

Real terrorism: Israeli terror

Eleven-year-old Ahmed Al-Raqab was playing outside his family tent pitched on Gaza's sandy coastline in Al-Mawasi on 24 June when the Israeli missile struck, killing him and severely wounding several others.

"The children were playing and they fired a missile directly on them," Ahmed's father, Sabri Al-Raqab, said, sobbing with his arms across his son's dead body in a final embrace. *"What was this child's crime? He picked up a watermelon and they fired at him. Is he a fighter? He's not a fighter. He's a child."*

During the "ceasefire" Israel has killed 265 children in Gaza. The UN Agency for Children said *"These children were killed in their homes. In their schools. Playing football. Fishing. They were shot, bombed, and struck by quadcopters."*



Last November ITVX broadcast **'Breaking Ranks: Inside Israel's War'**. An Israeli soldier said *"the drones are what most dehumanises the other side. You see everything on a screen. You drop the bomb. It feels like a game. You can sit in some basement of a house, safe, scratching your balls, half-dressed, and kill Palestinians."*



Wounded children wait for medical care at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on 25 May 2026 (AFP)

"The essence of childhood has been destroyed"

Over 20,000 children have been killed in the Gaza genocide, including entire families wiped out in missile strikes. Now the UN has published an 88 page Independent Inquiry titled **Israel's deliberate targeting of Palestinian children in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 7 October 2023**.

The Inquiry quoted an Israeli Channel 14 TV news report. Officials said quadcopters' shooting system allows more precise strikes than human snipers, and a quadcopter *"does not hesitate, does not stop, and almost never makes mistakes"*.

The Inquiry noted that human operators control quadcopters, scanning and identifying a target, then remotely firing to hit it.

The Inquiry mentioned "Birds of Prey" attack drones developed by **Elbit Systems**, "Predator" sniper drones (**General Atomics**), and attack drones developed by **Xtend** (a US-Israeli AI robotics firm).

Cluster weapons are banned. But the Inquiry found quadcopters fire small pellet munitions which fragment into submunitions, mimicking cluster munitions by damaging multiple organs.

West Bank: IDF killed 235 children since Oct 2023

The UK condemns settler violence in the West Bank. But Israeli soldiers and security forces are the main killers. The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem reported on 54 Palestinian children and teenagers killed by Israeli forces in 2025 alone. B'Tselem found little evidence that any of the minors posed any threat, or were members of any militant group. *"The system does not merely back the shooters – it effectively gives them a licence to kill,"* said B'Tselem executive director Yuli Novak, *"Israel allows the killing of Palestinians without accountability."* ► (continued on back)