

# Review of: "[Commentary] Explaining Hamas Attack of October 7"

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The study approaches a highly original topic within the framework of a well-known theory. It applies the theory to practice in a very objective way. As such, the study seems to be quite successful and will contribute to the field. Besides:

- 1-It is seen that the author does not include the method and general results of the study in the abstract.
- 2-The problem of the study is clear, but there is no literature review and discussion.
- 3-The application of the theory is quite successful, but it is a deficiency that the author does not include the theological references of the subject because Hamas occasionally refers to theological references in the context of freedoms.
- 4-The impression is given that Hamas was supported by Iran and Hezbollah, but Hamas declared that the support was moral and that they were not involved in the planning.
- 5-It is seen that the author attributes the pressure Hamas showed in the raid entirely to Israel's intelligence weakness. However, it is necessary to consider how this raid was carried out in advance and with a very fine calculation and how it was possible with many more dimensions.
- 6- It should not be forgotten that one of the answers to the question of how this attack was possible is the moral courage and motivation of a society that has been deprived of all rights and whose lands have been occupied for seventy years. Hamas, which attacked under very primitive conditions, seems to have been quite successful in terms of its military strategy. As a matter of fact, it was able to neutralise Israel's air defence systems with systems that can be considered primitive. The situation cannot be considered as a simple intelligence weakness of Israel.
- 7-In the conclusion, the author should discuss the link between the event and the phenomenon in the literature more strongly.
- 8-In conclusion, it is seen that the author has handled the subject in a very objective manner. With the completion of these few points, the study will be of even better quality.