

Hamas Breaks Ceasefire With Incendiary Bombs

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Hamas apparently believes its own propaganda, and remains under the illusion that it was the “victor” in the recent war with Israel in Gaza. It has already forgotten how, in the last week of the war, it – Hamas – was desperate for a ceasefire, and it was the IDF that wanted to keep going, and only reluctantly agreed to a ceasefire after pressure from President Biden. Biden had publicly declared that he wanted the ceasefire to begin on May 19; the Israelis managed to ignore that demand and kept delivering punishing blows against Hamas for two more days, before Prime Minister Netanyahu and his security cabinet decided it would be politically prudent to call a halt on May 21.

Hamas has chosen in mid-June to break the ceasefire, not with

rockets, but with nearly two-dozen incendiary balloons to set Israeli farms and forests alight, and Israel has responded with a handful of airstrikes on Hamas armed compounds. The story of this flare-up is here: "Israel Strikes Hamas Sites Over Fire Balloons," [Jihad Watch](#).