

Israeli Peace Movement Members Shouted Down and Physically Attacked

The brave, beleaguered Israeli peace movement

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John Reed in Ashkelon reports that, as of Monday, more than 500 Palestinians in Gaza had been killed in Israeli shelling from the land, air and sea.

Members of Israel's <u>Peace Now</u> and its pro-peace activist camp are increasingly being shouted down or physically attacked.

At a demonstration in a 'mixed city' Haifa, counter demonstrators beat participants, including the city's Israeli-Arab deputy mayor, a family physician, Dr. Suhail Assad and his son, chanting "Death to Arabs". More detail in Israel's daily, <u>Haaretz</u>.

On another march in Jerusalem on Sunday evening organised by parents at <u>Hand in Hand</u>, a bilingual school for Israeli and Arab children, participants were heckled by passers-by, one of whom shouted "Go to Gaza".



Above (FT): Civilians take cover in a Southern Israeli air raid shelter as several rockets are fired from the Gaza Strip



Above: Palestinians have nowhere to hide

In Tel Aviv last week, about 250 Jewish protesters <u>video</u> were set upon, punched and pushed by a well-organised group of rightwingers in an attack that left several people with bruises, black eyes, or other injuries. Another, which mustered about 1,000 people, was attacked by rightwing activists, who threw eggs and plastic bottles.



The Iron Dome exploded an incoming rocket overhead as the two groups fought in what one participant called a "surreal" moment.

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