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Video: Israel plants armed "stone throwers" among Palestinian protestors

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This post has been updated with new material since initial publication. It contains graphic images of violence.

A Reuters correspondent observed Israeli undercover agents disguised as Palestinian youths inciting violence. He's backed up by video evidence. One video shows an Israeli undercover agent apparently firing a pistol into the leg of a Palestinian at point blank range.

Luke Baker [tweeted \(https://twitter.com/lukereuters/status/651740854881812480\)](https://twitter.com/lukereuters/status/651740854881812480): "Footage in Ramallah shows undercover #Israeli police throwing stones at Israeli forces and inciting #Palestinian youth to do the same."



Luke Baker 
@LukeReuters

Footage of undercover Israeli police throwing stones with Palestinians then turning and drawing their weapons:
[youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o)

10:49 AM - 7 Oct 2015

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Baker affirms he witnessed the incident himself:

Tzippy Yarom
@zpyarom 7 Oct

@LukeReuters if it's the above incident, how do you/your sources know it's an undercover? Any proof?

Luke Baker 
@LukeReuters

@zpyarom I've been watching them operating. The undercover units ran back to Israeli troops and drew their weapons to fight back

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Luke Baker 
@LukeReuters

Yes, same incident but minutes before this footage shot.
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Shot at point blank

Video of the incident was caught by AFP and other videographers. Due to rights restrictions the AFP video is only [viewable at YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o> it show the "Palestinian stonethrowers" suddenly pull out guns and turn on the other Palestinians, revealing themselves as Israeli agents https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLLi5m0o&utm_source=safari



Still from AFP video shows Israeli agents who moments before were posing as demonstrators pull guns on Palestinians.

This video shows one of the undercover men firing a pistol at point blank range into the leg of a Palestinian who is on the ground and being assaulted by several men. The recoil from the weapon is visible and the sound of the gunshot can be heard in the video. The uniformed Israeli soldiers and their plain clothes accomplices continue brutally kicking and beating the victim and then drag him away. The victim makes several attempts to stand up, but his leg appears to buckle. What look like bloodstains can also be seen on his jeans.



The still image captures the moment.



A still image shows the moment an Israeli undercover agent fires a pistol into the leg of a Palestinian at point blank range.

Ma'an News Agency [reported](http://www.maannnews.com/Content.aspx?id=768064) (<http://www.maannnews.com/Content.aspx?id=768064>) that two youths were shot, beaten and detained by Israelis in the incident and another was beaten and detained. Palestinian medical personnel have not been granted access to them.

This 11-minute video posted by Wattan TV shows the Israeli undercover agents working side by side with uniformed Israeli occupation forces.



It is titled "Mustarabin kidnap three injured persons during confrontations with the occupation near Beit El."

Dressing up agents as what Israel believes Arab or Palestinian civilians to look like – so-called *mistaravim* in Hebrew or *mustarabin* in Arabic – is an old tactic used in everything from acting as provocateurs and spying to [dozens of extrajudicial murders](https://books.google.com/books?id=Y46dVkJCuotC&lpg=PA114&ots=RWY4jAWXrI&dq=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&pg=PA114#v=onepage&q=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&Early%20on%20Sunday%20morning) ([https://books.google.com/books?id=Y46dVkJCuotC&lpg=PA114&ots=RWY4jAWXrI&dq=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&pg=PA114#v=onepage&q=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&Early on Sunday morning](https://books.google.com/books?id=Y46dVkJCuotC&lpg=PA114&ots=RWY4jAWXrI&dq=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&pg=PA114#v=onepage&q=mistaaravim%20targeted%20killing&Early%20on%20Sunday%20morning) (<https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/video-israeli-gunmen-kidnap-patient-palestinian-hospital>), several disguised Israeli agents entered a hospital in Nablus and kidnapped an injured Palestinian.

At about 4:50 (<https://youtu.be/JcbCRcr9eAg?t=4m50s>) (<http://groupofisraelis.com>) a group of Israeli soldiers can be seen suddenly running towards an area off to the left of the camera's view. [url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FJcbCRcr9eAg%3Ft%3D4m50s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=groupofisraelis](https://youtu.be/JcbCRcr9eAg?t=4m50s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=groupofisraelis)

As the camera follows them, they can be seen teaming up with men in plain clothes wearing face masks.

Man in Striped Shirt

At about 3:04 in another video (<https://youtu.be/Em-BQYISpqE?t=3m2s>) (<http://Wednesday.net>) a man in a black-and-white striped shirt, dark pants and face mask can be seen among Palestinians who are demonstrating against Israeli occupation forces. The still below captures his image. [BOYISpqE%3Ft%3D3m2s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=Wednesday.net](https://youtu.be/Em-BQYISpqE?t=3m2s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=Wednesday.net)



A video still shows the man in the black and white shirt (toward the left of the frame) taking part in a Palestinian demonstration.

At 5:24 (<https://youtu.be/JcbCRcr9eAg?t=5m20s>) (<http://theWaftamTV.com>) in the Waftam TV video, an identically dressed man can be seen. He is clearly cooperating with the soldiers. At one point he can be seen throwing a punch and then retreating back behind the uniformed soldiers. [url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FJcbCRcr9eAg%3Ft%3D5m20s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=theWaftamTV.com](https://youtu.be/JcbCRcr9eAg?t=5m20s&utm_source=safari&utm_medium=extensions&utm_campaign=theWaftamTV.com)



A still from another video shows the same man in a striped shirt cooperating with Israeli soldiers.



Another video still shows the man in the striped shirt working closely with Israeli soldiers.

The same man appears even more clearly in the video at the top of this post. It shows the soldiers and their undercover agents, including the man in the striped shirt tackling, kicking and dragging away Palestinians. Several of the agents also appear to be armed with small pistols.



Video still shows an undercover Israeli agent with a striped shirt who appears armed.

At least one other Israeli agent appears in the Wattan TV video with a striped shirt, though with light pants. Could it be that striped shirts are used as a way for Israeli soldiers to easily tell who is on their side?

The Reuters correspondent's testimony and these videos provide a glimpse of some of the tactics Israel uses.

According to Ma'an News Agency (<http://www.maannews.com/Content.aspx?id=768062>), 18 Palestinians were injured in the confrontations near Beit El, bringing the total to more than 600 since Saturday.

Beit El (/tags/beit-el) mistaravim (/tags/mistaravim) violence by Israeli soldiers (/tags/violence-israeli-soldiers) Reuters (/tags/reuters) Luke Baker (/tags/luke-baker) Wattan TV (/tags/wattan-tv)

Comments



This shows a good vetting process is essential... (/comment/31161#comment-31161)

(/comment/31161#comment-31161) Zionism Is Not Judaism replied on Wed, 10/07/2015 - 19:05

.... as to who can be trusted and who can not. Multiple vouchings and personal references an absolute must.



Israelis disguised as Palestinians (/comment/31181#comment-31181)

(/comment/31181#comment-31181) Tess replied on Thu, 10/08/2015 - 12:33

Truly beneath contempt, but then nothing would surprise me regarding the zionists," by deception and deceit etc...."



Pallywood (/comment/31172#comment-31172)

(/comment/31172#comment-31172) Robin Messing (<http://www.themessinglink.com>) replied on Thu, 10/08/2015 - 00:52

And the cries of "Pallywood" from the Protect-Israel's-reputation-at-all-costs crowd start in 3 . . 2 . . 1.

So how many years will the stone-throwing Israeli undercover agents get under Israel's harsh new stone throwing law?

