

Palestinian factions respond to Trump's Gaza 'occupation' remarks

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□ **Hamas** condemned Trump's statements "in the strongest terms." "We affirm that these statements are hostile to our people and our cause and will not serve stability in the region. Rather, they will pour oil on the fire. We will not allow any country in the world to occupy our land or impose guardianship over our great Palestinian people who have offered rivers of blood to liberate our land from occupation and to establish our Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital." Hamas called on Trump to retract his statements, which they deemed irresponsible and at odds with international law. They called on the Arab League and UN to address these comments.

□ **Palestinian Islamic Jihad** considered that Trump's comments, made while receiving the wanted Netanyahu, "are nothing more than a new version of the ill-fated Balfour Promise—where those who have nothing are promised to those who do not deserve it."

They called the event "a meeting between the war criminal and the arrogant real estate mogul, which epitomized the reality of the American-zionist project in our region." This project works through intimidation, brute force, and genocide, "flouting all laws, regulations, and the will of our peoples."

PIJ affirmed that these statements leave no doubt that the US is leading a war of genocide, displacement, and the expansion of occupation. They considered Trump's plans, from ending UNRWA to seizing land, are a dangerous escalation that threatens regional security.

PIJ concluded: "Our Palestinian people, who have been resisting for over a hundred years, will not succumb to the dictates of Trump or anyone else. His foolish statements will only serve as motivation for us to reinforce our resistance until we achieve our objectives of liberating our land and ending the occupation. Our Palestinian people and their resistance forces are more determined and resolute than ever in confronting these conspiracies, and we call on the Arab and Islamic peoples to stand against this conspiratorial project, which targets all the peoples of

our region and portends serious impending threats.”

□ The **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine** was similarly direct: Gaza is not a real estate project.

They considered the statements “nothing but an extension of the genocide war waged by the Zionist enemy under the direct American cover, and an attempt to establish a new colonial project based on ethnic cleansing and the uprooting of our people from their land.”

They added: “Gaza is not a commodity in the hands of a war merchant like Trump or anyone else; rather, it is an integral part of historical Palestine, which stretches from Ras al-Naqoura to Rafah, and it is the gateway upon which the forces of colonialism have repeatedly crashed throughout history.”

“Any dream of controlling Gaza is merely an illusion that will shatter against the rock of the steadfastness and resistance of our people, and the fate of any American occupation force in the Strip will be no different from that of the Zionist enemy; our people will confront it with all their strength and determination, just as they repelled the Zionist aggression.”

“Gaza will forever remain a graveyard for invaders and an oasis of steadfastness and resistance for its free and dignified people.”

The PFLP called on all people to “confront this colonial scheme.” “We especially urge the active forces in the United States to take to the streets and declare their rejection of this new crime, which reflects the true face of American imperialism that colludes with the Zionist occupation. Our struggle against this colonial, extirpatory project is the battle of all free peoples who reject colonialism, displacement, and the uprooting of a free people from their land.”

□ Similarly, the **Mujahideen Movement** strongly condemned the statements of

Trump and those around him. They considered the statements to reflect a determination to continue aggression against the Palestinian people. They noted that attempts to obstruct reconstruction serve the Zionist agenda. They affirmed that Trump will not achieve what Biden was not able to. "The genocide committed by the Nazi Zionists with American weaponry failed to displace our people, and Trump's threats will not succeed in what their criminal arms failed to achieve.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. Salem Attallah, suggested moving Zionist settlers to an American state, as "no Zionist invader will ever have our security and safety on our land as long as there's a people and the determines resistance committed to reclaiming all its legitimate rights." He noted that the international system has become a tool of American-Zionist hegemony and arrogance.

The Movement also noted that Trump's reception of the criminal Netanyahu represents contempt for ICC decisions, and they rejected his statements that "expose the ugly face of the United States." They stated, like other factions, that Trump's plans are a serious threat to the region and world. Yet, they noted that a people who faced American weapons for 15 months will not kneel to American words: "his plans will fail due to the steadfast resistance of our people."

□ The **Popular Resistance Committees** saw the statements as embodying American values. They considered Trump's reception of Netanyahu as a reward for his "fascist entity's genocide against women, children, and the elderly...with American support."

They called for popular action rejecting Trump's statements globally to confront their danger.

Abu Mujahid affirmed that the Palestinian people and their resistance will thwart the goals of the Zionist enemy, remaining steadfast and again foiling displacement plans.

"The plan to displace and eradicate our people has fallen and failed under the feet of

our displaced people who returned to their land from which they were displaced under the bombing, destruction and war of Zionist-American genocide.”

He added that “Egypt and Jordan will not allow the existence of an alternative homeland for the Palestinians...” and that American administrations have not broken the will of the Palestinian people despite their unlimited resources.

Abu Mujahid noted: “If Arab countries refuse to normalize with the Zionist entity and submit to the American decision biased towards the criminal Zionist entity, and stop paying the billions of dollars with which America finances its aggression against our peoples, then the criminal Trump will not be able to implement his malicious criminal plans.”

“It is time for us, as a Palestinian people, to put aside all our differences and adhere to our unity on the basis of protecting the constants and legitimate Palestinian national rights.”

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