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Response from a Guardian spokesperson

The IDF's attempt to portray the 24 participants in NAZA as junior-ranking officers involved only in the early stages of the targeting process is false. They include officers and soldiers who were involved in multiple stages of the targeting process in Gaza, including intelligence, operations and the final authorisation process.

The process of assessing the credibility of the testimonies was rigorous. It included leaked classified documents, detailed verification of specific strikes and corroboration via a wider pool of confidential journalistic sources who did not appear on camera in the film. Over the past three years we have together interviewed more than 100 sources familiar with IDF systems used in the war in Gaza, including senior-ranking commanders directly involved in the authorisation of strikes.

The Guardian stands fully behind the film, which builds on three years of detailed reporting by the Guardian and our partners.

During the period in which the film was being produced, we engaged with the IDF extensively, sending them more than ten detailed invitations to comment about the matters that were then included in the documentary.