

Civilian casualties: The missing truth

123 Israeli children murdered by Palestinians

Headlines about civilian casualties in Gaza have created much anti-Israel feeling in New Zealand. No one likes to see innocent people, especially children, killed or injured in a war. Yet little attention was paid to the 123 Israeli children murdered during the last eight years by Palestinian terrorists. Those who want to see both sides of the story should watch

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HX9mAQWQ4UI>, or google '123 children murdered'. And remember, these Israeli children were deliberately targeted, while Israel's action was aimed at militants, with every effort made to minimise civilian damage.

It should also be noted that the reports of civilian casualties during the Gaza war and the headlines screaming 'massacre' have turned out to be erroneous. The Israeli Defence Force just completed an analysis of 1200 Palestinian fatalities in which the names, identity numbers, circumstances of death, and affiliated terrorist group, if any, were examined. The report concluded that two-thirds of the fatalities were militants, or a ratio of two militants for each civilian—the reverse of the impression created by Palestinian reports. Military experts consider even this ratio remarkable for an enemy that operates from civilian areas and uses civilians as human shields. (For more information, visit www.kbrm.org.nz and click on the Feb. 21 post.)

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