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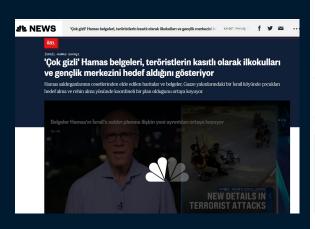
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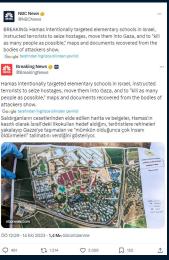


TRUTH | The latest conflict between Israel and Palestine (Al-Aqsa Flood) started on Saturday, October 7. As is known, Fridays and Saturdays are public holidays in Israel.

In addition, on October 7, the Israel Defence Forces Home Front Command announced the closure of schools in the centre and south of the country. Later that day, the Ministry of Education announced the closure of all schools in Israel.

On Saturday, October 7, and the days that followed, there were no students in schools. Therefore, the claim that "schools were targeted with the intention of killing more children" is inconsistent with the facts.







CLAIM: "Baby kidnapped by Hamas."

The claim that images shared on some social media accounts show a "baby kidnapped by Hamas" is false.



TRUTH | The video in question was discovered to have been shared on social media approximately one month prior to the outbreak of recent conflicts between Israel and Palestine (September 8, 2023).

In the footage, an Arabic-speaking person asks the child about his family. The video has no relevance to the claims.





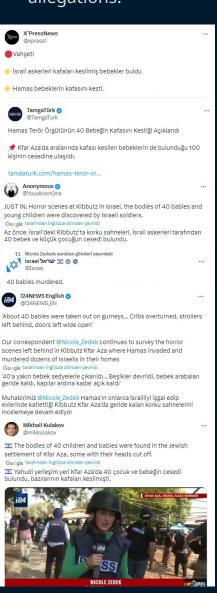


CLAIM: "Hamas fighters beheaded 40 Israeli babies."

The claim, made on an Israeli TV channel, that "Hamas fighters beheaded 40 Israeli babies" is not true.



TRUTH | Israeli army officials told Anadolu Agency that they lacked information or evidence corroborating the allegations.







CLAIM: "Hamas fighters killed an Israeli civilian and ripped out the person's heart."

Regarding images on social media accounts, the claim that "Hamas fighters killed an Israeli civilian and ripped out the person's heart" is not true.



TRUTH | It was found that the alleged images first appeared in the Mexican press in August of 2020. According to these reports, the footage shows Jalisco New Generation Cartel members executing a drug dealer who was a member of the Tepalcatepec Cartel.







CLAIM: US President Joe Biden said, "I never thought I would see pictures of children being beheaded."

US President Joe Biden's statement, "I never thought I would see pictures of children being beheaded," in response to the Israeli media's claim that "Hamas fighters beheaded 40 babies" is disinformation.



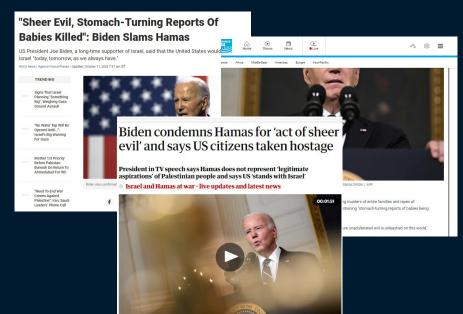
TRUTH | The claim that "Hamas fighters beheaded 40 babies" was first made by an Israeli TV channel, but no information or documentation was provided to confirm this report.

According to Israeli army officials contacted by Anadolu Agency, there is no evidence to support the claim.

After US President Joe Biden repeated the claim and stated that he had "seen images of beheaded babies," US media reached out to the White House to confirm the claim.

The Washington Post reported that the White House was asked for information on the claim, and a spokesperson stated that neither Biden nor US officials 'have seen pictures or confirmed such reports independently about beheaded babies'.







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A White House spokesperson later clarified that U.S. officials and the president have not seen pictures or confirmed such reports independently. The president based his comments about the alleged atrocities on the claims from Netanyahu's spokesman and media reports from Israel, according to the White House.

"I've been doing this a long time," Biden said at the White House, never really thought that I would see, have confirmed pictures of terrorists beheading children."

In response to questions from The Post, an Israel Defense Forces spokesperson declined to comment on the state of victims' bodies.

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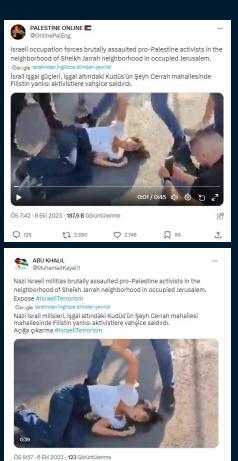
CLAIM: "Palestinians are brutally beating Israeli children and women."

Regarding the images shared on some social media accounts, the claim that "Palestinians are brutally beating Israeli children and women." is not true.



TRUTH | It was determined that the images subject to allegations were shared on social media one day (October 6) before the outbreak of recent conflicts between Israel and Palestine (October 7). Contrary to the claims, the footage shows Israeli forces attacking pro-Palestinian activists in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of Al-Quds.







CLAIM: "Palestinian women are producing fake videos with make-up."

The claim that "Palestinians are producing fake videos" regarding the images shared on social media accounts depicting women applying makeup is false.



TRUTH | The alleged images originated from a TRT World-broadcast culture-art programme.

Palestinian makeup artist Mariam Saleh's work as a female special effects makeup artist for the Gaza film industry is depicted in images released in March 2017.







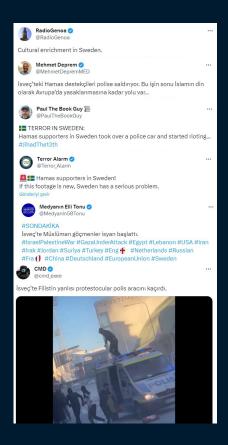
CLAIM: "Hamas supporters in Sweden hijacked a police car during a protest."

The claim shared on some social media accounts that "Hamas supporters in Sweden hijacked a police car during a protest" is not true.



TRUTH | The alleged footage was captured in various Swedish cities in April 2022, during demonstrations against Quran-burning provocations organised by Danish far-right politician Rasmus Paludan.

The footage has nothing to do with the alleged protests against Israel's attacks on Gaza.







CLAIM: "Palestinians staged a fake funeral."

The claim regarding the images shared on some social media accounts that "the Palestinians staged a fake funeral" is false.



TRUTH | The said footage was captured approximately three years ago, during the Covid-19 pandemic, at a fake funeral organised to violate the curfew in Jordan. At the time, the footage was reported in the media and became a source of humour on social media.

The footage has nothing to do with the alleged civilian casualties resulting from Israel's attacks on Gaza.







CLAIM: "Israel releases images of severely injured babies."

The Times' use of images of Palestinian children to accompany the news story "Israel releases images of severely injured babies" is blatantly manipulative.



TRUTH | The claim by an Israeli TV channel that "Israeli babies were killed" has not been confirmed by Israeli officials or independent parties. The British newspaper published this unsubstantiated claim alongside a photograph of Palestinian children injured by Israeli bombing.





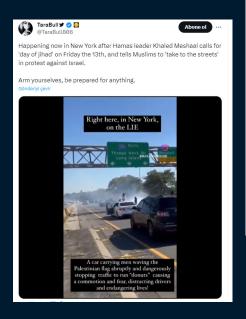
CLAIM: "Palestinians blocked roads in New York after Khaled Meshaal's call for 'jihad'."

The video shared on some social media accounts claiming that "Palestinians blocked roads in New York after Khaled Meshaal's call for 'jihad'" is false.



TRUTH | The alleged video shows the moments when a group of men waving the Puerto Rican flag recently violated traffic rules by blocking the Long Island Expressway. The video has nothing to do with the alleged protests against Israel's attacks on Gaza.

Provocative social media posts that use images from unrelated incidents should not be given credit.





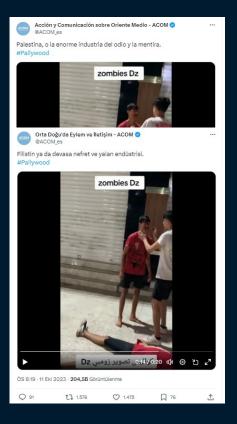


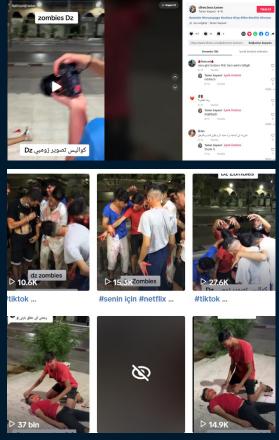
CLAIM: "Palestinians are making fake videos."

The claim that "Palestinians are making fake videos" about some images shared on social media is not true.



TRUTH | It was found that the alleged video was behind-the-scenes footage from a commercial shoot in August 2023. The video has no relevance to the current events in the region.





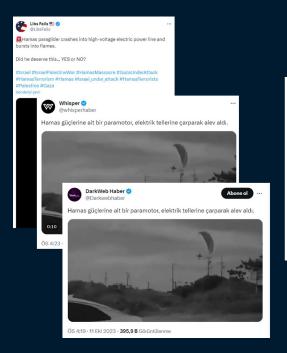


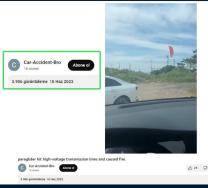
CLAIM: "A paraglider belonging to Hamas forces crashed into an electric power line and burst into flames."

The video shared on some social media accounts claiming that "a paraglider belonging to Hamas forces crashed into an electric power line and burst into flames" is not true.



TRUTH | The video of the paraglider hitting the high-voltage line was posted on a video-sharing website about four months ago. The video has nothing to do with the recent conflicts between Israel and Palestine.





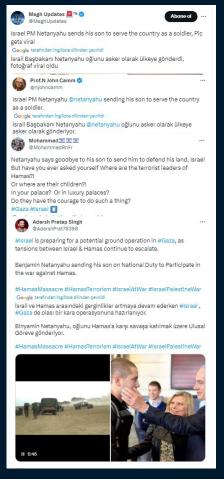


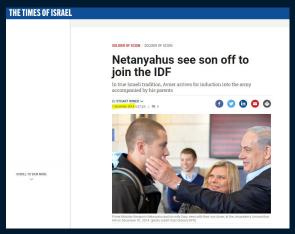
CLAIM: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is saying goodbye to his son as he leaves to fight Hamas."

Regarding a photo shared on certain social media accounts, the claim that "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is saying goodbye to his son as he leaves to fight Hamas" is false.



TRUTH | The photo in question was taken in 2014, when Netanyahu's youngest son, Avner, was saying goodbye to his family as he left for his mandatory military service. The photo has nothing to do with the recent conflicts between Hamas and Israel.





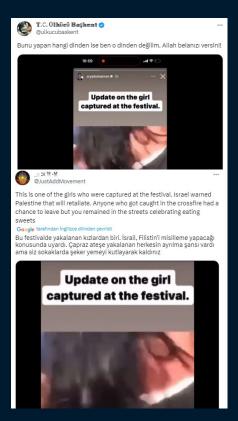


CLAIM: "Hamas fighters burned alive a girl they captured at the festival."

The claim that "Hamas fighters burned alive a girl they captured at the festival" shared on some social media accounts **is not true**.



TRUTH | It was found that the images subject to the claim were taken in Guatemala in May 2015. The images, which received extensive coverage in the international press, are related to an incident in which a young girl accused of murdering a taxi driver was brutally murdered by a large crowd in the village of Rio Bravo, located 150 kilometres west of Guatemala City.







CLAIM: "Muslim Hamas fighters killed a disabled Israeli woman and her Hindu caregiver."

Regarding the images shared on certain social media accounts, the claim that "Muslim Hamas fighters killed a disabled Israeli woman and her Hindu caregiver" is not true.



TRUTH | In the alleged footage, a Hamas fighter says that they will not kill any woman, elderly person, child, or worshipper. The Arabic-speaking fighter's words were manipulated to incite the Hindu population against Muslims.







CLAIM: "Hamas fighters executed Israeli children like this."

The claim that "Hamas fighters executed Israeli children like this," in reference to images shared by some social media accounts, is false.



TRUTH | The alleged footage was discovered to have been filmed in Syria seven years ago.

Unfounded claims should not be given credit.







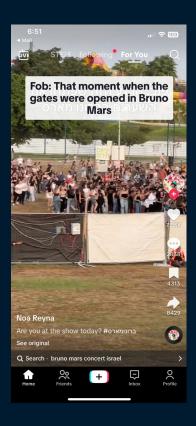
CLAIM: "Israelis running for their lives at the festival."

The claim that "Israelis are running for their lives at the festival" regarding the images shared on some social media accounts is false.



TRUTH | The images subject to allegations were recorded three days before the outbreak of recent conflicts between Israel and Palestine. Footage shows Israelis running at a concert venue in Tel Aviv on October 4, 2023.







CLAIM: "Foreigners living in our country chanted 'Mehmetçik to Gaza' slogans in front of the Israeli Consulate General."

The images shared by some social media accounts claiming that "Foreigners living in our country chanted 'Mehmetçik to Gaza' slogans in front of the Israeli Consulate General" are outdated.

The claim that "This is a group of foreigners living in our country who took to the streets in support of Palestine!" is also untrue.



TRUTH | The aforementioned footage was discovered to be from the demonstrations held on May 10, 2021, to protest Israeli security forces' attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

On May 7, 2021, Israeli police used stun grenades and rubber bullets against the worshippers at Al-Aqsa Mosque in al-Quds, resulting in at least 205 Palestinians being injured during the clashes. Citizens gathered under the leadership of nongovernmental organisations to protest the Israeli attacks.







CLAIM: "1,671 Israeli asylum seekers fleeing the war arrived by ship in Alanya."

Regarding the images shared on certain social media accounts, the claim that "1,671 Israeli asylum seekers fleeing the war arrived by ship in Alanya" is false.



TRUTH | Cruise ships carrying citizens from various countries frequently visit Antalya and the Alanya region.

The footage shows tourists disembarking from a cruise ship that arrived in Alanya on October 6. The footage, recorded during a routine tourist trip, has nothing to do with the tension between Israel and Palestine.







CLAIM: "Egyptian police opened fire on a large number of Israelis fleeing to Egypt from Israel."

Regarding some images shared on social media, the claim that "Egyptian police opened fire on a large number of Israelis fleeing to Egypt from Israel" is not true.



TRUTH | The alleged video shows a clash near Ashkelon between Israeli forces and fighters from the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas.

When the video is analysed, it is evident that the soldiers clashing on the road are Israeli troops. The alleged video has nothing to do with the attack in Egypt that resulted in the deaths of three people. (A police officer opened fire on a group of tourists in a protected site in Alexandria, Egypt, and as a result of the attack, two Israeli tourists and an Egyptian tour guide died.)







CLAIM: "A police officer in Egypt opened fire at a bus carrying Israelis. 6 people were killed, and 8 were injured."

The claim shared on some social media accounts that "a police officer in Egypt opened fire at a bus carrying Israelis. 6 people were killed and 8 were injured" is not true.



TRUTH | The Egyptian Ministry of Internal Affairs announced that a police officer on duty at a protected site in the city of Alexandria opened fire at random on a group of Israeli tourists, killing two Israeli tourists and an Egyptian tour guide. The statement indicated that the attacker was captured.

Israeli media, citing the Israeli Foreign Ministry, also reported that 2 Israeli tourists and an Egyptian tour guide were killed.







CLAIM: "Palestine printed a stamp to support the so-called Armenian genocide."

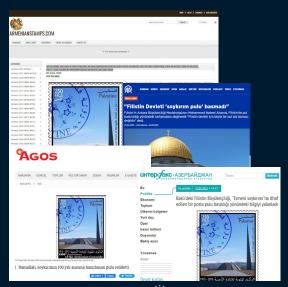
Regarding the image of a postage stamp shared on some social media accounts, the claim that "Palestine printed a stamp to support the so-called Armenian genocide claims" is not true.



TRUTH | Similar allegations have previously been made regarding the alleged image of the postage stamp. The Palestinian authorities have categorically denied the allegations, stating that Palestine has never issued such a stamp. The authorities explained that the postage stamp was created digitally and that similar postage stamps have never been issued in Palestine.

Some Armenian websites that sell thematic greeting cards and postage stamps have also been found to include the following statements about the alleged image: "We have received confirmation from the Palestinian postal authorities that the image shown here is 'not an official stamp of Palestine".







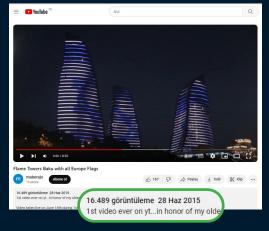
CLAIM: "The Israeli flag was projected on some buildings in Azerbaijan."

The images shared on some social media accounts with the claim that "the Israeli flag was projected on some buildings in Azerbaijan" are outdated.



TRUTH | 50 countries participated in the "Baku 2015 First European Games", hosted by Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, in June 2015. The flags of the participating countries were projected on the Flame Towers in Baku. The alleged photograph was taken during this event.







CLAIM: "Hamas forces took a young Israeli woman hostage."

Regarding the video shared on certain social media accounts, the claim that "Hamas forces took a young Israeli woman hostage" is not true.



TRUTH | The woman in the alleged video is a Palestinian social media influencer known as "Rosey," who is being removed from the area while trying to film.

