Israel's bloody assault on Gaza is a dream come true for Hamas

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Quote	44 The fate of Israel will be decided in people's minds, in countries like ours, and on TV screens, not by bullets and high explosive. Each episode of this kind makes that future more doubtful. It is an illusion that a violent toughness is the only answer to threats. The really strong and brave man knows when to hold back. Just as it would have been more sensible to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza when they captured them in 1967, it would have been far, far better to let the Hamas rockets fall, to shelter from them and to let the world see how much better Israel is than its aggressive despotic neighbours.	,,

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