

# Israel Keeps Finding New Ways to Play Victim While Committing Genocide

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Israel is really struggling with how difficult its present circumstances make playing the victim. It keeps having to invent new abuses to be victimized by like the <u>imaginary</u> <u>Amsterdam "pogrom"</u> and the <u>fake mass rape narrative</u> that surfaced months after October 7, because it can't sit comfortably in the role of victimizer while on trial for genocide in international courts.

Playing victim is too deeply ingrained in the narrative control strategies of Israel and its apologists, so they have to keep coming up with new and innovative ways for Israel to be victimized even when it is very clearly the last state on earth who has any business being viewed as such.

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We keep seeing the word "pogrom" used to refer to Israeli hooligans getting their asses kicked for obnoxious behavior in Amsterdam even as Israeli settlers keep <u>committing</u> <u>textbook pogroms</u> in the occupied West Bank.

Just a week ago armed Israeli settlers <u>went on a violent rampage</u> torching Palestinian people's houses, vehicles and olive trees in order to terrorize them and drive them away. This is the exact type of behavior that the word "<u>pogrom</u>" has historically been used to describe, but you never hear that word used in the mass media to describe Israeli thuggishness. Instead we're seeing it used to describe Israeli soccer hooligans getting beat up <u>after they</u> tore down Palestinian flags and sang chants about murdering children in Gaza.

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So we're seeing some good news and some bad news about **Donald Trump's** potential cabinet picks when it comes to US warmongering and militarism.

The good news is that Trump has publicly ruled out giving psychopathic war hawks **Nikki Haley and Mike Pompeo** a role in his next administration, explicitly naming them in a <u>post</u> <u>on Truth Social</u> and saying they won't be invited.

This announcement suggests that Trump is at least trying to win the favor of the more antiinterventionist faction of his base. Pundits like Tucker Carlson have been publicly crusading against both <u>Haley</u> and <u>Pompeo</u> throughout this election cycle, and I mention Carlson specifically because he reportedly has Trump's ear and was <u>believed to have played a role</u> in talking Trump out of bombing Iran in 2019.

The bad news is that other professional warmongers appear to be working their way into the administration. Reports from both <u>Bloomberg</u> and <u>Fox News</u> say the horrible **Mike Rogers** is under consideration to be the next secretary of defense. The Ron Paul Institute's Daniel McAdams has a <u>good thread on Twitter</u> calling Rogers "an utter warhawk neocon" who is "arguably worse than Pompeo and Rubio," noting that Rogers has promoted insanely hawkish positions on Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Iran, and China.

This news, in addition to Trump's <u>selection of Iran hawk **Brian Hook**</u> to help staff the incoming State Department, makes it clear that Trump could still easily wind up with a cabinet packed full of warmongering swamp monsters just like last time. Hopefully he keeps getting pressured not to do so.



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YNet says Netanyahu, Smotrich, Ben Gvir are waiting for the hostages to die. The issue of the hostages in Gaza will be solved 'naturally and tragically.'

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They will then use these deaths as further pretext to permanently occupy and establish Jewish settlements in Gaza, YNet says.... Show more

According to every intelligence report that is submitted to the cabinet ministers, the situation of the dozens of abductees who are still alive in the captivity of Hamas is getting worse from week to week. The IDF estimates that Hamas's policy is to assassinate them if an approach of forces is detected. As long as the negotiations are not restarted, the problem of the abductees – as I remember a definite war target of the Israeli government – will be solved naturally and tragically according to some right-wing ministers. The resistance of those ministers to release hundreds of terrorists will be redundant. The deaths in captivity of another 20–30 hostages will be swallowed up in the sea of mourning for the fallen soldiers, and then, when public anger is channeled against Hamas, the Israeli leadership will not be in a hurry to withdraw from the Gaza territory that the IDF captured from the terrorist organization – ministers and MKs on the right do not hide their ambitions to .establish settlements there re

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In a <u>new article</u> on "the expanding ground occupation of the Gaza Strip by the IDF" about the way Israel has been carving up Gaza and seizing more and more territory, Israel's Ynet News <u>reports</u> that far right elements within the Israeli government are simply waiting for the Israeli hostages held by Hamas to die so that their deaths can be used to justify continued occupation and the construction of Jewish settlements in Gaza.

It's like a false flag conspiracy theory, except it's definitely happening and is being done right out in the open, and is even being announced ahead of time.

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Democrats: Oh no the right wing voters we again tried to win over voted Republican again and we lost again.

Leftists: So stop doing that and win over the left instead by promoting immensely popular social policies.

Democrats: No way man, if we do that we'll lose.

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