothing short of evil too.

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my interlocutor: tu quoque or tu spread lies?

I heard Israelis do this too.

by a reader on Fri, 08/11/2006 - 08:30 | [reply](#)

Israelis too

Did you?

Well tell us which Israeli school is built on top of a weapons cache, and which residential apartment building the IDF has planning sessions in.

-- Elliot Temple

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by [Elliot Temple](#) on Fri, 08/11/2006 - 14:45 | [reply](#)

I heard 0=1

I'm consistently impressed by people's ability to find moral equivalence in the face of the most overwhelming evidence against it.

Simple models can be very nice. But, when they are contradicted by all credible evidence they should be rejected.

Gil

by **Gil** on Fri, 08/11/2006 - 18:08 | [reply](#)

'Palestinians'

Why are colluding in the myth that there is such a thing as 'Palestinians'?

by **Yoni** on Sat, 09/09/2006 - 21:46 | [reply](#)

Re: 'Palestinians'

Presumably you mean that the very use of the term 'Palestinians' concedes that, prior to the large-scale immigration of Jews in the 20th century, there was a nation called 'Palestine' that claimed sovereignty over the territory that now includes Israel. That is indeed a myth, but the use of the term 'Palestinians' does not 'collude in', or concede, that myth.

The term, as used nowadays by everyone including the Israeli government, is a way of referring to a particular group of people, organised separately from the surrounding political groups.

In passing, note that although that group of people had none of the attributes of a nation in 1900, they do have them now.

by **Editor** on Sat, 09/09/2006 - 22:24 | [reply](#)