

WHY DON'T WE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN ISRAEL & PALESTINE?

American sailor wounded aboard the USS *Liberty* June 8, 1967



Clue #5

In 2004, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Thomas Moorer passed away. Moorer, a World War II hero and one of the country's highest ranking officers, had long been an outspoken critic of Israel – particularly of Israel's brutal attack on a U.S. Navy ship, which had killed 34 American servicemen and injured 174. Just months before his death, Moorer appeared on Capitol Hill heading an independent inquiry, which found that Israel had “committed acts of murder against U.S. servicemen and an act of war against the United States” – words he repeated in an op-ed in the military's *Stars and Stripes* newspaper on Jan. 16, 2004.

On Moorer's death three weeks later, AP quickly sent out a 366-word report. The story included a sentence stating that Moorer had “...accused Israel of deliberately attacking the USS *Liberty*, an American spy ship.”

Within a few hours, AP sent out an expanded, 529-word obituary. The above sentence had been removed, and with it any hint of Moorer's views on Israel: “The American people would be goddam mad if they knew what was going on.”

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