
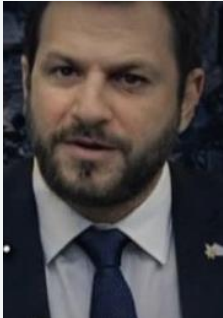








Verified Attributed Statements on Gaza




Annexure D


Each quotation in the graphic has been checked against contemporaneous news reporting.

Speaker	Quote	Verdict – accuracy and context	Source
 <p>Bezael Smotrich Israeli Finance Minister</p>	<p><i>“We will never allow a single grain of wheat to enter the Gaza Strip.”</i></p>	<p>Accurate. In early April 2025, responding to a report that the army wished to resume aid, Smotrich said that not a single grain of wheat would enter the Strip. He said this in defence of the aid blockade then in force.</p>	<p>Middle East Eye, “Israeli minister openly admits to using starvation against Gaza”, 7 April 2025. Originally reported in Yedioth Ahronoth.</p>
 <p>Amichai Eliyahu Israeli Heritage Minister</p>	<p><i>“The army must find ways more painful than death for the civilians in Gaza. Killing them is not enough.”</i></p>	<p>Partly verified. The phrase “ways more painful than death” is genuinely his: in a January 2024 radio interview (103 FM) he urged Israel to break Gazans’ morale through destroying homes and forced displacement. However, “Killing them is not enough” does not appear in contemporaneous news reports.</p>	<p>Original phrase: Middle East Monitor / Press TV, “Israel minister calls for ‘ways more painful than death’ for Palestinians”, 6 January 2024.</p>

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 <p>Bezalel Smotrich Israeli Finance Minister</p>	<p><i>“It might be ‘justified’ to let 2 million Palestinians die of hunger.”</i></p>	<p>Accurate in substance. At an August 2024 conference hosted by Israel Hayom, Smotrich said nobody would let Israel cause two million civilians to die of hunger “even though it might be justified and moral” until the hostages were returned. He described mass starvation as “justified and moral”.</p>	<p>The Times of Israel, “Smotrich: It may be ‘justified’ to starve 2 million Gazans, but world won’t let us”, 5 August 2024.</p>
 <p>Itamar Ben Gvir Minister of National Security</p>	<p><i>“They should be crushed to pieces, starved to death, and not resuscitated with humanitarian aid that gives them oxygen.”</i></p>	<p>Wording accurate; context misrepresented. Reported by the Times of Israel on 7 July 2025. The full statement was: “We should not negotiate with those who kill our soldiers. They should be crushed to pieces ...” – “they” refers to Hamas, in the context of opposing a hostage deal, not Gaza’s civilian population.</p>	<p>The Times of Israel, “Ben Gvir calls on Netanyahu to bring home Doha negotiators: ‘We need to starve Hamas to death’”, 7 July 2025.</p>
 <p>Nissim Vaturi Likud MK; Deputy Speaker of the Knesset</p>	<p><i>“Gaza and its people must be burned”</i></p>	<p>Accurate in substance; looser wording. Vaturi repeatedly and publicly called to “burn Gaza.” In November 2023 he posted that Israel must “burn Gaza now no less,” doubled down on radio (“it is better to burn... than for soldiers to be hurt”), and said there are no innocents there. In February 2025 he called to “kill the adults in Gaza.”</p>	<p>The Jerusalem Post, “Likud MK calls to ‘burn Gaza’,” 20 Nov 2023; Middle East Eye / Haaretz, Jan 2024.</p>

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 <p>May Golan Minister for Social Equality & Women's Advancement (Likud)</p>	<p><i>"I am personally proud of the ruins of Gaza"</i></p>	<p>Accurate; verbatim. Said in a Knesset speech on 19 February 2024, during a debate on expelling MK Ofer Cassif. The full line continues: "...and that every baby, even 80 years from now, will tell their grandchildren what the Jews did." She later shared the speech herself.</p>	<p>The New Arab, "Israeli minister May Golan is 'proud' of Gaza's destruction," 22 Feb 2024; TRT World.</p>
 <p>Isaac Herzog President of Israel</p>	<p><i>"There are no innocent civilians in Gaza"</i></p>	<p>Misattributed as a verbatim quote. Herzog did not say these exact words. At a 12–13 October 2023 press conference he said: "It is an entire nation out there that is responsible. It is not true this rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved." His "entire nation is responsible" remarks were cited by the ICJ as evidence of intent, so the substance is serious and genuine – but the quote is a paraphrase, not his words.</p>	<p>Antiwar.com / Middle East Eye, Oct 2023 (transcript of remarks); NBC News, 15 Jun 2024 (Herzog's "out of context" response).</p>
 <p>Avi Dichter Agriculture Minister; former Shin Bet director</p>	<p><i>"We will conquer Gaza and leave no living Palestinian"</i></p>	<p>Unverified – no reliable source; likely fabricated or badly distorted. No contemporaneous report contains this sentence. Dichter's actual documented remark (N12 / Channel 12, 11 Nov 2023) was "We are now rolling out the Gaza Nakba... Gaza Nakba 2023" – about mass displacement – plus "we need to reduce the number of residents."</p>	<p>Actual quote: Haaretz / The New Arab / Anadolu, 12 Nov 2023. "No living Palestinian" wording: not found in any reliable source.</p>

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 <p>Daniella Weiss <i>Settler-movement leader (founder of Nachala); not a government official</i></p>	<p><i>“There will be no Arabs in the Gaza Strip”</i></p>	<p>Accurate; verbatim. Said at the Nachala “Victory” conference (Jan 2024). Full quote: “...They will go to Turkey, to Scotland, to Britain. I don’t want to kill them. I want them out of Gaza.” She frames it as forced transfer and, in a BBC interview, accepted the term “ethnic cleansing.”</p>	<p>Reported via Middle East Eye / Watan (conference footage), Jan 2024; BBC News interview, Apr 2024.</p>
 <p>Giora Eiland <i>Retired IDF Major General; former head of the National Security Council</i></p>	<p><i>“Gaza will become a place where no human being can exist”</i></p>	<p>Accurate; verbatim. From his op-ed in Yedioth Ahronoth (Oct 2023). Full sentence: “...Gaza will become a place where no human being can exist, and I say this as a means rather than an end.” He also wrote that “severe epidemics... will bring victory closer.”</p>	<p>Ynetnews (English), “It’s time to rip off the Hamas band-aid,” Oct 2023; cited in the ICJ filing.</p>
 <p>Yoav Gallant <i>Defence Minister (at the time)</i></p>	<p><i>“We are fighting human animals”</i></p>	<p>Accurate; verbatim. Said on 9 October 2023 while ordering the total siege: “I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel... We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly.”</p> <p>Some defenders argue “human animals” referred to Hamas fighters, but it accompanied a siege on all 2.3 million residents and was cited by Human Rights Watch and at the ICJ.</p>	<p>The Times of Israel / Middle East Eye, 9 Oct 2023; Human Rights Watch statement, 9 Oct 2023.</p>

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 <p>Bezael Smotrich Finance Minister (Religious Zionism)</p>	<p><i>“There is no such thing as Palestinian people”</i></p>	<p>Accurate; verbatim. Said in a Paris speech on 19 March 2023: “There is no such thing as Palestinians because there is no such thing as a Palestinian people,” calling Palestinian nationhood a 20th-century “invention.” This predates 7 October 2023 and denies national identity, rather than calling for destruction in Gaza – a different category from the other quotes, though relevant to the “intent to destroy a group” framing.</p>	<p>CNN, 21 Mar 2023; Haaretz / Middle East Eye, 20 Mar 2023.</p>
<p>Hillel Newman Israeli Ambassador to Australia</p>	<p><i>“Palestinians deserve the death penalty because they’re ‘deranged’ and ‘the usual punishments don’t work’”</i></p>	<p>Part-faithful, part-unverified. The deterrence half is on the record: defending Israel’s new death-penalty law at the National Press Club in Canberra on 31 March 2026, Newman said the usual punishment was no deterrent and that extra deterrents were needed.</p>	<p>The Canberra Times / AAP (Farid Farid), “Australia condemns Israel’s new death penalty laws,” 31 Mar 2026. “Deranged” / “deserve” wording: not found in any reliable source.</p>
<p>Moshe Feiglin Former Likud member of the Knesset (2013–15); leader of the Zehut party.</p>	<p><i>Interview, Israeli Channel 14, Tuesday 20 May 2025:</i></p> <p><i>“The enemy is not Hamas, nor is it the military wing of Hamas. Every child in Gaza is the enemy. We need to occupy Gaza and settle it, and not a single Gazan child will be left there. There is no other victory.”</i></p> <p><i>Same-day elaboration (video clip, X): that a Gazan child not expelled will, in fifteen years, carry out another 7 October against an Israeli child.</i></p>	<p>VERIFIED — substantively accurate.</p> <p>The statement is genuine and corroborated by multiple independent outlets, including the Israeli Orthodox outlet The Yeshiva World, which carried a fuller version taken directly from the Hebrew broadcast (“Every child, every baby in Gaza is the enemy...”). The remarks were delivered in Hebrew. The “fifteen years / another 7 October” follow-up is independently corroborated.</p> <p>Context worth recording: the remarks were made amid the controversy over Yair Golan’s “killing babies as a hobby” comment and in response to the decision to permit humanitarian aid into Gaza.</p>	<p>Primary reporting: Middle East Eye, 20 May 2025; The Yeshiva World, 20 May 2025 (fuller Hebrew-sourced transcript).</p> <p>Corroborating: Quds News Network; Greater Kashmir; Clarion India — all 20–22 May 2025.</p> <p>The circulating image (credited to Oren Ben Hakoon; shared by @onepathnetwork) is secondary and not required for citation.</p>

Quote Verification Annexe

Attributed statement: Itamar Ben-Gvir on the children of Gaza

This entry supplements the earlier verification annexes.

Quote as circulated	Verdict	Basis and sourcing
<i>Attributed to Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israeli Minister of National Security, “in an interview”: “The children of Gaza are not innocent; they are a delayed threat that must be completely eliminated.”</i>	UNVERIFIED. <i>No reliable provenance. Appears fabricated or so heavily distorted that its origin cannot be traced.</i>	<i>The statement has been circulating on social media. No mainstream news organisation, Israeli, Arab or Western, reports him saying it.</i>

Note

Ben-Gvir has a long and attributable history of inflammatory statements concerning Palestinians, sourced to identifiable interviews and outlets — among them repeated calls for the mass expulsion of Gazans, stated opposition to all humanitarian aid entering Gaza, advocacy of the death penalty for Palestinian detainees, and, in a recorded confrontation with the imprisoned Marwan Barghouti (August 2025), words to the effect that those who harm Israelis “we will obliterate.”