

UN Officials Are Denying Hamas Sexual Crimes Again — Survivors Prove Them Wrong

The Lie:

- On November 16, 2025, UN Special Rapporteur Reem Alsalem claimed that “no independent investigation has found that rape occurred on October 7,” dismissing all evidence of Hamas sexual atrocities.

The Truth:

- Survivor testimony, UN documentation, Israeli investigations, forensic evidence, and a major New York Times probe all confirm Hamas used rape and sexual torture as weapons of war.

Background:

- Reem Alsalem — a Jordanian consultant appointed in 2021 as the **UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls** — has repeated a familiar pattern of UN workers downplaying or denying sexual violence against Israelis.
- Her statements contradict **testimony delivered directly to the UN**, contradict the **UN Secretary-General’s own findings**, and ignore overwhelming documentation from hostages, medics, journalists, and investigators.

Truth: Explained

- **Released hostage Guy Gilboa-Dalal described repeated sexual assault — coerced touching, forced physical contact, threats with a gun and knife, and psychological terror.** His account shows sexual violence occurred inside Hamas captivity, not merely on October 7. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-874821>
- **Former hostage Aviva Siegel testified before the UN (Nov 12, 2025) that Hamas assaulted young female hostages, including forcing a 16-year-old to undress and perform sexual acts under threat of death.** This testimony was delivered *directly to UN officials*, yet denied by Alsalem days later. https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/aviva-siegel-tells-un-young-female-hostages-in-gaza-were-repeatedly-sexually-assaulted/
- **The UN Secretary-General’s 2024 conflict-related sexual violence report listed Hamas as “credibly suspected” of committing rape during the Oct. 7 attacks.** Alsalem is contradicting her own institution’s official findings. <https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>
- **A two-month New York Times investigation confirmed a coordinated pattern of rape, genital mutilation, and sexual torture at at least seven attack sites — backed by 150+ interviews, verified videos, medics, first responders, and police evidence.** This is the strongest independent investigation validating the sexual crimes Hamas committed. [How Hamas Weaponized Sexual Violence on Oct. 7 — The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/16/middleeast/hamas-sexual-violence-oct-7.html)
- **Ambassador Danny Danon filed a formal complaint (Nov 18, 2025) documenting that Alsalem ignored survivor testimony, contradicted UN evidence, and violated UN protocols.** Israel demanded her removal for erasing victims and misleading the global public. <https://x.com/dannydanon/status/1991540388281131156?s=20>
- **Israeli-Arab activist Yoseph Haddad publicly exposed Alsalem’s denial as deliberate disinformation, pointing to survivors, UN reports, Israeli investigators, and global journalism.** The denial fits a repeated anti-Israel pattern within UN bodies. <https://x.com/YosephHaddad/status/1989962336266752465>

Quotes

- **Ambassador Danny Danon (Nov 18, 2025):**
“Reem Alsalem’s denial of Hamas’s sexual atrocities is a moral disgrace. A UN official who erases rape victims has no place in the United Nations. She must be removed immediately.”
- **Aviva Siegel, former Hostage (UN testimony, Nov 12, 2025):**
“I saw the girls shaking. Hamas terrorists forced them to undress and assaulted them. I witnessed what they did to a 16-year-old girl. She was terrified.”
- **Yoseph Haddad (Nov 16, 2025):**
“Reem Alsalem is lying on purpose. The evidence is endless — from survivors, from investigators, and from the UN’s own reports.”

Takeaway:

UN officials like Reem Alsalem can deny Hamas’s rape crimes all they want — but survivor testimony, forensic documentation, and even the UN’s own reports prove Hamas used systematic sexual violence on October 7. Their denial isn’t ‘caution’ — it’s anti-Israel rhetoric that erases victims and protects perpetrators.