

Israeli troops shoot Palestinians to pass time and alleviate boredom

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More reports are surfacing about the gruesome acts of Israeli forces committing genocide in Gaza. Currently numerous news stories are painting a shocking picture of how the Israeli forces are killing for fun, and that the practice is actually endemic.

Israeli soldiers have admitted opening fire on Palestinians without restrictions and out of boredom, leaving their bodies on the streets.

According to an article by The Guardian, a U.S. Israeli soldier posted video showing the demolition of Gazan homes and mosques using explosives. Screenshots from the videos posted by Bram Settenbrino show rounds being fired into the ruins of a building, and the demolition of a mosque.

But who is Bram Settenbrino? And why would he fire shots randomly and post a film of the demolition of a mosque for example?

Settenbrino was 19-years-old when he emigrated from the U.S. state of New Jersey and volunteered to join the Israeli military on August 18, 2020. He later did join the Israeli forces, a revelation which debunks the assertion that Americans were not fighting for Israel in the genocidal war.

He can be seen shooting indiscriminately at homes in one video posted online, just shooting at random. He is also shown shooting at what appears to be a destroyed mosque. Then blowing up homes again, he blows up homes, repeatedly.

By international standards, what he is doing is perpetrating war crimes.

A video aired by Al Jazeera shows Israeli forces taking Palestinians out at random, killing them while they're walking on the beach. Those Palestinians were unarmed yet they were shot dead even though the targeted Palestinians were quite distant away from the Israeli shooter. But why would the regime forces target them?

The group "+972 Magazine" revealed this with the headline "I'm bored so I shoot: The Israeli army's approval of free for all violence in Gaza." The story included testimonials such as "homes were set ablaze" and another testimonial that these were "routine executions" that were taking place.

These admissions by people who came forward from the Israeli forces revealed that it was all done with 'commander's permission' and that this behavior was endemic in the Israeli army. Many of the times, from our investigation, it seems a soldier was shooting not from a tactical reason or real military reason, but just out of being bored.

According to political sociologist, Yegil Levy, in his manuscript, "Shooting, Not Crying: Reckoning with Violence and Prisoners of War", which highlights the Second Intifadam he states that "the army has not given soldiers written rules of engagement" which left "much open to the interpretation of soldiers in the field, and their commanders".

This partly explains why so many Palestinians have been killed in this genocide.

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