And Now He's Dead

Israel Kills Islamic Jihad Leader in Gaza Strike:

> GAZA (Reuters) - Israel killed the military chief of the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad in a Gaza City air strike on Tuesday that drew vows of revenge and could complicate efforts to end a huge Israeli offensive.

Under what circumstances does success in a military operation "complicate efforts" to end it? Only when the best hope for peace is the defeat of the army in question. This is the objective towards which Reuters is tirelessly working. This is also why they call the murder gang a 'militant group' and its leader a 'military chief'. And it is why they endorse, as they invariably do, the murderers' transparent lie that their next mass murder will be an act of revenge. In reality the murderers howl "Death to Jews" continuously, and perpetrate it too, regardless of whether Israel has recently killed a terrorist leader or not. The only difference is that Reuters never reports the howls except on occasions like this, when they can be given the tawdry legitimacy of 'vows of revenge' and can thus reinforce the evil myth that the conflict is a 'cycle of violence'.

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> Dabbash's death also fanned tension just as Israeli and Palestinian officials were trying to work out a deal on ending a six-day-old Israeli offensive

His death did not 'fan tension'. His associates were already at boiling point and killing as fast and furiously as they possibly could. In the minds of all decent people, it caused nothing but relief.

> into the densely populated Gaza Strip to quell rocket fire into Israel by militants.

Is "densely populated" really the best adjective to describe the Gaza Strip for the purposes of this news report? Of course not. So why was it chosen? To imply that Israel is recklessly killing civilians.

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> Dabbash, 38, was the leader in Palestinian lands of a

group sworn to destroying Israel and at the forefront of a suicide bombing campaign during a 4-year-old Palestinian uprising.

Now there's a rare admission, buried in the middle of the piece – a hard fact that contradicts the earlier spin. They should have started with it. Then next paragraph: "*Now he's dead!*" Third paragraph: "And we have Israel to thank, which has also killed such noted enemies of peace and freedom as..."

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How can anybody look at this as anything less than a great thing? Isreal killed a murderous thug who has the blood of many innocents on his hands, and one more jackhole gets martyred... which happens to be the greatest thing in the minds of these jackholes. Is there any clearer example of a win-win?

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more win-win

terrorist dies and israel gets *good* press would be more win/win

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I agree, that one's a better win/win, but it's about as likely as, terrorist dies and Christopher Reeve comes back to life... and can walk. Of course that would be a win/win/win, but since in we're in make believe land, why not?

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