

Deliberate misinformation: An example

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Media support for the genocide in Gaza relies exclusively on Israeli narratives, despite countless instances of evidence demonstrating that many statements are false when they could incriminate Israel. Here is a prominent example.

Will we see the retraction given the same prominent placement in German media as the publications of Israeli lies? I doubt it. So here's the story again.

Following the abduction of the Bibas family on October 7, 2023, Israel launched extensive campaigns demanding their release, including the "Bring Them Home Now" initiative, which involved illuminating buildings in orange to draw attention to the children's red hair, and public events such as a symbolic birthday celebration for Kfir in Tel Aviv in January 2024 and marches for Ariel's fifth birthday. This was despite Hamas's repeated assertions that someone else, not they, had committed the act and that the family had been killed during an Israeli airstrike. Israel continued the campaigns, claiming Hamas's statements were unproven psychological warfare, and launched calls to wear orange clothing until January 2025, as well as international petitions addressed to leaders such as Biden, al-Sisi, and the Emir of Qatar.

The exposed propaganda lie

It has now emerged that Israel knew since November 2023 that the Bibas family had been killed, most likely in an Israeli airstrike. Despite this, Israeli officials continued to claim that the Bibas children were still alive in the Gaza Strip, according to an Israeli government official. The case became one of the most emotionally charged pillars of Israeli war propaganda.

Confirmation of the deliberate lie came from Nitzan Alon, the former head of Israel's Prisoners of War and Missing Persons Headquarters. [In a new interview, Alon stated](#) that Israeli intelligence identified the kidnappers early on and determined that Hamas had not abducted the family. "We knew who had kidnapped them," Alon said. "We informed Hamas about the kidnappers so they could locate them and recover the bodies." His statements suggest that Israel had precise information about the family's fate months before any details were released.

What does that mean?

Although intelligence agencies categorized the Bibas family as "most likely dead" shortly after October 7, Israeli officials continued to use their case to portray **Hamas as the kidnapping of infants**. The Bibas children became a central symbol in Israeli rhetoric and media coverage.

Alon's statements contradict this portrayal and show that even after receiving clear evidence of the family's death, the authorities clung to a misleading version of events. **According to Alon, Hamas had difficulty locating the Bibas family because they were never in their custody.** The group that abducted the woman and two children was the Palestinian Mujahideen Brigades (also known as Kataib al-Mujahideen), a tiny extremist splinter group of the armed resistance whose leaders, Asaad Abu Sharia and Mahmoud Kaheel, were killed by the IDF. Israel, as stated, knew this from the beginning. The husband, Yrden, was an IDF reservist who had been captured by Hamas to be exchanged for Palestinians who were largely being held without charge in Israeli prisons.

Returning to Alon, he linked Hamas's difficulties to the internal chaos following October 7th, noting that the negotiators had recognized the disorganization during the initial hostage talks. Thus, although Israel was aware of the situation from the outset, officials repeatedly lied to the public. Naturally, the Bibas family had become vocal critics of government policy early on, given the apparent disregard for Hamas prisoners during airstrikes and Israel's repeated rejection of the hostage exchange offered from the beginning.

Alon described how, after October 7th, Israel introduced new categories for missing persons, including the "missing persons" category, used for cases with clear evidence of death. According to intelligence, the Bibas family fell into this category early on. He also stated that on the night of October 7th, military and Shin Bet intelligence units were activated, and their findings quickly pointed to the family's death.

To this day, we don't know what really happened.

To this day, the Israeli government blocks a neutral investigation into the events of October 7, 2023, despite increasing pressure from the courts. The fact is, it has lied not only to the international community but also to its own society.

The media's crimes, however, go even further than the dissemination of war lies by one belligerent party. Even when that belligerent party admits its crimes, even boasts about them, they are shamefully concealed from German media consumers. Or have you read anything about Israel's Defense Minister [openly declaring](#) on October 7, 2023: "Israeli soldiers had orders to shoot captured Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023"?

Or have you [ever heard](#) that Israel killed roughly as many civilians in its war of aggression against Lebanon—1,200—as Hamas is credited with? (And we've conveniently forgotten here that the Israeli victims included reservists and armed settlers, who were considered civilians.) Or that the newspaper Hayom reported that during the fighting on October 7, the air force fired **11,000 shells (!), dropped over 500 heavy one-ton bombs, and launched 180 rockets. 500 one-ton bombs?! 180 rockets?! ...** Haaretz reported: "Shoot at everything!" a squadron commander is said to have told his men." But the 1,200 civilian victims were killed by Hamas? While it has since come to light that helicopters burned at least 70 vehicles with their rockets, and of course, all the passengers inside, whether "Hamas" or Israeli? While one can assume that there were certainly more than two or three people in each vehicle. "But Hamas."

Conclusion

The lies never end. From 40 beheaded babies and an allegedly "roasted" baby, to atrocities that could only have been caused by Israeli helicopters and tanks but were blamed on "Hamas," to mass rapes by Hamas that never happened, to Biba's family being a propaganda lie... it goes on and on, and German media gratefully seize upon every lie and spread it, perhaps even adding the disclaimer "could not be independently verified," as if to wash their hands of the matter like Pontius Pilate (corrected).