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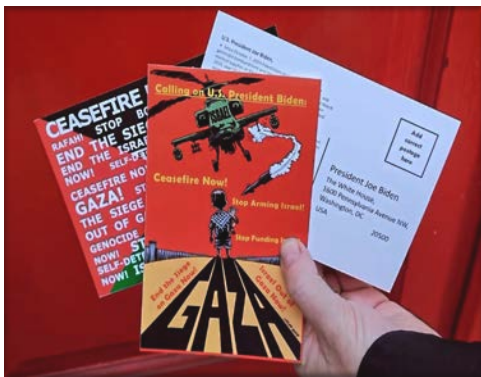
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END THE GENOCIDE NOW! • ISRAEL OUT OF WEST BANK! • ISRAEL HANDS OFF JENIN!
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BI-WEEKLY PICKET ACTION FOR PALESTINE!

& Vigil for Aaron Bushnell
Commemorating 1 year since his passing

US HANDS OFF GAZA!
No to US Colonization!
US/Israel - No Ethnic Cleansing in Gaza!
End the Siege on Gaza Now!
Israel/US Out of Gaza!
Israel Out of West Bank!
Israel Hands Off Jenin!
US/Israel: Honour the Ceasefire Deal!
End the Occupation of Palestine!
Self-Determination for Palestine!
Free All Palestinian Prisoners!
End the Occupation of Palestine!
Right of Return for Palestinians!
Maersk Cut Ties With Genocide!
Boycott Israel Now!
US/Canada Stop Arming Israel!

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• Monday March 24



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US-Israel Hands Off Gaza! US-Israel Hands Off West Bank! FREE PALESTINE!

Statement by Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO)
Updated February 20, 2025

Zionist Israel continues to violate the ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon daily. Most recently, on February 20, war criminal Prime Minister of Israel Netanyahu delayed the release of 600 Palestinian prisoners who were due to be released under Phase 1 of the ceasefire deal. Zionist forces have shot at, killed and wounded Palestinians throughout Gaza. Israel continues to block the flow of medical supplies, reconstruction materials, fuel and other essential aid into Gaza.

The brutal "Iron Wall" offensive being carried out by Zionist Israel against Palestinians in the West Bank, is killing, detaining and displacing Palestinians with air strikes, drone bombings, burning and blowing up homes, and razing roads and infrastructure with bulldozers. On Sunday, February 23, genocidal Israel also announced that Israeli troops would remain three Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank "for the next year," an escalation of its brutal offensive in the West Bank which has already forcibly displaced over 40,000 Palestinians.

The US government works hand-in-hand with Zionist Israel. In the most recent weapons package, the US is sending over \$7 billion in bombs and 3000 Hellfire missiles to the Israeli regime. Meanwhile, US President Trump continues to push the US genocidal plans to ethnically cleanse and colonize Gaza.

For 15 months, since Oct 7, 2023, the world has witnessed a genocide conducted by Zionist Israel against Palestinians in Gaza. US-Israeli Zionist attacks and war crimes continue to intensify. On top of this brutal onslaught, North Gaza continues to face a complete blockade of humanitarian aid and continued bombing by the Zionist state of Israel. Under these horrific conditions imposed by genocidal Israel, at least seven children have frozen to death in the last week in Gaza.

Zionist Israel's bombing campaigns continuously target hospitals in Gaza. There are currently no hospitals in north Gaza after the Indonesian, Kamal Adwan and Beit Hanoun Hospitals were forcibly evacuated, raided and bombed. In total, the US-Israeli genocide has murdered over 1,000 Palestinian healthcare workers in Gaza.

Zionist Israeli attacks and brutality have also intensified against Palestinians in the West Bank. The Palestinian Authority (PA) has not only facilitated these murderous raids, the PA's security forces have also perpetrated their own raids and assaults against Palestinian resistance fighters. We must condemn the Palestinian Authority's attack on Jenin and other refugee camps and demand that the PA stop persecuting Palestinian resistance fighters.

The U.S. genocidal government is working hand-in-hand with Israeli Zionists to conduct this genocide. Since October 7, 2023, the U.S. government, with a conservative estimation, has sent \$22 billion of military aid to Israel. Although the Biden Administration is in its final weeks, its commitment to arming the genocide of Palestinians continues. On January 4, the Biden Administration announced plans for a further \$8 billion arms sale to Israel, which is now awaiting approval by the U.S. Congress. All imperialist countries, including Canada, are complicit in supporting this genocide politically, financially, and militarily.

In addition to committing war crimes and massacres in Gaza and Palestine, Israel is also bombing Lebanon, Syria and Yemen.

Despite the ceasefire between Lebanon and Israel, which came into effect on November 27, Israel has violated the ceasefire agreement at least 800 times and continues to bomb and attack Southern Lebanon daily.

In December 2024, imperialists resurrected their strategic plan to restart a civil war in Syria. U.S. and imperialists are funding and arming mercenary terrorists in Syria with the direct involvement of Israel and Türkiye. Israel is carrying out a land grab in the Syrian Golan heights and has bombed Syria over 800 times since December 9. By December 18, Israel had occupied at least 440 square kilometres of Syria.

The U.S., U.K. and Israel have been bombing Yemen throughout the genocide against Palestine. Recently, these bombs have targeted civilian infrastructure, including ports and power stations. On December 28, Israel bombed the airport in Sana'a, Yemen, nearly assassinating the Director-General of the World Health Organization while he was visiting Yemen.

As we enter the new year 2025, Palestinians in Gaza continue to show their steadfast determination to remain on their land despite widespread destruction. Around the world, humanity is standing with Palestine, continuing to come out to the streets to demand a ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the genocide, and for the US, Canada and other imperialists to stop arming Israel!

International Day in Solidarity with the Palestinian People - Resistance and Struggle Continue! We Will Win!

November 29, International Day in Solidarity with the Palestinian People, was marked by victories in the struggle against the US-Israeli war drive with the Israeli Zionist government's acceptance of a ceasefire with Lebanon. On top of a year of airstrikes from Israel, the last two and a half months of full-scale Israeli bombing and terrorist attacks against Lebanon killed over 3,823 people, destroyed villages and levelled neighbourhoods in the capital, Beirut. The response from Hezbollah effectively fought back the Zionist Israeli attempts at a ground invasion and forced Zionist Israel into a ceasefire deal. However, Israel is not to be trusted to respect the ceasefire, and since the ceasefire took effect on November 27, it has violated the terms repeatedly. This includes Israeli Zionist forces firing upon Lebanese civilians at a funeral, shelling with tanks, and launching airstrikes in southern Lebanon.

The victory on the front with Lebanon is a victory for Hezbollah and the entire resistance movement against US-Israeli Zionist aggression. Imperialists are now resurrecting their strategic plan to restart a civil war in Syria. The US and imperialists are funding and arming mercenaries in Syria with the direct involvement of Israel and Türkiye. It is no coincidence that the resurgence of US-backed terrorism in Syria comes now when Zionist Israel is facing defeat in Lebanon and unprecedented isolation on the world stage, including the issuing of International Criminal Court arrest warrants for Israeli genocidal Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant.

Meanwhile, Israeli Zionist attacks intensify in Gaza, and northern Gaza continues to face a complete blockade of humanitarian aid. Any humanitarian aid that is allowed into Gaza often comes under attack by Israeli Zionist forces, including on November 30 when 12 people waiting for food aid and three aid workers from World Central Kitchen were killed by an Israeli airstrike in Khan Younis.

The US genocidal government is working hand-in-hand with Israeli Zionists to conduct this genocide. On the same day the Israel-Lebanon ceasefire took effect, the Biden administration provisionally approved a new \$ 680 million weapons package to Israel.

While Zionist organizations and corporations make plans to colonize and illegally settle Gaza, their bravado goes against the reality on the

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Hands Off Yves Engler! Drop the Charges! Defend Free Speech!

After being arrested on Thursday, February 20, Yves Engler has spent the weekend in jail on trumped up charges of "harassment" for his writings exposing Zionist supporters of the US-Israel genocide against Palestine and the police attacks against him. Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) stands with Yves Engler and his democratic rights to stand up for Palestine and speak out against racists and Zionists.

We encourage our supporters to join in this important letter campaign and click the QR code below to email the Montreal police chief & Mayor calling on them to release & drop all charges against author Yves Engler.



Update: Yves Engler, a Canadian author and activist, was released from jail after spending five days behind bars for social media posts that were critical of an outspoken supporter of Israel. Engler, a prominent opponent of Canadian militarism and of Israel's genocide in Gaza, was arrested and imprisoned in a malicious, politically motivated prosecution on trumped-up charges of harassment and obstruction of justice.



against Iran in an escalating string of attacks on Iran in recent months. Although the attack was repelled successfully by Iran, the strategic goal is that Israel and the US are pushing for a wider regional war with Iran, the backbone of the resistance movement, to regain their total hegemony in West Asia. US imperialism and Israeli Zionism are openly threatening the self-determination and sovereignty of countries in West Asia, as the world has seen since 2001 with the new era of war and occupation starting with Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen. This continued bloody military adventure of imperialist countries will cause immeasurably more bloodshed and devastation worldwide.

Stop arming Israel!

Israel's genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and expanding war and attacks in the region would not be possible without US imperialist participation, support, funding and weapons. On August 26, 2024, the reported 500th consignment of weapons and munitions from the US was air delivered to Israel, in addition to 107 deliveries by sea. This totals 50,000 tons of weapons provided to Israel from the US since October 7, 2023.

Between October 7, 2003, and June 2024, US President Biden had sent 14,000 bunker-buster bombs weighing 2000 pounds each to Israel, along with thousands more bombs, artillery shells, missiles, ammunition and fighter jets. On August 9, the US Department of State announced it was sending an additional \$3.5 billion of military aid to Israel, part of a \$14.5 billion supplemental funding bill approved by US Congress in April. The next day, the US announced another \$20 Billion of military aid, which includes \$60 million worth of munitions manufactured by weapons companies in Canada.

Canada is complicit in genocide

Despite misleading statements from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly, weapons made in Canada continue to be sent to Israel, where they are used against Gaza and Lebanon. Canada also continues to act upon existing permits to manufacture and ship weapons to Israel. It continues to facilitate arms exports without permits through a loophole that allows military goods to be sent, unreported and unregulated, to Israel via the US. Furthermore, Canada is still purchasing weapons from Israel, which Zionist Israel markets as "battle-tested" on Palestinians, despite campaigns for a two-way arms embargo between Canada and Israel. The government of Canada continues to arm the genocidal and Zionist state of Israel, even now as the International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant.

Another way in which Canada supports Israel's weapons industry is through investments - all six of Canada's biggest banks have financial ties with

Israel's largest weapons manufacturer, Elbit system, is known for making armed drones which have killed Palestinian children. Even after Scotiabank, one of the largest foreign investors in Elbit Systems, recently reduced its half-billion-dollar investment, the bank still has \$111 million US shares in Elbit.

Stop Israel's war crimes and crimes against humanity

The struggle for a ceasefire in Gaza and self-determination for Palestine has become the most significant global protest movement in human history, as peace and justice-loving people have stood in solidarity with Palestine to fight for humanity, justice and liberation. This protest movement has sustained its great momentum now into the second year of the US-Israeli genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. It has grown to defend all of West Asia against the US-Israeli war drive.

We need unity! Boycott Israel!

More than ever, we need a united effort, a united front against Israel-US war and occupation in Palestine and West Asia. We must mobilize, educate and organize to build a robust and effective protest movement alongside Palestinian, Lebanese, Yemenis, Syrian, Iranian, and Iraqis to defeat Israel, Zionism and imperialism once and for all. A better world is not optional but a necessity.

- Stop Genocide in Gaza Now!
- End the Siege of Gaza Now!
- Israel Hands Off West Bank!
- Israel Out of West Bank Now!
- Self-determination for Palestine!

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both Gaza and the West Bank. The UNRWA agency has been the backbone of humanitarian aid for Palestinians, providing education, food, healthcare, and development since 1949. As noted by UNICEF spokesperson James Elder, "if UNRWA is unable to operate, it'll likely see the collapse of the humanitarian system in Gaza." "So, a decision such as this suddenly means that a new way has been found to kill children." While Israel severely restricts humanitarian aid from entering Gaza, attacks aid deliveries and destroy agriculture, Palestinians in Gaza are facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity and dying daily of Israel-imposed famine.

West Bank under brutal attack

Israel has also expanded their war crimes and ethnic cleansing to the West Bank, where over 794 Palestinians have been killed as of November 25, 2024, since the genocide in Gaza began. Palestinians from both the West Bank and Gaza make up over 10,000 prisoners held in Israeli jails, subjected to torture, sexual violence, lack of medical attention and death.

All of these shocking statistics are the daily reality for Palestinian children, mothers, fathers, and their families and relatives. Despite unimaginable devastation, Palestinians continue to show they have hope and determination to achieve the liberation of Palestine. Families in Gaza erect tents on the rubble of their homes, vowing to rebuild. Children practice the dance of the Palestinian Dabke, holding tight to their culture. Makeshift classrooms under tarps try to maintain education for children in the second year without schooling. US-Israeli bombs and missiles cannot break Palestinian's heroic struggle for self-determination, justice and peace. As resilient as the olive trees nurtured by Palestinians for centuries, the struggle for Palestine will never die, and Palestine will never be defeated.

US-Israel expanding war and genocide

After 1 year of genocide in Gaza, Zionist Israel has escalated to a new phase of war, destruction and terrorism. Following the September 17-18 unprecedented terrorist attack by Zionist Israel, where thousands of paggers and later walkie-talkies simultaneously exploded across Lebanon and Syria, Israel unleashed a campaign of indiscriminate bombing across southern Lebanon and the capital Beirut. As of November 25, 2024, over 3,768 people in Lebanon were killed by Zionist Israeli bombing, which has targeted residential neighbourhoods, villages, hospitals, journalists and UN peacekeepers.

While Zionist Israeli forces pounded Lebanon with airstrikes and US-made bunker-buster bombs and missiles, the Israeli regime and their US imperialist backers have continued to attack Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Iran, trying to provoke a wider regional war. On September 29, 2024, Zionist Israel bombed Yemen in coordination with the US, and on the same day, Zionist Israel bombed Syria's capital, Damascus. Israel continues to launch airstrikes on Syria, most recently on November 25. The US and Britain are also continuing to launch attacks on Yemen, including the capital, Sana'a, most recently on November 10. On October 25, Zionist Israel launched a missile attack

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Without Maersk, one of the world's largest shipping and logistics companies, Israel would not have the weapons to commit its genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. We are joining the Palestinian Youth Movement's campaign to Cut Ties with Genocide a fight against Maersk and how it facilitates the weapons trade.
SIGN THE PETITION! ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶



OUR POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Janine Solanki, Chair of Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) reflectis on 1 year of Genocide and 1 year of resistance, October 2024.

STOP BOMBING GAZA & LEBANON!

October 7 marked 1 year of the US-Israel genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli Zionist regime has committed genocide with US political support, weapons and billions of dollars. October 7 also marked 1 year of resistance to Zionist occupation and genocide. Palestinians in Gaza continue to show their steadfast determination to remain on their land despite widespread destruction. Around the world, humanity is standing with Palestine, continuing to come out to the streets to demand a ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the genocide, and for the US, Canada and other imperialists to stop arming Israel! After over 1 year of genocide in Gaza, Zionist Israel is expanding the war to a new phase of destruction, war and terrorism against Lebanon. Zionist Israel is attacking 5 countries with US weapons and support:

- ▶ **Zionist Israeli forces continue to pound Lebanon with airstrikes and US-made bunker buster bombs**
- ▶ **The genocide against Gaza, especially northern Gaza, is escalating, with Israeli Zionist forces targeting displaced Palestinians sheltering in schools, hospitals and tents**
- ▶ **On October 25, Zionist Israel launched a missile attack against Iran, in an escalating string of attacks on Iran in recent months**
- ▶ **The Israeli regime is attacking Syria more frequently, with airstrikes on October 24 and reported again on October 31**
- ▶ **On September 29 Zionist Israel bombed Yemen, in coordination with the US. The US has also been bombing Yemen, most recently on October 17**

US and Israel, Hands Off the West Bank!

For 13 months, Israel has been committing a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Zionist regime is hand-in-hand with the United States government which provides full political support, endless supplies of weapons and billions of dollars for genocide. On August 28 Israel widened their attack against Palestine, launching

an ongoing assault against Palestinians in the West Bank. This is the largest Israeli operation against the West Bank in over 22 years.

The Zionist Israeli regime has focused their attack on the northern West Bank cities and refugee camps of Tulkarm and Jenin, while

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ground in Gaza - Palestinian resistance groups, including Hamas, continue to fight back and defend Palestinians in Gaza against continued Israeli Zionist attacks. The Israeli society and military are crumbling, and US weapons and funding cannot restore the illusion of safety and security that Israeli society has existed for decades. In late November, two Israeli teenagers, Iddo Elam and Soul Behar Tsalik, joined a growing list of "refuseniks" who publicly refused mandatory conscription into the IDF and are now facing military prison in Israel. In a statement before his arrest, Elam wrote, "As long as we continue to enlist, follow orders and enact our government's rotten goals, we will live in a reality of war, annexation and hate."

The struggle for Palestinian self-determination has never been stronger - between the growing protest movement in solidarity with Palestine worldwide, the axis of resistance in Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, and Iraq, and Israeli society facing an economic crisis, massive emigration of about 10% of the population to US and Europe, and constant daily mass protests against the Israeli regime.

While Israel and the US commit this genocide against Gaza and the entirety of Palestine, peace and justice-loving people around the world are continuing to come out to the streets in protest, expressing their condemnation of the brutal war crimes and crimes against humanity. On this day, the International Day in Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Palestinian people are continuing their heroic resistance and fightback against the US-Israeli genocidal war.

14 months of US-Israeli war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide against Palestinians

Since October 8, 2023, daily airstrikes and bombings by the Israeli Zionist army have targeted schools, hospitals, water, sewage and electrical infrastructure, residential buildings, mosques, and churches. According to the United Nations (UN), as of October 29, 2024, 87% of Gaza's homes are destroyed or severely damaged. 90% of Gaza's population is displaced, and many have moved upwards of 15 times. As of October 26, 2024, the UN

reported over 80% of Gaza is under Israeli-imposed evacuation orders, forcing one of the most densely populated places on earth into the crowded shelters of schools and encampments. One of the most horrific attacks was on September 10 against the Al-Mawasi encampment, an area Israel had designated as "safe" for displaced Palestinians.

The Israeli Zionist military also continuously targets Palestinians sheltering in schools. As of November 9, 2024, the 400th day of the genocide, over 95% of schools have been damaged or destroyed, including all of Gaza's universities, as reported by UNICEF. Gaza's health care system is another target of Israeli Zionist forces, who have killed over 1,047 health and aid workers and destroyed or damaged 89% of hospitals with bombing and raids.

Stop Israel's genocide of Palestinians

More than any time in history, genocide is being live-streamed to our screens on social media platforms. As world opinion reacts to the horrific images by increasingly joining in solidarity with Palestine against genocide, those reporting the reality in Gaza to the world are also targets. Over 190 journalists in Gaza have been killed by Zionist forces as of November 13, 2024

Every day, the death toll rises in Gaza as Israeli forces continue airstrikes throughout Gaza. As of November 25, 2024, over 44,235 Palestinians have been killed by official numbers, not counting over 11,000 missing under the rubble. However, estimates are much higher - On July 5, 2024, the prestigious Lancet medical journal estimated the death toll in Gaza could exceed 186,000 Palestinians due to malnutrition, lack of medication, and unsanitary living conditions. More recent estimates were published on September 5 in the British daily newspaper, The Guardian, where Professor Devi Sridhar, chair of global public health at the University of Edinburgh, updated the estimates of the previous Lancet statistics to over 335,500 Palestinians killed. These unconscionable figures account for the health crisis across Gaza, as overcrowding and destruction of sewage, water and hygiene facilities have led to widespread preventable diseases, including polio. On October 28, the Israeli parliament passed legislation banning UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) from operating in Palestine, impacting

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also attacking cities and refugee camps throughout the West Bank including Tubas City, al-Far'a refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp. Thousands of soldiers with the Zionist Israeli army have flooded into the West Bank, raiding and destroying homes and mosques with gunfire and grenades. Israeli Zionist forces are also launching airstrikes, drone strikes and firing upon Palestinians, killing and wounding Palestinians throughout the West Bank. Hundreds of Palestinians have also been arrested. This massive attack has also targeted Palestinian children according to many reports.

This operation is an escalation of attacks against the West Bank and opening a new front of the US-Israeli war against Palestine. However, the West Bank was already facing increased attacks from Zionist forces and

Israeli settlers. Even before October 7, the year 2023 was already the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since the United Nations began recording in 2005. After October 7, Israeli settler attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank surged, along with raids and widespread arrests by Israeli military forces. The Palestinian Health Ministry has reported that the overall death toll of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since October 7, 2023 by Zionist Israeli forces and settlers has reached 673, with over 5,400 injured. Also, since October 7, 2023, Israeli Zionist forces have detained more than 10,300 Palestinians from the West Bank, including children. Reports of torture, sexual abuse, starvation and lack of medical attention for Palestinian prisoners are rampant.

Long before Al-Aqsa Flood, the Israeli Zionist goal of forced expulsion and ethnic cleansing has been an ongoing and continuous process. One only needs to look at a map from 1948 until today to see how the West Bank has been eaten away by Israeli settlements. Home demolitions in the West Bank have continued for decades unabated despite repeated United Nations resolutions demanding Israel stop inhuman home demolitions and settler expansion.

For 76 years Israel has existed with the US government propping it up with weapons and funding. Israel has also relied on the myth of safety and security, a myth built on state and government suppression and oppression of the Palestinian people. Al-Aqsa Flood proved that Israel cannot remain unchallenged. Today, the myth is debunked and there is no way for the Israeli Zionist regime and their US imperialist backers to turn the clock back to before October 7, 2023 - even with their latest brutal operation against the West Bank.

End the US-Israeli Genocide in Gaza Now!

Meanwhile in Gaza, daily injustices and massacres against Palestinians continue to be committed by the Zionist Israeli regime and by US imperialism. As of September 1, over 40,738 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, not including over 10,000 presumed dead under the rubble. Over 16,500 are children, meaning 2.6 percent of all children in Gaza have been killed.

As the death toll continues to rise, Israeli Zionist forces continue one of their most heinous war crimes - the targeting of schools, which are used to shelter displaced Palestinians. On September 1 Israel bombed the Safad school in Gaza City, killing 11 people and wounding dozens. One of the largest single massacres in nearly 11 months of genocide was also at a school, at al-Tabin School in Gaza City, which was bombed by Israeli Zionist forces on August 10. This horrific massacre killed over 100 people, with many more injured. This was the 4th

bombing of a school in just one week. As of September 1, at least 489 schools have been damaged or destroyed, and all of Gaza's universities have been completely destroyed.

While we join the voices of those around the world outraged by this blatant war crime that Israeli Zionist forces are guilty of committing, we also point the blame to US imperialists responsible for the bloodshed. US President Biden has sent 14,000 bunker buster bombs weighing 2000 pounds to Israel since October 7, 2023, along with thousands more bombs, artillery shells, missiles, ammunition and fighter jets. On August 9 the US Department of State announced they are sending an additional

\$3.5 Billion of military aid to Israel, part of a \$14.5 billion supplemental funding bill approved by US Congress in April. The next day the US announced another \$20 Billion of military aid, which includes \$60 million worth of munitions manufactured by weapons companies in Canada. On Monday August 26 the reported 500th consignment of weapons and munitions from the US was air delivered to Israel, in addition to 107 deliveries by sea. This totals 50,000 tons of weaponry provided to Israel from the US since October 7, 2023.

US-Israel war mongering in West Asia

The Israeli Zionist regime appears to be trying to provoke a regional war, with attacks on Lebanon, Iran and Iraq. On July 31, Israel assassinated of Ismail Haniyeh, a central political leader of Hamas, which was not only the assassination of a political leader but also of the chief negotiator of ceasefire negotiations. Furthermore, this was a direct attack on the sovereignty of Iran, as Haniyeh was killed while he was in Iran's capital of Tehran. This assassination was within 24 hours of an Israeli attack on another state's capital and another assassination, when on July 30 Israel launched airstrikes on Beirut, Lebanon, and assassinated top Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr in an airstrike. What more clear demonstration of Israel's unwillingness to engage in ceasefire negotiations is there than killing the chief negotiator?

This fact becomes more apparent with the July 18 vote of the Israeli Knesset overwhelmingly in favour of rejecting the creation of a Palestinian state. This vote was a final nail in the coffin of the so-called peace agreements between Palestine and Israel, including the Oslo accords, which first began in 1993. The Oslo accords became negotiations on top of negotiations, with no outcome except to buy time for Israel to annex the West Bank. For Israel, the "two-state" solution is off the table once and for all. For Palestine, this means that there will be no going back to the occupation as it was before October 7. There is only one option, complete liberation for Palestine.

Even before Israel assassinated the key Hamas leader and ceasefire negotiator Ismail Haniyeh, Israel has shown time and time again that they are not serious about ceasefire negotiations and are only stalling for time to carry out their genocide against Palestinians. In mid-July while negotiations were being conducted, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu released a list of non-negotiable demands that upended ceasefire negotiations and were criticized by Israeli officials as being a block towards a ceasefire. This comes after the May 31 so-called "Israeli" ceasefire proposal announced by US President Biden which proved to be a complete farce - not only did Israel's regime fail to agree to it, but Netanyahu responded by launching a more destructive and deadly campaign of bombing and terror throughout Gaza after Biden's ceasefire announcement. Israeli officials spoke directly against the

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400+ days of U.S. - Israel genocide against Gaza

+17,000 CHILDREN KILLED BY THE ISRAELI ARMY

90% OF CHILDREN SUFFER FROM SEVERE HUNGER

1 MILLION DISPLACED CHILDREN

Gaza.. the world's most dangerous place to be a child

17,000 CHILDREN LIVE WITHOUT ONE OR BOTH PARENTS

10,000 CHILDREN HAVE LOST AT LEAST ONE LEG

1 MILLION CHILDREN IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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SAYYED HASSAN NASRALLAH

QUOTATIONS FROM SPEECHES ON APRIL 5, AND AUGUST 1, 2024

- ✓ There are those who are unable to accept that 'Israel' is being defeated in the region and they are unable to comprehend this.
- ✓ The people of the Axis of Resistance can win against the Zionist enemy, but the negligent ones do not see that because of their ignorance.
- ✓ The one who should be ashamed is the one who normalizes with 'Israel' and justifies and rationalizes its crimes.
- ✓ The one who should be ashamed is the one who should know that America is behind the crimes in all countries of the region."
- ✓ You [Israelis] will shed tears because you do not realize which red line you have crossed.
- ✓ We are facing a major battle in which matters have gone beyond the issue of support fronts.
- ✓ We have entered a new phase on all support fronts, and its escalation will depend on the enemy's reaction.

Civilian Life as a Primary Target:

The Toll of the Israeli Military Offensive on Lebanon
8 October 2023 – 27 November 2024

Human Toll



m6,000

hectares of farmland cut off from irrigation due to targeting of the main Litani River water carrier

Healthcare Sector



Buildings and Infrastructure

40,000 housing units completely destroyed across 37 towns in southern Lebanon

+99,000 housing units partially or completely destroyed across Lebanon

77% of public schools non-operational due to damage or use as shelters

Civil Defence

57 fire trucks targeted
15 rescue vehicles targeted

Use of Prohibited Weapons

White phosphorus

Cluster bombs

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proposal. Senior Israeli UN diplomat Reut Shapir Ben-Naftaly spoke during the June 10 UN Security Council session which endorsed the ceasefire proposal, and Ben-Naftaly stated that “Israel will not engage in meaningless and endless negotiations” and that the war “will continue ... until Hamas military and governing capabilities are dismantled”. How much clearer can it be that Israel is not agreeing to a ceasefire proposal when their UN representatives say this directly during a UN Security Council vote?

The US and Israel are buying time to conduct more massacres in Gaza, with the aim to ethnically cleanse Gaza of Palestinians and to make Gaza unlivable for Palestinians. Already according to a United Nations April 15 report, it would take 80 years to rebuild the destroyed homes of Gaza, if the rate of construction was the same as following Israel’s previous wars against Gaza.

Zionist Israel conducts a Palestinian Holocaust

In Gaza, as we close in on 11 months of genocide, Israeli Zionist forces continue their genocidal bombing targeting schools, hospitals and internationally recognized humanitarian zones. Israel has also inflicted starvation and widespread disease on Palestinians in Gaza. According to a study published on July 5, 2024, by the Lancet medical journal the death toll in Gaza could exceed 186,000 Palestinians due to malnutrition, lack of medication, and unsanitary living conditions, even if the Israeli bombardment, siege and genocide ended today. The World Health Organization has called for a ceasefire and raised the alarm that polio is set to break out in Gaza, while widespread cases of hepatitis A are putting the lives of children at further risk. Both diseases, and many others ravaging Gaza, are due to Israel destroying water, sewage and sanitation facilities, and are entirely preventable with a ceasefire and the return of humanitarian aid. As of September 1, a polio vaccination campaign of 640,000 children is being conducted during 9 hour “pauses” of Israeli bombardment over 3 days, yet what use is a vaccination while facing daily bombing, starvation and a collapsed health system?

For Palestinians fleeing Israeli Zionist airstrikes and tanks, there is nowhere to go as the Israeli regime has issued evacuation orders for 86% of Gaza, and humanitarian so-called “safe zones” are regularly bombed by Israeli Zionist forces. 90% of Gaza’s 2.1 million population — nine out of 10 people — are internally displaced, many up to 10 times.

The world stands with Palestine!

After nearly 13 months of Israeli’s genocide against Palestinians, recent weeks have been marked by Israel’s increased brutality and horrific massacres throughout Gaza. Israel’s rash and increasingly destructive actions are a mark of desperation in response to Israel’s increasing isolation on the world stage, and the fracturing of support for this genocide within Israel.

The move of international institutions and governments to speak out against Israel comes from the massive groundswell of world public opinion against Israel, against the genocide in Gaza and in support of Palestinian self-determination. Millions of people from all sectors of society, especially working and oppressed people worldwide, are joining consistent and ongoing demonstrations, actions and boycott campaigns to demand a ceasefire in Gaza and in support of Palestine. The student movement across the US has taken a decisive step forward with hundreds of encampments at university and college campuses across the US, as well as at many campuses in countries around the world.

Freeing captives or another failure?

Looking closer at the Israeli Zionist regime’s massacre in Nuseirat on June 8, one can see that Israel’s justification of rescuing Israeli captives was nothing more than an attempt to save face after over 8 months of failures. Despite the destruction of Gaza and a genocide against the Palestinian people, Israel has failed to achieve any military objectives, and instead face growing opposition within the Israeli ruling class and society. Israel has had repeated opportunities to negotiate with Hamas for a ceasefire to exchange Israeli captives with Palestinian political prisoners, who number over 10,000 held in Israeli jails. However, the Israeli regime chose a rescue operation that not only resulted in the massacre of over 275 Palestinian people but also killed 3 Israeli captives in the process. How can Israel claim any victory in this “rescue operation” of only 4 Israeli captives when it comes after 8 months of genocide, the killing over 43,000 Palestinians, and the killing of 3 more Israeli captives in Nuseirat in addition to other captives killed over the last 8 months by Israel’s own bombing and direct gunfire?

Cracks widen in Israeli ruling class and society

On June 9, Israeli minister Benny Gantz resigned from Israel’s war cabinet, which was convened after October 7, citing Prime Minister Netanyahu’s lack of plan for the war on Gaza. Alongside this departure, observer member

Gadi Eisenkot also left the war cabinet, and on the same day Brigadier General Avi Rosenfeld, senior commander in charge of the Israeli forces Gaza division, also resigned. A week later on June 17, Netanyahu dissolved the war cabinet entirely, referring decisions to his security cabinet.

While political maneuvering continues and criticisms from Israeli military officials and politicians become louder, one thing is clear — Israel’s ruling class is fractured and divided from every side of the political spectrum. The Israeli entity is in a crisis, due to a number of factors putting pressure on this fragile state that has enjoyed its bubble of supposed invincibility that was burst on October 7.

The most central factor shaking Israel’s ruling class and society is the resistance of Palestinian people. In part this is the armed resistance, which shocked Israel on October 7 with their ability to successfully attack 8 Israeli military bases at once and penetrate into Israel, dispelling the myth that there can be security of a state based on occupation and oppression. This continues today with Israeli forces continuing to face casualties within Gaza, not only continuing but increasing even after over 8 months of Gaza being carpet bombed and severely blockaded.

This leads to the Zionist Israeli regime’s inability to achieve any of its stated goals when the genocide on Gaza began. On October 7 the Israeli Zionist regime announced that their objectives in Gaza were to eliminate Hamas, to return the Israeli captives and to bring “safety and security” back to Israel. This is despite the fact that safety and security for Israel has never really existed and cannot be secured on the occupation of Palestine and the oppression, apartheid and genocide of Palestinians. Now into 9 months of genocide and war, the Israeli regime has found these are unachievable objectives.

The other force exerting heavy pressure on Israel is that of sustained, growing international protest and the condemnation of Israeli war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and ethnic cleansing by international organizations. As detailed earlier in this statement, the view of Israel on the world stage has dropped while support for the Palestinian struggle has increased. According to a Gallup poll in the US, approval of Israeli military actions in Gaza among Americans dropped from 50% in November 2023 to 36% in March 2024. The voice of public pressure has not only been internationally, but within Israeli society itself. On June 3, the first antiwar student encampment was established at Israel’s Bezael University in Jerusalem. Tens of thousands of Israelis are protesting the Netanyahu government, and on June 17 protests in front of Netanyahu’s home kicked off an announced week of antigovernment protests, with a key demand being a ceasefire deal. Across Israel, there is a growing sentiment not only for a ceasefire to return Israeli captives, but also to end the genocide against Palestinians. All of these factors have widened differences within Israel’s ruling class and society at large and contributes to the decline and deterioration of a state that has survived until now dependent on the military, financial and political support of the US imperialism.

Self-Determination for Palestine!

For over 100 years, both while under British colonial rule and since 1948 under Israeli occupation, Palestinians have tried every avenue to assert their right to self-determination, including legal and diplomatic measures. 78 resolutions in the United Nations demanding that Israel respect various aspects of Palestinian human rights have been repeatedly violated. All so-called solutions imposed by imperialists and Israel on Palestinians since 1948, especially the Oslo Accord in 1993, have not brought peace. Instead, as planned they have prolonged and expanded the racist Zionist Israeli occupation and war against Palestine. This imperialist support for Israel isn’t because their governments

really care about the Israeli people — since the Balfour Declaration by the British government in 1917, to the formation of Israel on Palestinian land, Israel has always been an imperialist project, first for Britain and today for the United States. Israel is the United States’ forward base into West Asia, a foothold in the region from which to launch surveillance, military attacks, wars, and occupations, and to expand their plunder of resources and markets.

The New Era of War & Occupation

The US imperialist new era of war and occupation has accelerated their drive for hegemony in the region, which we have seen since the war and occupation of Afghanistan in 2001, and continued with the war on Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Yemen. This is why Israel as a Zionist racist and apartheid regime has never been a truly functional legitimate state. Without the economic, financial, and military support of the US and their imperialist allies, including Canada, Israel cannot survive more than a few weeks. Even before October 7, 2023, the US had been supplying more than \$4 billion a year in military aid to Israel. Canada also provides military exports to Israel, and Canadian bank Scotiabank is the largest foreign investor in Elbit Systems, a major Israeli weapons manufacturer, who sells “battle tested” drones — battle tested against Palestinian people.

Since October 7, 2023, the defensive military operation of Palestinian resistance fighters from Gaza into Israel effectively ended all deceitful plans by Israel and their imperialist backers in the past, present and future. Today the tide is turning as Palestinians won’t accept any false promises and are fighting for their self-determination and right to exist as a nation and to form a nation-state.

Palestine Will be Free!

We have been lied to for years that the Israel-Palestine conflict is “complicated,” and peace is distant. Before the Zionist project with the support of Britain and other imperialists imposed the state of Israel on Palestinian land, Palestinians of Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith lived in harmony side by side for centuries. Despite the claims that Israel needed to be created as a “safe” homeland for Jewish people, there can be no safety when that state is imposed by a genocidal occupation, as has been done on Palestinian land. This was just a convenient solution for racism in Europe and North America, where historically and today Jewish people face antisemitism, where Jewish people should have the right to live without discrimination. In fact, the safest place historically and today for Jewish people has been in West Asian countries, side by side with their Muslim neighbours! The solution that we are told is complicated is in fact simple. Palestinian’s legitimate demand for the right to self-determination must be met, preferably a single democratic state with the fundamental right of one person, one vote, where Palestinian and Jewish people can live in together in peace and harmony.

Organize, Mobilize and Fight Back!

Now more than ever the international solidarity movement must keep up our support for Palestine. We must keep showing up in the streets, keep up a united front in defense of Palestine, and keep organizing, fighting back and mobilizing for an immediate ceasefire, and for the self-determination and liberation of Palestine!

Hands Off Gaza!

Hands Off West Bank!

Israel Out of West Bank!

End the US-Israeli Genocide in Gaza Now!

End the Siege of Gaza Now!

Israel Out of Gaza Now!

Self-determination for Palestine!

US/Canada Stop Arming Israel!

Boycott Israel Now!

Self-Determination for Palestine!

United Front Against Israeli Occupation of Palestine!