

Gaza's 'ceasefire' exposes why Zionism must be defeated

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Gaza, Nov. 25 - A Palestinian child walks through a flooded refugee camp in Deir al-Balah. Freezing rains have continued throughout December.

IDF strikes continue

Nearly three months into the supposed ceasefire between Nazi IDF forces and the united Palestinian resistance in Gaza, the [fire has hardly ceased](#). Since Oct. 10, the IDF has violated the ceasefire in Gaza at least 875 times. Out of these 875 violations, 421 were airstrikes or artillery shelling.

These strikes have resulted in the deaths of more than 400 people. Injuries from the strikes number well over [1,000](#). Many of these strikes have targeted aid distribution stations and the Egyptian border crossing. UNRWA's facilities in the strip have also faced IDF bombardment in the period since the ceasefire.

While the attacks are not the same pace as seen between Oct. 7, 2023, and Oct. 10, 2025, they are still aimed at the oppression and genocide of the Palestinian people. Meanwhile, there are no verified reports of any Hamas or other resistance group violating the ceasefire. This ceasefire is really less a pause in fighting than it is a license for slow death in Gaza.

The Western world happily tolerates constant IDF ceasefire violations yet continues to frame the resistance as terrorists and criminals.

Weather and famine plague Gaza

As if U.S. imperialist-backed occupation wasn't bad enough, the [weather](#) has battered the Gaza Strip constantly over the past several months. Rain and wind have pelted the strip, leading to severe flooding. Hundreds of tents washed away as the rain pounded Gaza.

To be clear, the weather is not the real cause of this suffering. Intense cold, rain, and wind are proving fatal to the Palestinians in Gaza because the U.S. and the IDF destroyed most of the livable structures.

Further, the flood waters coursing through Gaza are full of debris from Zionist bombing. Between the leveled apartment complexes and the debris-filled water, the Zionist occupation has managed to plunge Gaza further into hell.

All of this, during a ceasefire.

Mossad escalates against West Bank

Gaza is not alone in being the focus of U.S. imperialist and Zionist genocidal aspirations. The situation in the West Bank has worsened with every month since the events of Oct. 7, 2023.

The last two plus years have seen a significant intensification of the IDF police state that rules the West Bank from Tulkarem to Nablus to Ramallah. Video footage showing IDF soldiers shooting children, raiding homes, and even throwing Palestinians off buildings has continually circulated.

The assault on human rights and Palestinian life in the West Bank has only escalated since the supposed ceasefire. Cities like [Beit She'an](#), Jenin, Hebron and [many others](#) have faced daily raids from IDF soldiers and armed settler militias.

Raids have included the murder of dozens of Palestinians and the [indefinite arrest](#) without due process of hundreds. Zionist occupation and apartheid in the West Bank is as much a heinous crime as the genocide in Gaza.

U.S.-backed Zionist settlers and troops have no right to any role in determining Palestine's future, whether it's in Gaza or the West Bank or occupied Palestinian land within the "48" borders.

Don't forget Palestine

Ending the escalation of genocide that began on Oct. 7 is simply not enough. Palestine will only achieve justice when every inch of Palestinian land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea is free from U.S. imperialism and Zionist rule.

U.S. progressives cannot rest on their laurels simply because the pace of the genocide has marginally slowed. Now, more than ever, it is crucial to expose the

crimes of the U.S. military industrial complex and the Zionist regime in their destabilization of the entire Middle East.

Struggle cannot stop until Palestine is 100% free. The political line for the working class and the entire anti-imperialist movement has to be the return of all Israeli-occupied land to the people of Palestine. Existing in any form, Israel will continue to carry out its reason for existence: to terrorize and destabilize the region on behalf of the U.S.

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Greta Thunberg arrested as Britain lets Palestine Action prisoners starve

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Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg was arrested in London on Dec. 23 under

Britain's Terrorism Act for holding a placard in support of imprisoned Palestine Action activists on hunger strike. Her arrest has drawn global attention to a rapidly escalating crisis inside Britain's prisons, where activists opposing Israel's arms supply chain are risking death after months of detention without trial.

Thunberg was detained during a protest outside the London offices of Aspen Insurance, a company that provides mandatory insurance services to Elbit Systems, Israel's largest weapons manufacturer. Without such coverage, Elbit cannot legally operate its arms factories in Britain. Protesters sprayed red paint on the building to symbolize bloodshed in Gaza. Two others were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.

Police confirmed that Thunberg was arrested not for property damage, but for "displaying an item in support of a proscribed organization," namely Palestine Action. Her placard read: *"I support Palestine Action prisoners. I oppose genocide."*

Under Section 13 of the Terrorism Act 2000, displaying a sign that authorities claim "arouses reasonable suspicion" of support for a banned organization carries a potential sentence of up to six months in prison.

A hunger strike born of prolonged detention

The protest Thunberg joined was organized in solidarity with Palestine Action members imprisoned on remand and engaged in a rolling hunger strike that began in early November. At least eight activists initially took part. As of late December, several have been refusing food for more than 50 days.

Seven of the eight original hunger strikers have been hospitalized at least once. Their conditions have steadily deteriorated.

Amu Gib, now past day 50, was hospitalized after becoming unable to walk without a wheelchair. Kamran Ahmed, 28, has lost more than 30 pounds since entering prison

and has been hospitalized with chest pains, high ketone levels, and slurred speech. Teuta Hoxha is suffering from constant headaches and severe mobility issues and can no longer stand for prayer.

More than 800 doctors, nurses, and health professionals have signed an open letter warning that the prisoners face imminent risk of organ failure, irreversible neurological damage, and death. Physicians note that serious brain damage can begin after 35 days without food and that death may occur between 60 and 70 days — or sooner.

Despite the medical emergency, the British government has refused all requests from lawyers and family members to meet or intervene.

Held without trial for years

The hunger strikers' demands are straightforward: immediate bail, fair trials, an end to censorship of their prison communications, the removal of Palestine Action from the government's terrorism list, and the closure of Elbit Systems' operations in Britain.

Supporters argue these demands are rooted in basic legal rights. Although standard pre-trial custody limits in Britain are six months, several Palestine Action prisoners will have been held for more than a year before their cases are heard.

Kamran Ahmed's trial is not scheduled until June 2026. Teuta Hoxha has been on remand since November 2024 and will not face trial until April 2026. Amu Gib, already detained for more than 170 days, is not expected to be tried until 2027.

The charges relate to property damage and protest actions targeting Elbit Systems sites and RAF Brize Norton. None involves injury to any person.

Terrorism laws turned on protest

The legal basis for this crackdown was laid in July 2025, when the government formally proscribed Palestine Action as a terrorist organization. It was the first group banned under a provision of the Terrorism Act that defines “serious damage to property” as terrorism — even in the absence of violence against people.

Since the ban, more than 2,700 people have been arrested in connection with Palestine Action, including roughly 2,000 accused merely of expressing support. Holding a placard, wearing a badge, or posting a message online can now trigger arrest.

The proscription is currently under judicial review in the High Court following a legal challenge by the group’s founder, Huda Ammori.

Targeting the arms supply chain

At the center of the confrontation is Elbit Systems, which produces the vast majority of Israel’s drones and land-based military equipment. Palestine Action’s campaign has focused on disrupting Elbit’s factories in Britain and the corporate infrastructure that allows them to operate.

Aspen Insurance has become a focal point because it provides Elbit’s legally required employer liability insurance.



NYC rises for Gaza on Day of Solidarity

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Hundreds of people gathered in Manhattan on Nov. 29 to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The United Nations established the day in 1977 in recognition of the catastrophe unleashed by the 1947 partition of Palestine — a vote forced through the General Assembly by the Truman administration using open threats and bribery.

That vote paved the way for the Zionist settler state. Within weeks, U.S.-armed Zionist militias launched a campaign of terror that destroyed hundreds of Palestinian villages and drove more than 750,000 people into exile, many into refugee camps. Large numbers were crowded into the small coastal area that would later be known as the Gaza Strip.

This November, after two years of U.S.-funded genocide, the Trump regime forced what amounts to a partition of Gaza itself through the UN Security Council. Nearly 2

million descendants of the refugees of 1948 are imprisoned in a small part of the strip, where they are denied adequate food and medicine and bombed daily by Israel's U.S.-made warplanes.

The resolution puts the whole strip under the control of a so-called "board of peace" controlled by Donald Trump himself.



Free Palestine! on Fifth Avenue

Dozens of Palestinian flags were waved by protesters along with signs condemning the ongoing U.S.-financed genocide in Gaza and the West Bank. The initial rally — alongside Central Park at 59th Street and Broadway — confronted the surrounding

corporate headquarters and the penthouses of the super-rich.

The Palestinian Youth Movement helped initiate the action along with other rallies across the United States, as well as in Toronto, Canada. One of the main demands was an arms embargo on Netanyahu's murder machine, which has already killed more than 70,000 Palestinians, including tens of thousands of children.

Among the speakers were those from PYM; PAL- Awda; Nodutdol for Korean Community Development; the Party for Socialism and Liberation; and Neturei Karta, an organization of anti-Zionist religious Jews.

Manolo De Los Santos of The People's Forum held the flag of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as he addressed the crowd. "If you stand with Gaza, you have to stand with Venezuela," he said, speaking beneath the statue of the enslaver Columbus. "The Venezuelan people have committed the crime that under their feet stands the world's largest proven reserves of oil. For this crime, Trump and his army of criminals in Washington have threatened war against them."

People then marched down 59th Street past billionaires' row and the hotels of the wealthy. Going down Fifth Avenue, they marched in front of Trump Tower and blocks of luxury stores.

Pedestrians on Fifth Avenue shouted support for the marchers and joined in chants of "Free Palestine!"

The final rally was held in front of the reference library on 42nd Street. Palestine will win!



International workers build ‘people’s embargo’ against Israeli genocide

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From the docks of Oakland to the ports of Morocco, from Italian logistics hubs to South African coal mines, an international movement is taking shape to do what governments have refused: Cut off the flow of weapons and fuel sustaining Israel's assault on Gaza.

On Nov. 22, labor organizers, Palestinian activists, and anti-war campaigners from six countries gathered online to launch the People's Embargo for Palestine — a coordinated effort to leverage workers' power at critical chokepoints in the global military supply chain. The webinar brought together a veteran of the anti-apartheid

struggle with a new generation of organizers who have notched concrete victories over the past year.

“Anything that comes off of a ship is handled by longshore workers, some of the most critical workers of the global economy,” said Clarence Thomas, a retired member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 and veteran of the 1980s campaign against South African apartheid. “The commerce of the world is handled through dock worker power.”

That power is now being mobilized for Palestine. And it’s working.

Maersk retreats, Zim expelled

Members of The Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) reported that their research unit has been tracking military cargo shipments to Israel, publishing detailed reports on shipping routes, weapons components, and fuel supplies. According to Kaleem Hawa, speaking for PYM, their “Mask Off Maersk” campaign has successfully forced the Danish shipping giant to reroute vessels away from Spanish and French ports, where workers have refused to load Israel-bound cargo.

“Maersk has become afraid to bring arms through these ports, and they have rerouted to avoid targeting,” Hawa reported. The campaign also claims a breakthrough: Maersk announced this past summer it would cease carrying imports or exports from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank — “marking the first time an international shipping company has enacted a de facto sanction of Israel,” according to PYM.

In Oakland, the Israeli shipping line Zim has been entirely expelled from the Bay Area since 2014, when the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) organized a “Block the Boat” action. ILWU Local 10 members refused to cross community picket lines for four days, and the Zim line never returned. In the case of the ILWU

Local 10 members, it has meant a loss of wages, because longshore workers make their money unloading and loading ships.

“There has not been any complaints from any longshoremen that I know about missing money from the Zim line vessels that no longer come into the port,” Thomas said, addressing the reality that solidarity comes at a cost. He said: “Many years ago trade union activist Baldemar Velasquez said, ‘Solidarity is not an empty slogan.’ It means that you give something up.”

Learning from the anti-apartheid movement

The parallels to the 1980s campaign against South African apartheid are deliberate. The same ILWU locals that refused to handle South African cargo then are organizing against Israeli shipments now. The same combination of labor action, divestment, and sanctions is being deployed.

Thomas recalled that in 1988, the ILWU International Convention officially condemned Israel’s treatment of Palestinians, calling it “state-sponsored terrorism” and quoting Israeli journalist Amos Elon’s description of Gaza as “the Soweto of the state of Israel.”

But he was candid about setbacks. In 2024, a resolution written by ILWU Local 10 calling for the entire union to refuse military cargo to Israel “was voted down resoundingly,” Thomas acknowledged. “It was a very discouraging moment.” The union’s membership, he noted, has changed significantly over the decades.

“Each generation has to fight its own battles,” he said. “I’m almost 80 years old, and I’m not giving up.”

From South Africa, Noxolo Bhengu of COSATU (Congress of South African Trade Unions) brought a message of solidarity rooted in her country’s history. “During apartheid, it was workers in the ports of Oakland, in Liverpool, in Australia, in the

Nordic countries — workers just like you who refused to handle South African goods,” she said. “From Cape Town to Cairo, their courage saved lives, and their actions built pressure when governments were too timid.”

COSATU, which represents government workers, teachers, nurses, mine workers, and transport workers, is now pushing to end South African coal exports to Israel. South Africa supplies the majority of Israel’s thermal coal, according to organizers, making this campaign potentially one of “the most substantial blows against the genocide to date,” as Hawa put it.

Italy: Millions strike against complicity

In Italy, the logistics union S.I. COBAS has led strikes and blockades targeting companies involved in the military supply chain. Alessandro Zedra, the Milan coordinator, described their approach: “For S.I. COBAS, embargo work is not only about policy proposals but about building real power from below.”

The actions face “heavy repression — investigation, trials, and police violence,” Zedra said, but they prove “that workers can play a direct role in disrupting the machinery of war.”

On Oct. 3, Italy saw what organizers describe as a historic convergence: Grassroots unions coordinated with CGIL, the country’s largest union federation, to call a general strike. According to Mariam of Giovani Palestinesi Italia (GPI), millions of workers across the country walked out against the Italian government’s complicity in the Gaza genocide.

“These dates are especially important because they were not only demonstrations but also strikes,” Mariam said. The actions included blockades at ports and airports between Sept. 22 and Oct. 3. Another round of national strikes and mobilizations was scheduled for Nov. 28-29.

The Italian movement is also contesting a new financial bill that would massively increase military spending as Italy participates in what organizers call “the plan for rearmament of Europe.”

Tracking the supply chain: From Poland to Oakland

The People’s Embargo relies on detailed research to identify vulnerable points in the weapons supply chain. PYM’s methodology involves tracking shipments before they’re loaded, mapping manufacturing sites, and understanding specific routes.

Recent reports have exposed surprising nodes in the network. According to PYM, 90% of TNT imported by the United States — where domestic production has ceased — comes from Poland. “This TNT is used in the bombs that are dropped on Gaza,” Hawa said.

In Canada, the government claims it suspended some weapons export licenses to Israel. But a PYM report released the week of the webinar documented how Canadian manufacturers exploit a loophole, shipping components to the United States which then forwards them to Israel.

Shatha M., speaking for Arms Embargo Now Canada, described how the report “triggered a national crisis” with senators referencing it in Parliament and a bill now proposed to close the loophole. When PYM exposed a shipment of antennas used in Elbit drones, the suppliers suspended future shipments to Elbit “within days,” she reported.

“What started as a scattered demand is now the shared political baseline across the country because the movement made it so,” Shatha said.

Perhaps most surprising was Oakland’s role. Despite the city’s progressive reputation and history of solidarity with Palestine, PYM research revealed that Oakland’s civilian airport has been one of the most frequent departure points for

F-35 components destined for Israel.

“These shipments have flown through the Oakland airport multiple times per week, almost every single week this year,” said Voulette, a PYM organizer coordinating the Oakland People’s Arms Embargo campaign. According to the research, 96% of the cargo went directly to Nevatim Air Base, where Israel’s entire F-35 fleet is stationed.

The shipments included bomb release units for 2,000-pound bunker-busters, guidance systems, and targeting components — all transported through civilian infrastructure. The revelation was particularly shocking because Oakland passed one of the first ceasefire resolutions in November 2023, and ILWU Local 10 has long refused to handle Israeli military cargo at the maritime port.

“FedEx, Lockheed Martin, and these genocide profiteers have been exploiting our city and our public infrastructure to facilitate a genocide that we never consented to,” Voulette said. The campaign has built a coalition of over 30 organizations and won endorsement from the Alameda Labor Council, representing 135,000 workers and 135 unions.

Morocco: Organizing under repression

In Morocco, the campaign against weapons shipments operates under difficult conditions. Ismail Lghazaoui of BDS Morocco was imprisoned for his role in organizing protests against ships carrying military cargo.

“It was the first protest on-site back in Nov. 13 to 16, and we were only five people,” Lghazaoui said. “I was imprisoned but released two months later, and suddenly we have more mobilizing.”

The movement has since identified at least 25 ships carrying military goods — from F-35 parts to maintenance components — through Moroccan ports. Dock workers in Tangier and Casablanca have contributed by halting boats or refusing to work them.

Morocco's complicity is particularly painful, Lghazaoui noted, because the country has historical and cultural ties to Palestine and signed onto international resolutions condemning the genocide. The Moroccan government came under pressure after ships denied docking in Spain were rerouted to Moroccan ports instead.

"UN rapporteur Francesca Albanese [has said] that Morocco is complicit in genocide by allowing or harboring ships that make deliveries to the Zionist regime," Lghazaoui reported. The campaign is now pursuing legal complaints and coordinating with movements across the Mediterranean to halt ships wherever they appear.

The movement also honors Sion Assidoun, a founder of BDS Morocco, who led early campaigns against the Zim shipping line, which led the Zim campaign back in 2010 or 2011. It helped identify how complicit the Zim company is and helped Tunisia to actually remove Zim completely from its itinerary. Assidoun recently passed away. "We will take the torch and continue forward," Lghazaoui said.

A strategy for the long haul

The People's Embargo represents a shift in strategy for the Palestine solidarity movement. Rather than focusing solely on mass demonstrations or lobbying governments, organizers are targeting the material infrastructure of genocide — the ships, ports, airports, and factories that keep weapons flowing.

"This has been a logistics genocide, full spectrum and integrated, the result of a networked world of war profiteers and resource extraction working together against oppressed peoples globally," Hawa argued in opening the webinar. "Close study of supply chains can teach us as people's movements what the ruling classes have not yet admitted, or hope never to admit."

The approach requires detailed research, international coordination, and the

willingness of workers to take action at personal sacrifice. It faces government repression in multiple countries. And it operates in the context of a ceasefire agreement that organizers view as fundamentally unjust — what Hawa described as “the theft and primitive accumulation of almost half of Gaza, with the rest left to siege and concentration camp conditions.”

But the victories, while modest in scale, demonstrate what’s possible when workers exercise power at chokepoints in the global economy. Zim was expelled from Oakland. Maersk rerouting from European ports. Canadian suppliers are suspending shipments after exposure. Italian workers are shutting down logistics for days.

“The military-industrial complex operates across borders,” said S.I. COBAS organizer Zedra. “Therefore, our resistance must also be transnational.”

As Voulette put it in closing the Oakland section of the webinar: “History is not just something that is done to us. It is something that we can shape through our actions.”

How to support the campaigns

Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM)

Website: <https://www.palestinianyouthmovement.com>

Arms Embargo Now (Canada)

Website: <https://armsembargonow.ca>

BDS Morocco Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Movement

Website: <https://www.bdsmovement.net>

Statement honoring Sion Assidoun:
<https://www.bdsmovement.net/Rest-In-Power-Sion>

Congress of South African Trade Unions

Website: <https://mediadon.co.za>

Oakland People's Arms Embargo

Website: <https://armsembargonow.com>

Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC)

Website: <https://www.araborganizing.org>

S.I. Cobas Sindacato Intercategoriale Lavoratori Organizzati

Website: <https://sicobas.org>

Giovani Palestinesi Italia (GPI)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/giovanipalestinesi.it/?hl=en>

Italian General Confederation of Labour

Website: <https://www.cgil.it>

Million Worker March Movement, Mobilizing in Our Own

Website: <https://millionworkermarch.com>

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No peace on stolen land: protesting the settler recruiting fair

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Nov. 19 - Last night, New York City showed up to declare “Death to the IDF” in response to the Nefesh b’Nefesh (NBN) settler recruiting fair, which seeks to recruit American settlers to illegally occupy stolen Palestinian land. As we demonstrated, IOF warplanes were firing missiles into refugee tents in the Old Quarter of Gaza City, murdering at least 40 children, women and men, wiping out several families. It was the 394th time the IOF had violated the “ceasefire.”

As intense U.S. and IOF-backed settler violence expands in the West Bank and the Zionist entity’s murder toll in Gaza increases daily, Zionists in NYC showed up to the fair with signs reading “80,000 was not enough,” and “complete the genocide.” Our demand remains clear: our neighborhoods cannot be used for the displacement,

murder, and colonization of Palestinian people and land.

Wednesday's NBN recruiting event was a material example of the ongoing colonization of Palestine. As the United Nations Security Council voted to create a U.S.-led security force whose directive is to disarm the Palestinian resistance - echoing the pattern of colonial plans that have sought to strip away Palestinian agency for decades. Past "israeli" government-affiliated organizations like the NBN continue to facilitate the ongoing Nakba in the form of murder, land theft, and dispossession that the genocidal zionist state is built on.

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What the UN Gaza vote revealed about the imperialist world order

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A colonial plan in diplomatic clothing

A U.S.-drafted UN resolution endorsing President Donald Trump's Gaza "peace plan" passed in the Security Council on Nov. 17. Palestinians responded immediately: This was not peace — it was a blueprint for foreign control.

At the heart of Washington's scheme is a new "Board of Peace," a U.S.- and British-dominated governing body personally chaired by Trump. This board would control Gaza's borders, security, reconstruction, and political life. It alone would decide when Palestinians are "ready" to govern themselves. Sovereignty becomes a permission slip issued by the same powers that arm, fund, and defend Israel's occupation.

For Palestinians, this is not a transition. It is a takeover.

The plan is a modern remake of the colonial mandates, with Washington assuming the power once wielded by the British Empire over Palestine. By severing Gaza from the rest of Palestine and granting Washington and Israel authority over any future "withdrawal," the resolution repackages occupation in the deceptive language of "governance" and "stability."

Imposing through diplomacy what Israel failed to win through war

The resolution is Washington's effort to impose through paperwork what Israel could not achieve through genocide. After months of bombardment failed to crush Palestinian resistance or force Gaza to submit, the plan steps in to finish the job by other means. It aims to deliver, through UN seals and diplomatic signatures, the foreign control that Israel's military could not win. It is an attempt to convert military failure into political domination — occupation by administrative order.

This was the resolution before the Security Council. And in this moment — with Gaza under bombardment, tens of thousands dead or displaced, hospitals destroyed, and entire neighborhoods flattened — the world looked to see whether Russia or China

would block it.

Neither did. Both abstained.

Only Russia and China had the actual power to stop the resolution. The other members — including the U.S.-aligned Arab regimes — were never going to block a plan drafted in Washington. The fact that the only two states with veto power chose abstention is what allowed the plan to pass.

Why the abstentions happened

Their abstentions puzzled many observers. How could two states that condemned the plan's colonial framework allow it to pass? But these questions can't be answered by treating the vote as a move in a geopolitical chess game. The abstentions make sense only when we understand the deeper reality shaping world politics today: The world remains dominated by imperialism, and every struggle — from Gaza to the Sahel to the Caribbean — unfolds inside that system's contradictions.

Both Russia and China sharply criticized the resolution. China warned that the text was “deeply worrisome,” lacking any guarantee of Palestinian sovereignty. Russia argued that the plan would entrench occupation, not end it. But neither government challenged the Arab regimes that lined up behind the measure. These regimes are not independent actors exercising sovereign will; they are U.S.-aligned neocolonies, tied to Washington through military dependence, IMF discipline, weapons systems, and security arrangements. Yet they also sit at the center of major trade, energy, and investment networks. Neither Russia nor China was prepared to jeopardize those economic relationships — especially when opposing the resolution would not have stopped Washington's colonial takeover.

States inside an imperialist system

This outcome exposes something crucial: States do not operate outside the global system. They operate inside it — a system still structured by imperialist domination, where a handful of wealthy powers dictate the rules of global politics and where oppressed nations are treated as bargaining chips. Even states at odds with Washington face these pressures.

Russia, as a capitalist state dependent on energy exports and integration into global markets, maneuvers according to the interests of its own ruling class.

China, as a state pursuing a socialist path, must still navigate a world economy dominated by capitalist rules and monopoly power. China's foreign policy reflects the interests of a nation-state operating inside that order — interests that do not always align with internationalist solidarity.

Economic entanglements that expose structural limits

These limits are most visible in the economic networks that link governments — including those claiming to oppose U.S. domination — to Israel's role in the imperialist world market. Israel's ports, technology sectors, and energy systems are deeply integrated into global commerce.

China maintains major infrastructure projects in Haifa and Ashdod because it must operate in a global economy still governed by capitalist accumulation, not because it supports Israeli policy. Russia's fuel flows into Israel through Central Asian routes because it is tied to global energy markets structured around profit, not solidarity. India's growing military and energy ties with Israel reflect its ruling-class alignment with Washington's regional agenda.

None of these contradictions arise from political confusion or moral weakness. They emerge from the structure of the world itself — a world where monopoly capital and its institutions bind states into relationships that collide head-on with the demands

of workers and oppressed peoples fighting for liberation.

BRICS cannot substitute for anti-imperialist struggle

The same reality shapes the character of BRICS. Many hoped BRICS would challenge Washington's dominance and create space for sovereign development in the Global South. But BRICS is not a unified alternative to imperialism. It is a coalition of states — some socialist, others deeply capitalist — operating within a world economy still controlled by monopoly capital. BRICS calls for “reform” and “greater representation,” not for dismantling the institutions that enforce global inequality.

China participates as a socialist state confronting imperialist pressure, but it cannot use BRICS to overturn a world order still ruled by capitalist domination. The other BRICS governments — India, Brazil, South Africa, Russia, and the expanded membership — defend their own ruling classes' interests, not a collective project of liberation.

Some deepen military cooperation with Washington. Others align with Western corporations while seeking better deals for themselves. These contradictions were visible in the Security Council vote: A formation some imagined would block Washington's colonial plan instead fractured along familiar lines, with states protecting their economic relationships rather than confronting the imperialist system.

What the Security Council vote makes unmistakable is that the power to decide Gaza's future will not come from governments acting within the imperialist system. The forces capable of changing the course of the struggle are the peoples themselves — the resistance in Palestine, the movements for sovereignty rising across the Global South, and the mass mobilizations inside the imperialist centers demanding an end to genocide, war, and occupation.



Palestinians reject U.S.-backed U.N. plan: ‘A new form of occupation’

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A return to colonial rule

The resolution’s structure mirrors the old colonial mandates of the 20th century —

only now U.S. officials, not British ones, would decide Gaza's future. By separating Gaza from the rest of Palestine and granting Washington and Israel power over any future "withdrawal," the plan locks in occupation under a new administrative costume.

Palestinian organizations across the political spectrum immediately rejected the proposal. Their objections were unified and simple: This violates self-determination, transfers sovereign power to foreign hands, and tries to achieve politically what Israel failed to win through military assault.

'Guardianship' by another name

Hamas called the plan an "international guardianship mechanism" designed to enforce the outcome Israel could not secure through its war: the dismantling of Palestinian resistance and the political fragmentation of the Palestinian nation.

They warned that the proposed International Stabilization Force — ordered to disarm Palestinian fighters — would not be neutral. It would become an arm of the occupation.

The unified Palestinian Resistance issued a joint statement on Nov. 16, warning that the plan opens the door to "external dominance over the national decision-making." They also condemned the idea that humanitarian aid could become a tool of pressure or control under foreign administration.

A project to erase sovereignty

Al-Haq, a leading Palestinian human rights organization, framed the resolution clearly: It is an effort to "entrench the denial of self-determination" and isolate Gaza from the rest of Palestine. Behind the language of "peace" and "transition," Palestinians see an old imperialist strategy at work — a divide-and-conquer operation designed to prevent a unified, sovereign Palestinian state.

An answer rooted in unity

The rejection that followed the resolution's passage was immediate, broad, and unwavering. Political factions, civil society groups, and youth movements — all answered with one voice.

Gaza does not need foreign trustees. Palestine does not need another mandate. And liberation will not come through a board chaired by Donald Trump.

Palestinians made their message unmistakable: Sovereignty cannot be outsourced, and the occupation cannot be repackaged into legitimacy. The struggle for self-determination continues — and no imperialist resolution can redefine it.



The Gaza ceasefire isn't — Washington helps the war go on

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Nov. 14 — A month has passed since the latest ceasefire was declared in Gaza, yet

Israeli forces continue attacking Palestinian neighborhoods from Khan Younis to Rafah. The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have repeatedly violated the agreement, enforcing the siege as tightly as ever. Food and medicine are still blocked, starvation is still being used as a weapon, and Palestinians continue to be killed even as world headlines speak of a “truce.”

Washington echoes the language of restraint while continuing to arm the assault. The genocide has not paused — it has simply been repackaged.

Washington has long treated Israel as its “unsinkable aircraft carrier” in West Asia, a key platform for projecting U.S. power and protecting corporate interests. The ongoing assault on Gaza is another chapter in that strategy. Behind the talk of de-escalation is a stark reality: continued attacks, deepening siege, expanding U.S. involvement, and a war economy that profits from Palestinian suffering.

The ‘ceasefire’ is being violated every day

The ceasefire announced on Oct. 10 was never honored in practice. Since then, the IOF has continued launching airstrikes, drone attacks, and artillery fire across Gaza. Israeli operations during this supposed truce have killed 271 Palestinians and injured 622. In the first month alone, at least 242 Palestinians were killed.

As Francesca Albanese, the UN’s special rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, put it: “Ceasefire according to Israel = ‘you cease, I fire.’”

This pattern extends beyond Gaza. In Lebanon — where a ceasefire has stood for a year — Israel has carried out more than 500 strikes on the south and the Bekaa Valley, killing over 300 people. The term “ceasefire” provides a political shield while the attacks continue.

And while the world is told the situation is stabilizing, Washington is quietly expanding its direct role in the occupation.

Washington is deepening its military presence

Even as U.S. officials claim they will not put “boots on the ground in Gaza,” documents and reports suggest Washington is considering a major expansion of its military presence near the enclave. In early November, Israeli sources reported plans for a \$500 million installation to house several thousand troops as part of an international “stabilization force.” Bloomberg reported that the U.S. Navy circulated internal requests for cost estimates on a temporary base supporting 10,000 personnel.

Though CENTCOM denied reports of a confirmed base, the U.S. has already deployed 200 troops to the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) in Kiryat Gat—a foothold that represents a significant escalation of U.S. involvement in the occupation.

This is not a break with past policy. Every U.S. administration — Republican or Democrat — has strengthened Israel’s military operations. A permanent base would deepen U.S. involvement in the siege and give Washington more direct control over the occupation.

As the U.S. lays the groundwork for a long-term military presence, the IOF continues another form of warfare each day — one carried out through hunger.

Starvation is being used as a weapon

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is not incidental. It reflects a deliberate long-term strategy. Since 2007, Israel’s blockade has been structured to “enforce surrender through starvation.” Under the current ceasefire, this policy has intensified.

Since Oct. 10, Israeli authorities have blocked 76% of the agreed-upon humanitarian aid. More than 350 basic food items — including eggs, meat, fresh vegetables, and legumes — have been prohibited, while non-essential items were allowed in.

Aya Abu Qamar, a mother of three, describes the daily struggle:

“I haven’t found eggs, chicken, or cheese since food supplies started entering the Gaza Strip. All I see are chocolate, snacks, and instant coffee. These aren’t our daily needs. We’re looking for something to keep our children alive.”

By the end of October, 463 Palestinians — including 157 children — had died from malnutrition.

This is not a separate crisis from the military assault. The siege, the starvation, and the bombardment are part of the same strategy — and part of the same set of economic interests.

War profits drive the assault

Gaza’s coastline holds natural gas reserves valued at up to \$4 billion per year. Control of these resources has long been identified as a strategic objective underlying the assault on Gaza.

Meanwhile, U.S. arms manufacturers are profiting from the genocide. Wall Street giants BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street are major shareholders in the largest U.S. weapons firms: Raytheon Technologies (RTX), Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, and Boeing. Every missile, bomb, drone, and tank part used against Gaza yields direct profit.

As Raytheon CEO Greg Hayes said:

“Across the entire Raytheon portfolio, you’re going to see a benefit of this restocking. ... on top of what we think is going to be an increase in the [Defense Department] budget.”

The genocide in Gaza is not only political — it is profitable.

The endgame for Gaza

In February 2025, President Trump openly proposed that the U.S. “take over” Gaza and transform it into the “Riviera of the Middle East” — but only after forcibly relocating its 2 million Palestinian residents to other countries. The proposal, which was condemned internationally as ethnic cleansing, reveals the ultimate vision behind the destruction: complete dispossession followed by redevelopment for profit.

The genocide is ongoing

A month into the declared ceasefire, Israel continues to bomb homes, block food and medicine, and starve an entire population. Washington continues to fund and arm the assault while preparing for a deeper military role. Corporations continue to profit from every weapon dropped.

The facts are unavoidable: The ceasefire is not real. The siege continues. The genocide continues.



Nader Sadaqa: The Samaritan warrior who shatters Israel's myths

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The United States and Israel don't want you to know about



Nader Sadaqa. He was a commander for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He spent 21 years in apartheid Israel's prisons. Sadaqa is a Palestinian. He is a Marxist. He is a PFLP leader. He is also a [Samaritan](#).

The Samaritan community is an ethnoreligious group. They descend from the ancient Semitic-speaking Hebrew people. Their homeland is the northern half of the West Bank in occupied Palestine. They are not Jewish. They practice a monotheistic religion similar to Judaism that developed alongside Judaism.

The core difference is that Samaritans believe that the Temple Mount, a sacred symbol of ancient Abrahamic religions, was located at Mount Gerizim, near modern-day Nablus.

The Samaritans hold the oldest copy of the Torah in the world, over 3,500 years old. They follow the teachings of this ancient Torah and consider themselves religious descendants of Moses. They simply believe Moses received the 10 commandments on Mount Gerizim, not Mount Sinai. Samaritans observe their own version of holidays like Passover. Their sacred texts are written in ancient Hebrew and Aramaic, similar to those of Judaism. The Samaritan faith is a valid and parallel tradition to Judaism.

Today, Samaritans identify as Palestinian and speak Arabic colloquially. Israel does not want the world to know of this reality. The Zionist movement and its imperialist backers wish for the world to believe they have a monopoly on Jewish history and religious tradition. They do not.

Nader Sadaqa was raised in the Samaritan community. He remained a devout follower of its Hebrew-descended religious tradition his entire life. He also fought for Palestinian liberation from Zionist apartheid. His faith fueled his desire to see his community and all Palestinian people liberated from Zionist mythology. He was a commander in the PFLP's armed wing, the Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades. He led operations against the terrorist Israeli Occupation Forces after the Second Intifada.

For this courageous resistance, Zionist Israel imprisoned him for 21 years. He endured physical torture. He suffered psychological torment. He faced starvation.

He never broke. After 21 brutal years, he walked free in the recent round of prisoner exchanges.

To be abundantly clear, Israel and the United States fear Nader Sadaqa. They fear people like him. His identity is a potent threat. He is a Samaritan, from a faith parallel to Judaism. He is a Palestinian resistance commander. This combination inspires a dangerous idea. It could mobilize Jews worldwide to reject Zionism. It could rally them to fight for Palestine.

They hid him for two decades. They now ban him from returning to his home in Nablus. They fear his homecoming. They fear he could lead a whole new movement of cultural and literal resistance.

But, enough with the history. The most powerful point to be made about Sadaqa came in his own words after his release. Upon his freedom, reporters asked him one question: “What is your message to the resistance?” He [responded](#):

“My response is that the resistance is the one who speaks, the one who attacks, and the one who prevails. It is the one who wills, the one who excels, and the one who acts.

“No voice rises above hers; rather, there is no voice except hers. And no statement except her statement, and no shadow except her shadow, and all that is required of us, the free people of the world, is to listen and obey.”

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The unsinkable aircraft carrier: Israel and the crisis of U.S. imperialism

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Israel is a fortress of empire — a U.S.-armed garrison planted in the heart of West Asia to protect capital's most prized assets: oil, trade routes, and regional dominance.

Behind the rhetoric of democracy and security lies a simple truth. Israel is the outpost through which U.S. power projects itself across the region. Pentagon planners have long called it “our unsinkable aircraft carrier,” a phrase that strips away the pretense. Israel's role is not to defend itself, but to defend the global reach and profits of U.S. monopoly capital.

A base for monopoly capital

Since 1948, Israel's survival has depended not on self-reliance but on Washington's patronage. The billions of dollars in U.S. aid that flow every year are not acts of generosity — they're investments.

U.S. strategists viewed Israel as an anchor for imperialist domination of West Asia's resources. In 1981, General Alexander Haig put it bluntly: Israel is "the largest American aircraft carrier in the world that cannot be sunk." The metaphor wasn't hyperbole. Israel's job has been to secure trade routes, protect oil profits, and serve as a proving ground for U.S. weapons systems before they're sold around the world.

Every Israeli war — from Lebanon to Gaza — has served the demands of monopoly capital. Washington supplies the funding and diplomatic cover; Israel supplies the firepower; U.S. arms manufacturers reap the profit.

Air power and the colonial method

Israel didn't invent the use of air power as a tool of imperialist domination — it perfected a strategy pioneered by earlier empires. In 1911, Italy used airplanes to bomb anti-colonial fighters in Libya, ushering in a new era of warfare that allowed colonizers to kill without risk or accountability.

Britain refined the method across West Asia in the 1920s. Air Marshal Arthur "Bomber" Harris, who later commanded the firebombing of Dresden, first tested his tactics in Iraq and Palestine, boasting that "the Arab and the Kurd now know what real punishment means."

Lenin described how imperialism replaces direct colonial rule with financial and military domination. Air power became the perfect weapon for this stage of capitalism — violence delivered from a distance, maintaining control without the costs of occupation.

From Gaza to Iran: Imperialism from the sky

Nowhere is this imperialist domination more visible than in Israel's ongoing air war across West Asia. For nearly two years, Gaza has been subjected to a campaign of annihilation that has leveled entire neighborhoods, hospitals, and refugee camps. Israel has struck not only Gaza but the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Iran — always under the familiar pretext of “self-defense.”

Each of these bombardments follows a predictable pattern. The United States bankrolls the assault, provides the munitions, and blocks any attempt at accountability. Israel pulls the trigger. And U.S. defense contractors — Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon — see their stock prices climb with every new strike.

For two years, Israel has waged an unrelenting air war on Gaza, reducing entire neighborhoods, hospitals, and refugee camps to rubble. It has also struck the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Iran — always under the pretext of “self-defense.”

This is imperialism in its purest form. Air power delivers destruction from a safe distance; monopoly capital converts that destruction into profit. Every bomb dropped on Gaza reverberates through Wall Street.

The fortress cracks

For decades, Washington used Israel as the cornerstone of its regional strategy — a dependable enforcer whose military superiority guaranteed U.S. hegemony from the Mediterranean to the Arab/Persian Gulf. But the Gaza war has exposed how fragile that arrangement has become.

After nearly two years of relentless bombing — tens of thousands of tons of explosives dropped on one of the most densely populated areas on Earth — Israel has failed to achieve its stated goals. The resistance remains intact. Hamas still governs Gaza and commands popular support, while the Zionist forces have suffered heavy battlefield losses, including many of the supposedly invincible Merkava tanks.

No Arab army in history has inflicted such losses on the Israeli military machine.

The myth of invincibility shattered

The Al-Aqsa Flood operation did more than breach Israel's borders — it tore apart a political mythology that had underpinned U.S. power in the region for decades. Israel's aura of military supremacy, carefully cultivated since 1967, was shattered in a single day. What Washington had long presented as a “pillar of stability” was revealed to be brittle and overextended.

Benjamin Netanyahu's answer was the same as every imperialist proxy facing crisis: overwhelming violence. The genocidal air campaign that followed was meant not only to destroy Hamas but to reassert the illusion of control. Yet despite the scale of the onslaught, the resistance has endured. As senior Hamas official Ayham Shananaa put it, the very survival of Gaza's fighters amid such destruction “constitutes a strategic victory.”

But the cracks run deeper than military failure. Apartheid Israel's economy has hemorrhaged over [\\$67 billion](#) in direct war costs. The economic toll may cost Israel an estimated \$400 billion in lost economic activity over the next decade, according to the [Rand Corporation](#).

The tourism and construction sectors have collapsed. The vaunted tech industry — long marketed as proof of Israel's supposed dynamism — is bleeding talent and capital. Immigration — the lifeblood of any settler-colonial project — has declined.

Most tellingly, the Israeli military reports its highest suicide rate in 13 years alongside thousands of reservists fleeing combat duty — the unmistakable marks of an army in both tactical and psychological collapse.

A client state in crisis

This is what the Trump administration now faces: a client state too exhausted to fulfill its imperialist function. For Washington, the deal is simple — Israel exists to serve U.S. strategic interests, not the other way around.

When [U.S. officials warn](#) that “Israel in such a weakened state would be unable to provide support in a potential conflict with Iran,” they are admitting that their regional enforcer can no longer enforce.

For decades, Washington sold the illusion that the path to Palestinian freedom ran through negotiation. The 1993 Oslo Accords turned a struggle for national liberation into a managed process of dependency. “Dialogue,” “security coordination,” and “painful compromises” became euphemisms for surrender.

Under this system, the U.S. funded the expansion of settlements, deepening the occupation.

Gaza never accepted this arrangement. Despite a crushing blockade since 2007 designed to enforce surrender through starvation, the Strip remained ungovernable. Each Israeli assault — in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2021, and the ongoing genocide since 2023 — left Gaza devastated but undefeated. Homes were rebuilt from rubble; weapons were fashioned from unexploded Israeli shells. The siege produced not submission, but defiance.

As Islamic Jihad official Haitham Abu al-Ghazlan emphasizes, “The resistance is now more entrenched than ever.” The measure of victory is not material destruction but the failure of the Zionist project to displace or pacify the population.

The technocratic trap

Now, as the bombs pause, the U.S. and its European imperialist allies are pushing their latest rebranding exercise: a “technocratic” government for Gaza, divorced from politics and resistance, staffed by hand-picked managers and overseen by

international donors.

The model is familiar. It's the same template the IMF and World Bank apply from Haiti to Iraq — governance without sovereignty, administration without liberation. It seeks to manage Gaza, not free it.

The Palestinian resistance has made its position clear: while it does not oppose civil administration for daily life, security sovereignty remains non-negotiable. "The resistance's arms are a red line as long as the occupation exists," Shananaa insists. Any attempt to link reconstruction to disarmament is a bid to achieve through diplomacy what two years of genocide could not accomplish.

The united resistance understands what U.S. imperialism desperately works to obscure: Every so-called peace process designed by the imperialist powers has ended in more settlements, more displacement, more apartheid.

There can be no technical fix to colonial domination, no managerial substitute for liberation.

Empire's declining returns

The crisis extends far beyond Palestine. Yemen has effectively closed the Red Sea to Israeli shipping. Iran has shown it can strike Israeli military installations at will. Even traditional U.S. allies face mounting public pressure for their complicity in genocide.

The so-called "rules-based international order" — code words for U.S. imperialist hegemony — is crumbling under the weight of its contradictions.

What we are witnessing is the unraveling of imperialist power. The very brutality required to maintain the colonial project undermines its legitimacy. The more Israel bombs, the more the world sees it for what it is: not a democracy defending itself,

but a settler state sustained by massacre.

Global public opinion has shifted decisively. Millions have marched in solidarity with Palestine, and governments once afraid to speak now move to recognize Palestinian statehood. Even within Israel, the legitimacy of the Netanyahu regime is eroding. The prime minister who sought to destroy Hamas may instead go down as the man who broke Zionism.

Beyond the rubble

Amid the ruins of Gaza, something remarkable endures: not just survival, but defiance. Every rebuilt home, every tunnel dug, every act of mutual aid is a declaration that Palestine will not disappear.

This endurance carries a larger meaning. If Gaza — besieged, starved, and bombed by the most powerful militaries on earth — can continue to resist, then the entire architecture of U.S. imperialist power is more fragile than it appears. The “unsinkable aircraft carrier” is taking on water, and no amount of weapons or propaganda in the U.S. arsenal can keep afloat a racist settler colony that has lost its legitimacy and faces growing resistance both locally and globally.

