

U.S. soldier self-immolates outside Israeli embassy to protest Gaza genocide

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‘Free Palestine’ the active-duty airman yelled before collapsing to the ground



An active-duty member of the U.S. Air Force set himself on fire outside the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C., on 25 February in an act of protest against Israel's campaign of [genocide](#) in Gaza.

"I will no longer be complicit in genocide," the man, identified as [Aaron Bushnell](#), said during a Twitch livestream. "I am about to engage in an extreme act of protest," he added before igniting himself.

"Free Palestine!" Bushnell yelled until he fell to the ground.

<https://twitter.com/mhdksafa/status/1761988854381150223>

Feb. 26 — Officers from the U.S. Secret Service extinguished the fire outside the embassy. Bushnell was rushed to the hospital on Sunday with "critical life-threatening injuries," where he reportedly passed away.

The U.S. Air Force confirmed the incident involved an active duty airman.

Bushnell is the second U.S. citizen since [December](#) to self-immolate outside an Israeli diplomatic building in an act of political protest.

Near-daily [protests](#) have rocked major U.S. cities for the past several months as an increasing number of people in the West demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

At least 30,000 people have been killed by the Israeli army in Gaza since 7 October, most of them women and children. The genocide of Palestinians has been facilitated with military and political support from the White House.

International organizations have warned that famine and disease will send the death toll soaring as [Israeli protesters](#) continue to block the entry of humanitarian aid into the besieged enclave.

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