

Hamas: The Depths of Evil They Must be Terminated

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Hamas inflicted savage, barbaric, inhumane torture against women as part of their October 7th killing spree against all before them. It was so evil that comparisons to rapes and sexual brutality against women from time immemorial cannot be made.

Why? Because members of Hamas, and their leaders, wanted not just to rape but to deny women their womanhood by mutilating their genitalia, amputating and shooting their breasts, and perpetrating unimaginable premeditated sexual violence.

They did this indiscriminately to children, young women, mothers and grandmothers and when it came to babies, even burned them alive according to a video montage shown during a special United Nations session organized by Gilad Erdan, Israel's UN Ambassador on December 4, 2023.

Forget that some of these women were Israeli.

Forget that some of these women were Jewish.

But never forget that this was the ultimate assault against all women.

That fact removes this from the realm of war and makes this a crime against humanity.

From the massacre on October 7th, survivors of the attacks, videos found on Hamas terrorists, videos posted online, and reports from first responders were quite clear as to what happened, but where was the outcry? Where was the nonstop reporting on this specific issue?

It actually took nearly eight weeks for UN Women, a worldwide recognized organization said to advocate for gender equality before they reluctantly, and pitifully, condemned Hamas' actions.

How is that even possible?

Finally on December 4th the Israeli mission to the UN held an event called "Hear Our Voice: Sexual and gender-based violence in the 7 October Hamas terror attack". Israeli Ambassador Erdan said he believed UN Women is a blatantly anti-Semitic UN organization and there should be an investigation of UN Women's indifference to the heinous crimes against Israeli women.

UN Spokesperson for the

Secretary-General, Stephane Dujarric at a December 4th briefing for the press said in answer to a question "the Secretary-General has full confidence in UN Women and the leadership and the Executive Director of UN Women." If that is true it not only is troubling but 100% confirmation that Israel cannot trust the Secretary-General's judgement or motives.

The special "Hear Our Voices" session was mostly attended by about 700 female activists and leaders of Israeli and international women's rights groups. At the session Erdan said, "These brutal sexual abuses were premeditated and instructed. Hamas terrorists were told to commit these acts of sheer evil in order to terrorize us and our families in order to drive us away from Israel out of fear. I sent two letters with photos as evidence to UN Women, but we've been ignored. The UN chooses to remain silent, this does not mean the world will. Stories of Israeli women won't be silenced. Truth will prevail."

Sheila Katz, CEO of National Council of Jewish Women said,

"You're not a feminist if you have to be convinced that raping Israeli women is wrong. Rape is not resistance. Rape is never excusable. You're either against all rapes or you support it."

A paramedic talking about Hamas' actions that day said the terror group "had a thing with sexual organs, both in women and in men. Shooting was targeted at sexual organs."

A survivor from the music festival in testimony recalled how the terrorists cut off a woman's breast, threw it on the road and "Literally played with it on the road."

According to the Israeli police another survivor described "Girls without any clothes on, without tops, without underwear. People cut in half, butchered, beheaded. There were girls with a broken pelvis due to repetitive rapes."

Army reservist Shari Mendes, as her unit prepared female bodies for burial said, "A young woman came in with cut off legs. We saw several severed heads, one with a kitchen knife still embedded in the neck. Heads were covered in blood. They

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Protesters gathered outside the UN against sexual violence Oct. 7. Photo originally appeared in the Forward by their intern Camillo Barone. To get the Forward's free email newsletters go to forward.com/newsletter-signup.

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were shot in the eyes, face and skull. One female soldier’s face had been shot so many times that the head had nearly fallen off. Other’s brains were falling out of their skulls. Charred remains arrived and had to be identified and prepared for burial. These bodies were burned beyond recognition, often without arms or legs: they did not resemble anything human. Hamas did not show these women any honor in life, but it was important to us and our teams, groups of women, that we showed them deep love and gentleness as we prepared them for burial. We held them in our hearts even just for a moment, as if they were our daughters: we really loved them.” As a child of a Holocaust survivor she added, “I understand the importance of bearing witness. I am here (at the UN session) to be the voice of those who cannot testify.”

Bodies of women raped and killed were almost unrecognizable.

One of the first witnesses to a kibbutz that was demolished said, “My life as a police officer, as a woman, as a mother, will never be

the same after October 7.”

At the UN, Hillary Clinton in a video address said, “As a global community, we must respond to weaponized sexual violence wherever it happens with absolute condemnation. No justifications and no excuses. Rape as a weapon of war is a crime against humanity.”

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand on viewing the evidence of Hamas’ massacres said, “You can’t unsee once you see these images.”

Former Meta COO Sheryl Sandberg pleaded for the world not to turn away from atrocities committed by the terrorists against women. She said, “Silence is complicity, and in the face of terror, we will not be quiet. That is why we are here today. To speak about unspeakable acts. This goes beyond politics. If we can’t agree that rape is wrong, then we have accepted the unacceptable. Then the question will be, not what is happening in the Middle East, but what is happening to our humanity.”

Tal Heinrich, emcee for the session and an Israeli journalist said, “Some of these women were murdered twice. The first time when the blood-

thirsty terrorists committed shocking acts of sexual violence against them. The second time these women were murdered was when terrorists put a bullet in them. In at least one case, this happened simultaneously. Let that sink in.”

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan) said she was following this from the beginning. “The very first week of this attack after Hamas, I condemned the raping of women and said that no one could condone it, and Palestinian men went after me - called me a liar, demanded I retract it. I got doxxed over the subject. I have spent the last seven weeks researching the raping of women that has occurred in the Mideast. It is outrageous. I condemn it.” Dingell added that she was stunned to get such vicious attacks, even from women, demanding a retraction but that just made her angrier. She said, “Rape is a tool of war. It is violence that should be exercised against no woman - any woman: a Jewish woman, an Arab woman, a white woman, a Black woman, and I unequivocally stand against it.”

A Chicago advocate for survivors of sexual assault, who is focusing her non-profit organization on survivors of Hamas’ sexual attacks said, “I never in a million years would have dreamed that the world would turn their back on survivors when the perpetrators so gleefully recorded their violence and shared it with the world. This was part of their orders: To rape and torture as many people as they could. We’ve marched and supported every organization, every group. We report and support Indigenous women. And Black women and Asian women and gay women. But suddenly, when it comes to Jewish women, the world is silent.”

That is one of the most disturbing thing of all. When the inability of vast numbers of people, women included, media reporters included, let anti-Semitism, Jew-hatred, or knee-jerk reactions to political issues cloud one’s mind from seeing evil, and identifying evil, and then focusing on calling it out.

This time should be, and must be, the time those actions end and moral clarity begins.



A temporary body collection facility in the area where the Music Festival took place, after it was cleared from Hamas Barbarians. Photo: Internet generated.