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The deliberate slaughter of the most defenseless

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — I'm in the studio of Al Jazeera's Arabic service watching a live broadcast from Gaza City. Due to the heavy Israeli bombardment, the Al Jazeera reporter was forced to move to southern Gaza. But he left behind his camera, focused on Al-Shifa hospital, Gaza's largest medical complex. It's nighttime. Israeli tanks fire directly at the hospital compound. Long horizontal red flashes. A deliberate attack on a hospital. A

deliberate war crime. A deliberate slaughter of the most defenseless civilians, including the sickest and babies. At that point, the signal is cut off.

We continue to sit in front of the monitors, in silence. We know what that means. There is no electricity. There is no water. There's none Internet. There are no medical supplies. All the babies in the incubator will die. All dialysis patients will die. All of the care unit intensives will die. Everyone who needs oxygen will die. All of whom who need emergency surgery will die. And what will happen to the 50,000 people who, driven from their homes by the incessant bombardments, have Sought refuge on the hospital grounds? We also know the answer to that. Many of them will also die.

There are no words to express what we are witnessing. In the five weeks of horror, this is one of the pinnacles of horror. The Europe's indifference is bad enough. The active complicity of the United States is immeasurable. Nothing justifies this. Nothing. And Joe Biden will go down in history as an accomplice to genocide. That the ghosts of the thousands of children in whose murder he has participated pursue the rest of your life.

Israel and the U.S. are sending a message chilling to the rest of the world. International law and the law humanitarian humanitarian affairs, including the Geneva Conventions, are mere dead letters. No were applied in Iraq. They do not apply in Gaza. We will pulverize your neighborhoods and cities with bombs and missiles. We will murder your wives for no reason, children, the elderly, and the sick. We will set up blockades to cause hunger and the spread of infectious diseases. You, the "races" of the earth, it doesn't matter. To us you are vermin extinguish. We own it all. If you try to take it away from us, we will kill you. And never We will be held accountable.

We are not hated for our values. We're hated because We don't have values. We are hated because we only apply the rules to others, not ourselves. We are hated because we have arrogated to ourselves the right to indiscriminate killings. We're hated because we're ruthless and Cruel. We are hated because we are hypocrites, because we talk about the protection of civilians, the rule of law and humanitarianism while we kill hundreds of people every day in Gaza, including 160 children.

Israel reacted with shock and indignation when the accused him of bombing the Arab Christian Al Ahli hospital in Gaza, which he left hundreds dead. The shelling, according to Israel, came from an errant rocket fired by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. There is nothing in Hamas' arsenal or of Islamic Jihad that could have replicated the enormous explosive power of the missile that hit the hospital. Those of us who have covered Gaza as reporters, we have heard this trick from Israel so many times that it is ridiculous. Always blame

Hamas and the Palestinians for their war crimes, and now they are trying to arguing that hospitals are Hamas command centers and therefore legitimate aims. They never provide evidence. The Israeli Army and Government They lie as much as they breathe.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), which has staff working in Al-Shifa, has issued a statement stating that patients, doctors and Nurses are "trapped under fire inside the hospital." They request the Israeli government to "stop this ruthless attack on the health care system of Gaza."

"In the last 24 hours, hospitals in Gaza have They suffered incessant bombardment. The Al-Shifa hospital complex, the largest health centre where MSF staff continue to work, has been achieved on several occasions, including the maternity and outpatient clinics, which has led to multiple deaths and injuries," he says the statement. "Hostilities around the hospital have not ceased. The MSF teams and hundreds of patients remain inside Al-Shifa hospital. MSF urgently reiterates its calls for an end to attacks on hospitals, for an immediate ceasefire and for the protection of the medical facilities, medical staff and patients."

Three other hospitals in northern Gaza and the city of Gaza is encircled by Israeli forces and tanks; A doctor was right to declare Al Jazeera: "It's a day of war against hospitals." Apparently, the Indonesian Hospital has also lost power. The Office of The UN Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that 20 of the 36 hospitals in Gaza are no longer functioning.

The cynicism of Israel and Washington is breathtaking. Nothing to them difference. Washington just wants it done quickly. ¿Runners Humanitarian? Pauses in the bombings? They are a way of facilitating the total depopulation of northern Gaza. The handful of aid trucks allowed to cross the Rafah border with Egypt? One PR stunt. There is only one goal: kill, kill, kill. How much Faster, better. All Biden officials are talking about is what which will come later, once Israel has finished decimating Gaza. Know that Israel's slaughter will not end until Gazans live to the next level. in the southern part of the Gaza Strip and die for lack of shelter. food, water, and medical care.

Prior to Israel's ground incursion, Gaza was one of the the most densely populated places on the planet. Imagine what will happen to 1.1 million Gazans from the north crowded on top of more than 1 million from the south. Imagine what will happen when infectious diseases like cholera become in epidemic. Imagine the ravages of the hunger. All of this will increase the pressure to do something. And that something, wait Israel, will push the Palestinians across the border into the Sinai in Egypt. Once there, they will never return.

The ethnic cleansing of Gaza by Israel will be complete. The ethnic cleansing of the West Bank.

This is Israel's insane dream. To achieve this, they will Gaza uninhabitable.

Ask yourself: if you were a Palestinian in Gaza and had Access to a gun, what would you do? If Israel were to kill his family, how would he be able to kill him? React? Why would he care about international or humanitarian law? when it knows that its application is only required of the oppressed, not of the oppressed. Oppressors? If terror is the the only language Israel uses to communicate, the only language that apparently Understand, wouldn't you respond with terror?

Israel's of terror will not crush Hamas. Hamas is An idea, an idea nourished by the blood of martyrs. Israel is providing Hamas with an abundant supply.

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