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Israeli rabbi urges killing of non-Jews

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An ultra-orthodox Israeli rabbi has defended the killing of non-Jews, including infants, in his new book on ways to tackle 'threats' against Israel.

In a sequel to his earlier book *The King's Torah*, Rabbi Yitzhak Shapira justifies the killing of non-Jews that “pose a threat to Israel,” while describing “practical” ways of dealing with the people in the Gaza Strip.

The King's Torah was first published in 2009.

Shapira was arrested last summer for encouraging Jews to kill non-Jews in his book. He was also

suspected of involvement in a crude rocket attack directed at a Palestinian village in 2008.

In 2010, Shapira encouraged the use of Palestinians as human shields by army soldiers, even when the victim happened to be a civilian.

"Anything you do to keep the war tough is permissible and obligatory according to the Torah," Shapira proclaimed.

The extreme rabbinic rulings have offered the Israeli military a free hand to attack civilian population.