

Fight to the death: Israel, Hamas and international law

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Professor Asa Kasher, the man we were going to visit when we had to dive for cover, is a philosopher who co-wrote the IDF's first Code of Conduct in the early 1990s.

"Non-combatants shouldn't suffer," he says. "We keep this regulation very carefully. We will never just drop a bomb like during the Second World War, [when an airforce would] take a city, a place full of civilians, with no military base, and just bomb it in order to terrify the people and push them into surrender."

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Professor **Asa Kasher**, who wrote the IDF code of ethics, says each case is different and there is no neat formula that equates x number of civilians to x military advantage.

"We do it systematically," he told RTÉ News. "It's not because our [airforce] pilot is a saint. Our pilots are excellent people, they are very moral officers, but they do not make the decisions on the spot."

"They come to a certain point after the whole system that minimizes collateral damage has already done its work."

He cites a scenario where a terror target has been located but a school bus full of children appears.

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