- The Israeli Ministry for Diaspora Affairs has reviewed numerous UN statements on the Gaza war.
- The bottom line: the UN continuously adopts information from Hamas and disseminates it as its own without citing the source.
- A close examination of this information shows that it is often false, contradictory and misleading.
- Israel is always the victim of any erroneous statements made by the UN.
- The UN is therefore primarily responsible for the major reputational damage suffered by Israel in the Gaza war.

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A new analysis by the Israeli Diaspora Ministry has come to a shocking conclusion: during the Gaza war, the UN has continuously adopted unverified information from Hamas-controlled sources and lent them international credibility through its own reports, databases and statements. The “Laundering Propaganda” report does not describe a single communication failure, but a continuous – obviously politically motivated – pattern of the UN in its statements on the Gaza conflict:

The core of the accusation is so-called “data laundering”. For example, the UN Office for Humanitarian Coordination (OCHA) adopts casualty figures from the Gaza Ministry of Health (MoH) without sufficiently disclosing that this source is controlled by Hamas. Instead, “Gaza MoH figures” become “UN figures” via OCHA and other UN agencies. This makes the casualty figures more neutral and credible than they actually are. This is because they are disseminated by the UN without prior independent verification.

Women killed: UN contradicts itself with the figures

Just how implausible such figures are is shown, for example, by the UN’s figures on women and child victims. Old OCHA statistics indicate a higher total number of female victims for April 2024 than for April 2025 – one year later in the war. The UN

figures for the number of children killed also seem implausible, as they show that practically no children were killed between March 2024 and March 2025 – even though the war was still raging. The report cites numerous other examples that prove the inaccuracy of the figures published by the UN and its top staff:

- In November 2023, the then UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths told the US broadcaster CNN that the number of child victims had been falsely inflated.
- The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) accused Israel of waging a "war on children", based on figures provided by Hamas.
- UNICEF head Catherine Russell refused to check the facts herself, but called criticism of the surveys "obscene".
- At the Al-Ahli hospital, UN agencies quickly spread the claim of an Israeli attack with 500 and later 471 dead, calling the incident a "crime against humanity".
- It later turned out that a misguided missile from the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization had hit the hospital and there were far fewer casualties.
- Despite this, the World Health Organization (WHO) still lists the incident at Al-Ahli Hospital in its database as an "attack on health facilities" and lists 471 deaths as "confirmed".
- These false statements continue to be used in WHO briefings and Security Council speeches.

The UN turned "damaged" into "destroyed" residential buildings

According to the Diaspora Ministry's analysis, the UN also deliberately

misrepresented the reality of the destruction of housing, thereby incriminating Israel. For example, the UN Office for Humanitarian Coordination (OCHA) wrote in its report that 45% of homes in Gaza had been “damaged or destroyed”. The fact that these figures come from the Hamas-controlled Ministry of Construction in Gaza and have not been verified was concealed. Instead, OCHA/UNO was cited as the source.

The figures themselves quoted by OCHA were contradictory. Initially, the UN organization claimed that the figure of “45%” referred to 177,781 housing units, but later the “45%” meant 260,000 houses.

What is even more serious is that while the 45% initially referred to “damaged or destroyed” houses, the UN later only referred to “destroyed” houses. This is despite the fact that in reality only 9% to 15% of the houses were actually destroyed and the remaining 30% to 36% were merely damaged.

The fact that the UN’s own satellite analysis program (UNOSAT) provided even lower destruction figures, which contradicted the data from the UN Office for Humanitarian Coordination (OCHA), is largely concealed by the UN. Instead, it continues to use the false, far too high OCHA figures. For example, Natalie Boucly, the UN Deputy Commissioner-General, used them to construct the accusation that Israel was committing “domicide”.

Misleading information on aid deliveries

Another focus of the analysis is the information on aid deliveries. In May 2024, the UN reported that aid deliveries at the Rafah border crossing to Gaza had fallen by two thirds. Based on this, Israel was accused of “starvation as a method of war” at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The media also jumped on this narrative.

OCHA later quietly corrected the number of truck transports carried out in May 2024 from 2,713 to 4,202 trucks – of course without making the earlier error public. According to the Israeli coordination authority COGAT, there were actually 6,297 deliveries. This is because their figures also include fuel deliveries as well as deliveries by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and commercial trucks.

The UN agency OCHA excluded these aid deliveries from its statistics – but it concealed this. This gave the false impression that its delivery figures corresponded to the total supply, but in fact the total aid deliveries were much higher. In fact, 135% more goods were delivered to Gaza between May and September 2024 than

OCHA claimed in its statistics.

The UN as a player in the information war – on the side of Hamas

The new analysis is particularly critical of the media statements by UN representatives, which are always negatively exaggerated for Israel. In May 2025, for example, OCHA head Tom Fletcher warned that “14,000 babies will die in the next 48 hours” if the situation does not improve drastically immediately. This statement was based on a projection from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). But firstly, it did not refer to 14,100 “deaths”, but to “cases of malnutrition”. Secondly, the projection referred to one year and not the “next 48 hours”. Thirdly, the projection applied to children under the age of five and not just babies.

The analysis cites numerous other examples in which the UN and its sub-organizations such as UNICEF, WHO and UNRWA, often represented by their heads, manipulated figures or simply used false figures during the Gaza war. The UN’s misinformation always has only one thing in common: it demonizes Israel. With success. Because it is not only the international media that take their information without checking it, the European Union (EU) also does this, for example in a report from November 2024.

Overall, the analysis by the Israeli Diaspora Ministry paints a shocking picture of how information from the terrorist organization Hamas is adopted by the UN and its sub-organizations without verification and disseminated as its own figures in order to lend them credibility. Instead of concentrating on its task of providing humanitarian aid, the UN has thus made itself an important player in the information war in Gaza. On the side of Hamas and against Israel.

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