

IDF Actions interpreted as 'terroristic', in respect of ATRAA

The following defined acts of terrorism could describe IDF military actions in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) generally, in which the volunteer soldier programme would be implicated (examples given are in respect of occurrences during Operations Cast Lead and Protective Edge but pertinent examples arise from other attacks on Gaza as well as IDF action on the West Bank):

- Systematic/arbitrary use of violence and/or release into the environment of dangerous/harmful substances (e. g bombs emitting white phosphorus, flechettes, and the alleged use of DIME weapons during Operation Cast Lead¹).
- Life endangering acts violating physical integrity/freedom, or causing serious bodily injury/death to persons (e.g. during Operation Cast Lead indiscriminate attacks by the IDF resulting in loss of life and injury to civilians in Al-Fakhura Street, deliberate IDF attacks resulting in the killing of 23 members of the Al-Samouni family, IDF killing of other civilians attempting to leave their homes for safer areas, IDF attack on the Al-Maqadmah Mosque, and the IDF attack on the Abd Al-Dayem condolence tents;² and, similar indiscriminate attacks across Gaza during Operation Protective Edge, the most wanton destruction being in Rafah, resulting in 2 600 homes completely or partially destroyed and 200 civilians dead³).
- Acts causing serious risk to public health/safety (e.g. Israel's destruction or damaging of 17 hospitals and 56 primary health-care centres during Operation Protective Edge⁴).
- Acts destroying/damaging any (public or private) property/resource/heritage (e.g. the widespread destruction of housing in the Gaza Strip during Operation Cast Lead⁵ and Israel again targeting civilian residences in Operation Protective Edge during which action it destroyed some 18 000 homes⁶).
- Acts designed/calculated to seriously interfere/disrupt public services and infrastructure (e.g. the destruction of the Gaza waste water treatment plan, road No 10, al-Sheikh Ejlin, Gaza City, during Operation Cast Lead;⁷ and, Israel's destruction of 22 schools and damaging 118 others, and its attack on Gaza's only power plant, during Operation Protective Edge⁸).
- Acts causing major economic loss, extensive destabilisation of an economic system or substantial devastation of the national economy of a

¹ Horowitz, Adam Ratner, Lizzy and Weiss, Phillip (editors) 2011. ["The Goldstone Report – The Legacy of the Landmark Investigation of the Gaza Conflict"](#), Nation Books, New York, pages 140 to 145.

² Horowitz, A et al (editors), 2011 The Goldstone Report, op. cit. pages 106 to 139.

³ Finkelstein, Norman 2018. [Gaza An Inquest into its Martyrdom](#), University of California Press, pages 271 to 273.

⁴ Finkelstein, N 2018 op. cit., page 245.

⁵ Horowitz, A et al (editors), 2011 The Goldstone Report, op. cit. pages 156 to 160.

⁶ Finkelstein, N 2018 op. cit., pages 253 to 257.

⁷ Horowitz, A et al (editors), 2011 The Goldstone Report, op. cit. pages 152 to 155

⁸ Finkelstein, N 2018 op. cit., pages 251 to 252.

country (e.g. the destruction of the El Bader flour mill, the Sawafeary chicken farms and the general pattern of widespread destruction of other economic and infrastructural targets – 324 factories, a cement packaging plant, and damaged water installations particularly in Beit Lahia, Jabaliyah, Beit Hanoun, part of Zeyton south of Rafah and the villages in the east - during Operation Cast Lead)⁹.

⁹ Horowitz, A *et al* (editors), 2011 The Goldstone Report, op. cit. pages 146 to 152; and, 160 to 164.