

A Call to Action: Gaza's Humanitarian Emergency

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Apartheid: The Apartheid Convention and the Rome Statute define apartheid as a crime against humanity, committed when any 'inhuman' or 'inhumane' act is perpetrated in the context of an 'institutionalized regime' of systematic 'oppression' and 'domination' by one racial group over another, with the intent to maintain that system. Inhuman/inhumane acts include unlawful killing and serious injury, torture, forcible transfer, persecution, and the denial of basic rights and freedoms. (Amnesty)



Background (very brief)

- **Balfour Declaration:** British statement supporting the Zionist movement into Palestine.
- **Partition Plan 1947:** UNSCOP recommended the establishment of two separate states, Jewish and Arab, to be joined by economic union, with the Jerusalem-Bethlehem region as an enclave under international administration.
- Zionist movement for Jewish state brought Holocaust survivors to Palestine
- Jewish settlers were given land, but broke agreements and settled illegally (forcing families out of homes and killing others)
- With support from the USA, Israel took control of Palestine and subjected its people to unfair laws and human rights violations
- Over 700k Palestinians displaced in what is known as the **Nakba** into Gaza and the West Bank
- Palestinians have been subject to killings, torture, rape, abuse, and more for over 75 years.
- Palestinian militant groups formed as a response
- A recent retaliation by Hamas left hundreds of Israelis dead, in response Israel has subjected Gaza to a brutal and illegal bombing campaign

Nakba: The Nakba, which means "catastrophe" in Arabic, refers to the mass displacement and dispossession of Palestinians during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Before the Nakba, Palestine was a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society. However, the conflict between Arabs and Jews intensified in the 1930s with the increase of Jewish immigration, driven by persecution in Europe, and with the Zionist movement aiming to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. (United Nations)



Intifada 1-2 : Nakba: largely spontaneous series of Palestinian demonstrations, nonviolent actions like mass boycotts and Palestinians refusing to work jobs in Israel, and attacks (using rocks, Molotov cocktails, and occasionally firearms) on Israelis.





Background on Children in Palestine (Entire Conflict)

- Each year children are killed in the conflict and not just in Gaza.
- In addition to UNICEF and Amnesty, the Israeli Human Rights group B'tselem accuses the Israeli Army of violating the rights of children causing injury and death to many each year.
- The Israeli Army has also physically and emotionally abused many kids with 4 out of 5 Palestinian kids saying they have been arrested, beaten, and strip-searched constantly. (According to Save The Children) Palestinian children have constantly faced psychological abuse as well.
- Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes children in Military Court.



Situation in Gaza

Map as of 1 November 2023 at 23:00

** According to the West Bank
** According to Israeli officials sources



Palestinian Casualties

Gaza* 8,805 fatalities 22,240 injuries
West Bank 128 fatalities 2,274 injuries
Israel at least 1,000** fatalities NA injuries



Israeli Casualties**

Israel -1,400 fatalities 5,431 injuries
West Bank 1 fatalities 13 injuries
Gaza 15 fatalities NA injuries



UNRWA Casualties

Gaza 70 fatalities
22 injuries

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Gaza Strip

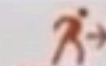
Area: 365 km²
Population: 2.3M



Egypt

Rafah Crossing

5 KM



62% of Gaza

internally displaced
(~1.4 million people)



At least 45%

of Gaza's housing units
reportedly destroyed or damaged



92% less

water consumption than
pre-hostilities (Levraji)

Basic Services and Livelihoods in Gaza



Food Security

Stocks sufficient for 7 days, but shops may run out in 5 days



4-6 hours average waiting time to receive HALF of normal bread portion



Humanitarian Aid

272 trucks with humanitarian aid entered Gaza since 21 October

500 trucks: pre-crisis average per working day in 2023



Education

625K students with no access to education



Over 40% of Gaza education facilities have been hit



Health

Over 1/3 of the hospitals and nearly 2/3 of primary health care shut down



101 attacks on health care facilities

21 hospitals and 28 ambulances damaged



Water Sanitation

Most of 65 sewage pumping are NOT operational

50% leakage in a main water pipeline between Rafah and Khan Younis

None of the 3 water pipelines from Israel is functioning



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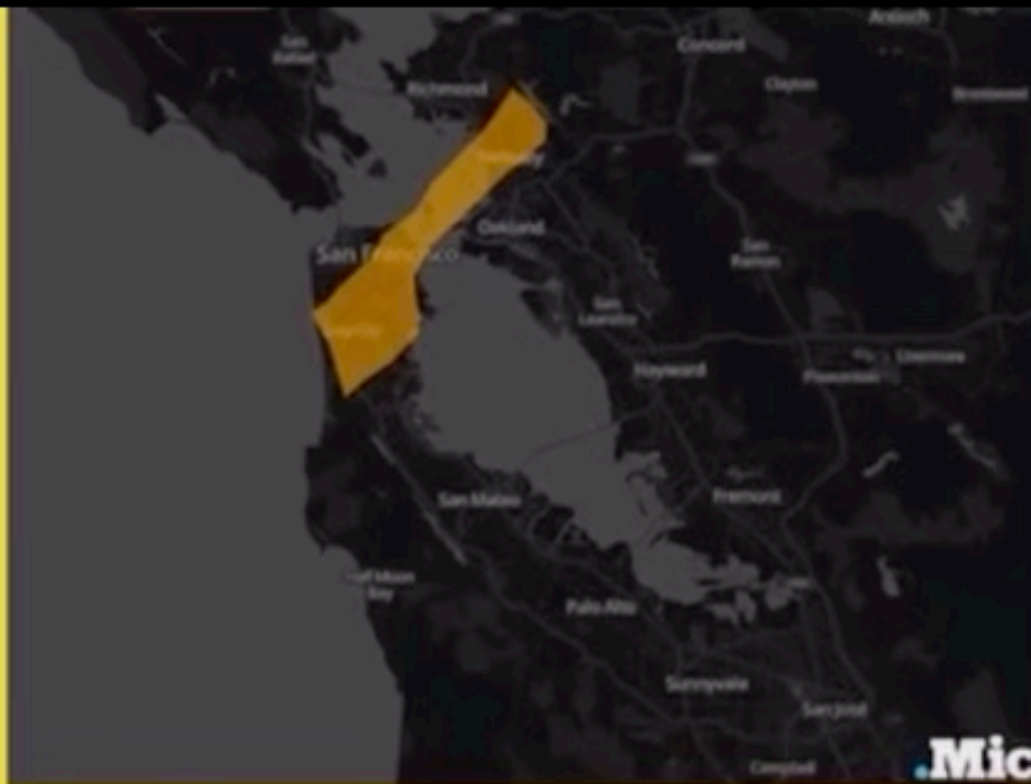
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Gaza is a territory within Israel that is internationally recognized as Occupied Palestinian Territory, as well as the West Bank. Israel has illegally taken land throughout the years, and do not have the right to impose violence or oppression on these people.





Gaza over California. live here a leave. It is the **most densely populated city on Earth**. Israel has cut it from receiving food, water, and electricity. This is **against international law**.

Note: Israel previously did not allow Palestinians in Gaza to produce their own electricity without permits, which were sparsely given if given at all. Cutting electricity and vital resources has resulted in devastating **civilian casualties**

Human Rights Violations

1. **Illegal Israeli Occupation:** Israel annexed land occupied by force during 1948 and 1967 wars.
2. **Illegal Israeli Settlements on Occupied Land:** Israel built over 200 settlements on Palestinian lands.
3. **Illegal Land Acquisition by Force:** Israel confiscated extra land in 1948 and seized East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.
4. **Israeli Ethnic Cleansing:** Forced displacement of Palestinian populations and refusal of the right to return.
5. **Israeli Apartheid System:** Discrimination against Palestinian Arabs, resembling the UN definition of apartheid.
6. **Targetted Violence:** Including torture, imprisonment without charges, land confiscation, and more.
7. **Collective Punishment:** Targeting entire Palestinian communities for the actions of a few.
8. **Transformation of Local Laws:** Implementing dhari legal systems in occupied territories.
9. **Violations of UN Security Council Resolutions:** Israel has violated numerous resolutions.
10. **Illegal Separation Barrier:** The International Court of Justice declared the Israeli separation barrier illegal.



EVIDENCE CONFIRMS ISRAEL HAS INDISCRIMINATELY, AND THEREFORE UNLAWFULLY, USED WHITE PHOSPHORUS SMOKE ARTILLERY SHELLS DURING AN ATTACK ON SOUTHERN LEBANON.

THIS ATTACK MUST BE INVESTIGATED AS A WAR CRIME.

"I AM NOT AFRAID"
- Fati's Odeh (1985-2000)

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- Words such as "animal" and "terrorist" are often used

Dehumanization

"I WANT TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT THEY HAVE LONG KNOWN ABOUT ME IN ISRAEL: I DON'T CARE ABOUT GAZA. I LITERALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT GAZA. THEY CAN GO SWIMMING IN THE SEA."

Maya **Reitan**
Israel's Minister of Women's Affairs
October 2016 (in interview with CNN)

„WE WILL TURN GAZA INTO AN ISLAND OF **HELL**“



„**Wipe out** THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR MOTHERS AND THEIR **children**! THESE **animals** MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE ANY LONGER.“

