

**Subject:** Unbalanced comment.

Aug. 20, 2010.

The Editor,

The Chronicle Herald

Dear Editor:

Mr Laurent Le Pierres, in his article: " Deep-seated prejudice or well-founded wariness?" [Aug. 20] throws in a senseless, thoughtless and unbalanced comment attacking the Palestinians for : "suicide bombings and all manner of depraved acts." The abhorrent rare suicide bombings carried out, against innocent civilians, by few misguided Palestinians are miniscule compared to the massive war crimes committed against them, continuously, by the Israeli authorities, including numerous massacres, killing of thousands,including hundreds of children, as in the recent 2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead assault on Gaza, using phosphorus and cluster bombs and destroying hospitals, schools and the total infrastructure of the besieged Gaza Strip, denying its 1.5 million population of health care and all elements of basic life. Yet, Mr. Le Pierre makes no mention of that. Surely, killing of innocent civilians, anywhere, is abhorrent and must be condemned by all, without this selective bias.

It is time that the Halifax Herald readers are allowed some balanced opinions.

Yours sincerely,

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