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As it happens, and as all of you well know, however much you pretend not to, the underlying root cause of all the Arab-Israeli conflicts and the violations of international humanitarian law, is the refusal, first of all the Arab states and finally of the Palestinian leaders in Ramallah and Gaza, to accept the existence of the Jewish state called Israel.  Any complaints lodged with you about alleged Israeli mistreatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories should he taken up with the PA and Hamas, since they could have been ruling a sovereign Palestinian state had their leaders been willing to accept one, as offered by Israeliin 2000, 2001 and 2008.

Thus the identification of those responsible is very easy and identical to discovering the root cause.  Those responsible are precisely those who will not accept peace even when it is offered to them on the most generous terms, short of Jewish suicide.

That, again, is the Arab states in 1936, 1948, 1967 and 1973, and the Palestinians since then.

To learn some facts about the lying allegations you will investigate and doubtless, with equal dishonesty, affirm, do consult the following:

• [Sheikh Jarrah: The Facts](https://camera.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8b7948e93d155a16f6202c669&id=8cab181548&e=ea651168ac), by Alex Safian, PhD, May 13, 2021 (Topic: Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions).  
  
• [Understanding the Current Sheikh Jarrah (Jerusalem) Property Dispute](https://camera.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8b7948e93d155a16f6202c669&id=2433f60eb2&e=ea651168ac), by Professor Avi Bell, May 9, 2021 (Topic: Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions).  
  
• [Backgrounder: New Hamas Platform](https://camera.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8b7948e93d155a16f6202c669&id=f8654f6562&e=ea651168ac), by CAMERA, June 9, 2017. (Topic: Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions).  
  
• [How Many Gaza Palestinians Were Killed by Hamas Rockets in May? An Estimate](https://camera.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8b7948e93d155a16f6202c669&id=d3c69c41d3&e=ea651168ac) by Alex Safian, PhD, June 27, 2021 (Topic: Identification of those responsible).  
  
• Tweet by Defense for Children International, Palestine, reports two children and six adults killed by “[a homemade rocket fired by a Palestinian armed group](https://camera.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8b7948e93d155a16f6202c669&id=dd508428bf&e=ea651168ac).” (Topic: Identification of those responsible).

And, while you are at it, do try to remember that when one side declares eternal war and tries to carry it out with every means at their disposal it is simply aiding and abetting that side to condemn the side that is defending its existence for doing so.  Thus, under the international law which is supposed to guide your deliberations, israeli efforts to suppress the massive and unprovoked rocket assault from Gaza last year are justifiable as self-defense, while the use of civilians and often children as shields by Hamas is a war crime.

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