

Israeli soldiers describe unrestricted shooting in Gaza: It's fun, like a computer game

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Tel Aviv, July 9 (RHC)-- Six Israeli soldiers have described a “shoot first, ask questions later” culture within the Israeli army in Gaza, which sees women, children, hospitals and schools attacked with seeming impunity, in an article published by Israel’s +972 magazine.

“It felt like a computer game,” said one soldier identified only as A, describing his experience working in an operations room. “Every once in a while, a building comes down... and the feeling is, ‘Wow, how crazy, what fun,’” he said.

Another soldier, identified only as M, described shooting as “very unrestricted” even when firing with “machine guns, tanks, and mortars”.

The soldiers included Yuval Green, a 26-year-old reserve from Jerusalem, who recently signed a letter from 41 reserve soldiers refusing to take part in the Rafah invasion, and five other soldiers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Green was one of two of the soldiers who said unrestricted fire from fellow Israeli soldiers was the greatest danger they felt while in Gaza.

“There was quite a bit [of friendly fire]; it drove me crazy,” he said.

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