

## The Events in Gaza Show Clearly How Islam is Morally and Intellectually Superior to the Deceptive Western Culture that is Falsely Called Enlightenment

### News:

The puppet media organization called CNN published a Zionist propaganda article on June 12, 2024 titled: "Israeli' hostage faced 'punishments' during eight months in Hamas captivity, family says." The article was crafted by five people and talks about what the family of one of the hostages, Andrey Kozlov -27, said after the IDF killed 274 people in order to release him and three other hostages on June 9.

### Comment:

Before discussing the second and third-hand accounts of Andrey's experience in captivity in Gaza, consider the verified treatment of Palestinian captives. No less than 40 Palestinians have been killed in 'Israeli' custody since October 7 according to Israeli reports, which also detailed extensive use of torture on prisoners. Those who have returned show very visible signs of abuse, starvation and torture. Emaciated bodies after long weeks of minimal food rations, amputated hands and feet from extended restraint with over-tightened plastic zip-ties, skin diseases and broken bones are common features of the Palestinian returnees from what the lying Western politicians have called the 'only democracy in the Middle East.'

Add to this, days on end of being blindfolded and being unable to have access to a toilet and of being stripped naked and under these conditions being attacked by dogs and constantly shouted at and kicked by guards. In comparison, the claims that the captives retrieved from Gaza were afraid or had uncomfortable conditions seem a little trivial; especially considering that everyone in Gaza is afraid, uncomfortable and suffering from a lack of clean water or medical supplies, while access to food is intermittent thanks to the intentional destruction of all means of industry and agriculture in Gaza by the Zionist terrorism coupled with the severe restrictions on the supply of humanitarian aid.

For Palestinians held in the democratic Zionist entity any lack of food or medicine could not be blamed on the terrible circumstances that both captives and captors endured. Rather, the mistreatment by the Zionist entity is carefully calculated. While the remaining Palestinian hospitals where patients are treated on the floor in unsterile conditions with limited medicine due to the targeting of health care by the aggressors are a place of some hope for the women and children seeking help for terrible burns and shrapnel wounds, the Zionist hospital where Palestinian captives were taken were the worse hell. "They stripped them down of anything that resembles human beings," said a medic working at the field hospital. Another one of the staff admitted that he "was asked to learn how to do things on the patients, performing minor medical procedures that are totally outside my expertise," often without anesthesia and "If they complained about pain, they would be given paracetamol. Just being there felt like being complicit in abuse."

The article by CNN failed even to mention the brutal treatment of Palestinian prisoners for which there is overwhelming physical evidence and eye-witness accounts from both victims and whistleblowers who worked at the detention facilities. Rather, CNN chose only to magnify the second-hand heresay accounts of those who were returned smiling and visibly fit and healthy from Gaza in a military operation that left behind hundreds of dead civilians and filled hospitals with the wounded.

It is worth mentioning that there is huge pressure on former hostages to tell stories about mistreatment as those who said anything positive about the conditions of their captivity have been treated as traitors by the Zionist media and civil society. A news presenter from channel 12, was fired after commenting on the good health and appearance of Noa Argamani, one of the captives released from Gaza: "This what a girl that's been in captivity for nine months looks like? Look at her eyebrows, they look better than mine! Her skin! Her Nails! What is this? This is what innocent women and children are being killed for in Gaza?"

Yes indeed, innocent women and children are being killed in Gaza and others are being kidnapped from Gaza to be tortured and killed in detention and all of this with the total support of the US, UK and Germany and partial support of many other Western countries.

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