

Naming of Parts

By Tony Dawson¹

Today we have
the naming of parts.
This is a bunker-busting bomb.
This is its warhead
and these are the fins
that stabilize it.

One has just hit a mosque.
that well-known bunker
where terrorists meet.
This is a baby's head
poking out of the rubble
pale as a daisy in spring.

These are the mangled remains
of a Muslim family
of thirteen people
who had the temerity
to worship in a mosque
full of terrorists.

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This is another bomb
that targeted a paediatric
hospital, aka the headquarters
of the terrorist group Hamas.
The hundred civilians it killed
are called collateral damage.

This is a soldier in the Israeli
Defence Force. The Palestinians
are not allowed to have soldiers.
Palestinian defenders are called
terrorists even though they aren't
allowed by the Israelis either.