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**CNN editors pull Palestinian quotes, replace with US**

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CNN editors replaced all Palestinian quotations with quotes from the US and Israel in its story 'U.S. vetoes U.N. condemnation of Israel's Gaza strikes'. CNN's new, more prominent article begins with the exact same wording as the original, but all Palestinian remarks are gone.



The two versions have identical first and second paragraphs:

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The original wire followed with:

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But CNN editors pulled these two paragraphs, replacing them with a description of the resolution and vote tally, followed by a quotation from the Israeli military. It ended with five paragraphs quoting US Ambassador to the UN, John Bolton.

CNN neglected well-known journalistic standards when it removed Palestinian statements from its original report. According to Wikipedia.org's '[Professional and Ethical Standards](#)' section in its 'Journalism' entry, journalists must use "multiple original sources of information, especially if the subject of the report is controversial" and must "report every side of a story possible".

CNN took an unethical step backwards when it morphed the responsible 4:37AM wire into a biased Sunday afternoon article.

[Full text of the original wire:](#)

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The resolution, proposed by the Qatar delegation, particularly condemned Israel for Wednesday's shelling in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun that killed 18 people, mostly women and children.

The proposal also condemns Palestinians who fire missiles from Gaza into Israel. (Posted 4:37 a.m.)  
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[Full text of the edited article:](#)  
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POSTED: 2:21 p.m. EST, November 11, 2006

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Qatar proposed the motion, which focused on Wednesday's shelling in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun that killed 18 people, mostly women and children. (Watch mourners carry bodies of victims through the streets -- 1:49)

The blocked resolution also condemned Palestinians who fire missiles from Gaza into Israel.

Israel's military said it has been targeting militants in Beit Hanoun who have been firing Qassam rockets into Israel, and blamed a "technical failure" for the misfire that killed the 18 civilians.

The United States cast the only vote against. Four council members abstained and 10 voted for the resolution.

Before the vote, Bolton said the United States joined the other countries in "deeply regretting" the injuries and loss of life in Wednesday's shelling, but said Israel has promised a full investigation.

Bolton said the resolution's text was "unbalanced."

"We are disturbed at the language of the resolution that is in many places biased against Israel and politically motivated," Bolton said. "Such language does not further the cause of peace and its unacceptability to the United States in previous resolutions is well known."

Bolton said the text was wrong in equating what he called Israel's legal defense operations in Gaza with Palestinian acts of terrorism against civilians in Israel.

"We are disturbed that there is not a single reference to terrorism in the proposed resolution, nor any condemnation of the Hamas leadership's statement that Palestinians should resume terror attacks on a broad scale, or calls by the military wing of Hamas to Muslims worldwide to strike American targets and interests," he said.  
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