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Letters to the Editor

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Troubled by headline about shootings in Israel

I am writing to you about the headline "Palestinians shot dead after killing 2 in Jerusalem" (Oct. 10). I realize that the story was picked up from the Associated Press. And, indeed, the article leads with the fact that "two Palestinians armed with automatic rifles and grenades attacked Israelis and tourists yesterday on a crowded downtown street." This being so, why did the Globe choose a headline that stressed that the Palestinians were shot dead?

A more appropriate headline would have read: "Two Israelis killed, 13 wounded by Palestinian terrorists." This would have placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of the terrorists. As the headline reads, it gives a reader the idea that the Israelis were at fault for shooting the Arab gunmen.

The first paragraph states that the Palestinians were shot dead by; Israeli "border police." What were "border police" doing in Jerusalem, nowhere near Israel's border. From my reading of Israeli wire service accounts, the Palestinians were shot by off-duty, officers who happened to be nearby.

I am also curious why you stressed that "The attackers, were shot in the face and chest by multiple rounds," that angry Israelis shouted "Death to the Arabs!" (what were the Arabs who were shooting innocent bystanders shouting?) and that "300 people surrounded the Palestinians and beat them before police could get them into the van." What about the people who were' shot by the terrorists? What happened to them?

Your coverage in this story is quite biased. Even when Palestinians are the perpetrators of violence against Israelis, you seem determined to find Israel at fault The Israel-Palestinian situation is very complex and difficult to understand. Please try to balance your coverage in the future.

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