

# Amira Hass

Amira Hass makes false claims about Israeli policy for the purpose of demonizing the only Jewish state. She justifies Palestinian-Arab terrorism -- the killing of civilians -- as a response to Israeli policy, thereby legitimizing and encouraging violence against civilians. This incitement harms both Jews and Arabs alike, as it promotes violence instead of peace.

## Amira Hass incites and glorifies violence against civilians.

- Hass incites Palestinian-Arab violence against Israeli men, women, and children, encouraging Palestinian-Arabs to bombard civilians with large and sharp rocks.
  - “Throwing stones is the birthright and duty of anyone subject to foreign rule. Throwing stones is an action as well as a metaphor of resistance.”<sup>1</sup>
- In reality, the violent act of “stone throwing” (as seen in the pictures to the right)<sup>2</sup> has **killed and injured many civilians**. The following are just a few examples of deaths caused by the violence Hass promotes:<sup>3</sup>
  - Perpetrators from an Arab village threw rocks at a civilian vehicle, shattering the windshield and killing the passenger in October of 2000.
  - A Palestinian-Arab threw a rock at an Israeli civilian’s car June of 2011. This act of “resistance” murdered 5-month-old Yehuda Haim Shoham.
  - Two Palestinian-Arabs threw stones at an Israeli civilian’s forcing Asher Palmer (the driver) to veer off the road crash into a tunnel in September of 2011. This act of terror killed Palmer and his 12-month-old baby Jonathan.
  - Judea and Samaria (the ‘West Bank’) saw **1,195** rock-throwing attacks in 2013 alone.



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## Amira Hass has promoted anti-Semitic propaganda and conspiracy theories about Jews.

- Hass stated in 2016 that the “Elders of Zion” conspire to control Palestinian-Arabs.
  - She asserted, “And I ask myself, did the Elders of Zion really sit together... and plan, and have all these military orders, all these changes?”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Haaretz. *The Inner Syntax of Palestinian Stone Throwing*. April 3, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Photo One: Palestinian-Arab terrorists attacking a civilian car with stones. Anonymous photographer. Photo Two: Injured civilian. Photo taken by Mark Kahlberg, former police officer in Netanya, Israel.

<sup>3</sup> IDF Blog. *Rocks Can Kill*. March 18, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> Youtube - Beyond the Great Divide. *Amira Hass at the University of Kent - Elders of Zion - antisemitism, blood libel*. January 31, 2016

- The “Elders of Zion” is an **anti-Semitic forgery** written in Russia in the 1800s. It states that the Jews are conspiring to control the media and the world as a whole. It has **frequently been cited by Adolph Hitler, KKK leaders, and other leading racists.**<sup>5</sup>

**Amira Hass spreads lies about Israel to demonize the only Jewish state, which is anti-Semitic according to the U.S. State Department.**

- Amira Hass falsely claims that Israel is a genocidal state and compares its actions to Nazi Germany. She says, “Let me be blunt: Gaza is a huge concentration camp.”<sup>6</sup>
- She also claims that Israel systematically encourages violence towards Palestinian-Arabs, despite evidence that proves otherwise. In 2015, Hass stated, “The vast majority of those who kill and torture... are proud of their deeds, and their society and families are proud of their deeds...”<sup>7</sup>
- In reality, many Gazan civilians suffer at the hands of Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist organization that rules Gaza and abuses its own people. On the contrary, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) takes extensive precautions during military conflicts to ensure Palestinian-Arab safety and minimize civilian casualties. For example:
  - The Israeli Air Force drops warning leaflets written in Arabic to civilian populations prior to engaging in combat, giving civilians ample time to evacuate dangerous areas.<sup>8</sup>
  - The IDF makes phone calls to Gazan civilians, alerting them of danger and allowing them to evacuate the premises.<sup>9</sup>
  - The Israeli military has frequently terminated operations for the purpose of preserving the safety of Gazan civilians within the vicinity.<sup>10</sup>

**According to the U.S. State Department, demonizing Israel by comparing its policies to those of the Nazis constitutes anti-Semitism, as it spreads lies about the only Jewish state and insults real victims of genocide.**<sup>11</sup>

<sup>5</sup> United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

<sup>6</sup> Informed Comment. *Amira Hass: “Let me be blunt: Gaza is a Huge Concentration Camp.”* July 9, 2015

<sup>7</sup> Haaretz. *In Israel, We Walk Amongst Killers and Torturers.* June 22, 2015

<sup>8</sup> Israel Defense Forces. *How Does the IDF Minimize Harm to Palestinian Civilians?* November 15, 2012

<sup>9</sup> Ibid

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> *Defining Anti-Semitism.* U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.