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## **Distorting the Essential Nature of a Conflict**

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The U.N. Human Rights Council voted to condemn Israel for last year's war of self defense against Hamas terrorists in Gaza. The resolution also criticized Hamas for its rocket attacks, but primarily blamed Israel for its role in the war.

Even an even-handed denunciation would have distorted the essential nature of the conflict, which continues only because of Palestinian blood lust. Israelis don't want to occupy Gaza—they withdrew voluntarily in 2005—and left again after suppressing the rocket fire last December. But Hamas refuses to accept Israel's existence, under any terms or within any borders.

As Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz explains: "If the Palestinians decided to lay down their arms, there would be peace tomorrow. If the Israelis decided to lay down their arms, there would be genocide tomorrow." Unfortunately, this imbalance closes off chances for any lasting peace.

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