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International hypocrisy

***For colonialism, not all the dead are worth the same***



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On Monday, November 13, the 27 nations of the European Union jointly condemned Hamas for using hospitals and civilians as "human shields" in the war against Israel. European Union foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell said the bloc also called on Israel to "exercise maximum restraint in attacks to avoid human casualties." For its part, Hamas accused Borrell of distorting the facts and described his "outrageous and inhumane" comments as an act of "cover-up" for Israel to "commit more crimes against children and defenseless civilians." These statements by the European Union are in the same vein as those made on October 12 by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, when he assured that civilians in Gaza are not the target of Israeli attacks and accused Hamas of using them as "human shields" in the face of Israel's bombardments. "Hamas continues to use civilians as

human shields, which is not new, something it has always done, intentionally putting civilians in harm's way to protect itself," Blinken told a news conference in Tel Aviv. The argument that Hamas uses civilians as human shields has been made by Israel for years, when it began its policy of bombing Gaza. In July 2014, the Israeli embassy in Spain issued a note in its e-newsletter stating that "Hamas takes advantage of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) avoiding attacking targets where it knows there are civilians. Hamas, like the other terrorist organizations involved in the Gaza Strip, has adopted different tactics to use civilians as human shields. They encourage civilians to climb onto rooftops to prevent terrorists' homes from being targeted by the Israeli Air Force." The [note](#) was accompanied by a video edited by the Israeli army that supposedly verified what was exposed.

### **A cynical argument**

The expression "human shield" is a term from military parlance that describes placement deliberate targeting of noncombatants to deter the enemy to attack those targets. It can also refer to the use of people to protect combatants during attacks, forcing them to march in front of the fighters. The use of this tactics are considered a war crime under the Geneva of 1949, Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of 1977 and the Rome Statute of 1998. So when Hamas has kidnapped Israeli citizens and taken to Gaza as a hostages, in the light of that legislation, would have committed a crime of war.

Now, to argue that Hamas It uses the Gazans themselves, their women and children as "human shields", raising them to the rooftops of buildings to supposedly to prevent the bombing of buildings in Gaza, is a cynical argument that can only be repeated by foolish people or by a Equivalent cynicism. If we take into account that at the time of writing More than 11,500 people have been killed by the bombings in the United States. Gaza, including some 4,700 children, the The magnitude of the humanitarian catastrophe invalidates the argument that It's about "human shields." By doing an exercise in fiction, it turns out It is utterly absurd and ridiculous to imagine that parents, accompanied by their wives and children are rushing to bring themselves under the reach of bombs dropped by Israel on civilian buildings. Usage The deterrent of "human shields" is only conceivable from a rational perspective when those shields are people on the side attacker, not when they are part of the attacked group. The Usual Example occurs when bank robbers, surprised by the police, use customers as "human shields" to enable their escape. It is assumed that the police will not shoot at criminals to avoid the risk of injuring or killing the hostages. Note that the resource works when the attacking group—in the Example: The Police—Respect the Human Rights of Civilians involved in the action because he

considers them to be part of his own membership group. But it lacks effectiveness when you attend a Military action aimed at causing the death and destruction of a group or a population considered "enemy". The President Lula invokes another argument of a similar nature. "If I know that in a Instead there may be a monster, I can't kill children to kill the monster. It's as simple as that." He added that children and women who are dying in Gaza "they are not killing soldiers", hence I have no doubt to consider that ["Israel's attitude is that of terrorists."](#)

In wars they always operate unconscious mechanisms for extending responsibility to all members of the enemy side. As Luis Miller points out in his book *Polarizados* (Deusto), tribalism—which is an elegant way of designating the racism is inherent in human nature, and our minds have a tendency to favor and be loyal to the members of our group and hostile to rival groups. In wars, the goal is to kill the maximum number of enemies and this is achieved by dehumanizing them or degrading them to the status of animals. Hence, the temptation to The use of collective punishment is very strong. Luigi Zoja in *Paranoia* (FCE) He points out that "the animalization of the enemy is a common trait of all the total wars of the 20th century." Turn to the Admiral's Example William Halsey, who never missed an opportunity to label the Japanese people as "stupid animals" or as "monkeys". He adds that "a Research carried out in 1943 showed that half of the was convinced that it was going to be necessary to kill All Japanese people to achieve peace." This also explains why the atomic bomb was dropped on the Japan and not about Germany, a white nation more ethnically akin to the United States. American. Thus, the brutal violations of human rights in Gaza to be accepted uncritically by the The majority of Israel's citizens should come as no surprise. "We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly," said the Israel's Minister of Defense, Yoav Gallant, and Minister Amichai Eliyahu, of the far-right Legacy party, suggested dropping a bomb Gaza, because there are "no uninvolved" people there. The former Likud MP Moshe Feiglin, more condescending, only demanded in Israeli television calls for Gaza to be "annihilated" and to become a new Dresden.

### **The Double Yardstick**

The current bombardment of Gaza bring to mind the NATO bombing of the Federal Republic in 1999, not only because of the similarity in military action, but also because of the similarity in military action. but also because they mark the different yardstick of the so-called "international community" in the face of similar events. As you may recall, That war was a unilateral initiative of the NATO countries which was adopted without the

authorization of the Security Council of the UN. The argument used was the punishment for the alleged rape of the Serbian army in the province of Kosovo. So it was the first war for "humanitarian reasons" that Record the story.

The bombing began on 24 March 1999 and lasted until June 11 of that year, when Slobodan Milošević, then President of Serbia, accepted the conditions demanded by the Allied forces. The F-18 Hornets of the Spanish Air Force were the first NATO aircraft to bombing Belgrade and the order to start the war was given by the then NATO's secretary general, Spanish socialist Javier Solana. To the Throughout those months, NATO did something similar to what it is doing Israel in Gaza: bombed strategic economic and social targets, such as bridges, military installations, government installations officers and factories, using long-range cruise missiles to attack heavily defended targets, such as strategic installations in Belgrade and Pristina. NATO air forces also targeted in civil infrastructure, such as power plants, water processing authority, and the state broadcaster, causing a lot of damage environmental and economic issues throughout Yugoslavia. On 7 May, NATO bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, killing three journalists with the unbelievable argument that it had been a mistake to "have used an outdated CIA map." The Final Death Toll civilians were, according to *Human Rights Watch*, of around 500 citizens, while the Serbian military more than 1,000 people were killed. NATO, which was limited to bombing from 16,000 feet, out of range of the anti-aircraft artillery, did not suffer any loss of life.

The most remarkable thing about that war has been the argument used to justify it. It was affirmed At that time, the objective was to avoid ethnic cleansing in the province of Kosovo, where the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army operated, composed of ethnic Albanians residing in that province and wanted the annexation of that territory to Albania. The KLA used a terrorist strategy aimed at targeting civilians, such as Throwing grenades into the bars of patrons reveals Serbs. A certain similarity can be established between the methods used by the KLA in Kosovo with those of Hamas in Israel. The army The Serbian army fought the insurgent group with the usual rudeness of the armies in the field, but Serbia had authorized the presence in the 1,400 observers from the United Nations Security Organization (WHO) and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) so that there were certain guarantees of that human rights were respected. The episode that triggered the The so-called "Racak massacre" was when the Serbian army entered this town and engaged in a confrontation with guerrillas of the ELK. As a result of the exchange of fire, they were left on the 45 lifeless bodies, without being able to specify whether they corresponded to

to the guerrilla group or also to civilians. There was a quick investigation where a Yugoslav and Belarusian forensic team supported the thesis that the dead were KLA fighters, while another KLA team experts sent by the European Union found no evidence that they were combatants. Years later, before the court that tried Milosevic, the prosecutor dropped the charges for this episode for lack of tests. However, NATO, which had been preparing the intervention against the Milosevic regime, declared that it was a massacre of civilians and used the episode to justify the start of the bombings. In reality, the intervention was part of a policy of expansion of NATO, which sought to bring about the fall of Slobodan Milošević, an ally of Russia. NATO had secured the accession of Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic, while Albania, Romania and Bulgaria had already applied to join. As Madeleine acknowledged Albright, U.S. Secretary of State, in a note published in the Spanish newspaper El Mundo (April 8, 1999 edition), "this zone is the missing and essential piece of the puzzle of a Europe free and united."

The whole review of those episodes now serves to highlight the double standard of the countries of the European Union. The violent death of 45 people in dubious circumstances enabled a "humanitarian intervention" in Yugoslavia that caused immense human and material damage far greater than the original. The appalling massacre to which the Palestinian people is subjected, which has killed more than 11,500 people, does not cause European countries the same concern as that recorded in Kosovo. And at the height of cynicism, Josep Borrell appears to argue that the dead are "shields", that is, subliminally seeking to assimilate them to mere objects to be used and thrown away, which do not count as human beings in the accounting of European countries. As Luigi Zoja points out, this has always been the hallmark of colonialism: the belief that not all human beings are worth the same.

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