

STARVATION AND FAMINE SINCE MARCH 2025

After a brief but fraudulent ceasefire in January demanded by Trump to celebrate his inauguration, Israel, with Trump's approval, resumed its armed assault while instituting an almost total blockade of Gaza, preventing vital supplies including food and medicine from entering. On 22nd August 2025, the UN declared irrefutable confirmation of famine in Gaza.

US AND UK COMPLICITY IN WAR CRIMES

The US openly supports Israel's war crimes. Indeed Trump claimed as his own idea the annexation of Gaza – legally a crime against humanity. There is an international arrest warrant for Netanyahu and South Africa's charge of genocide against Israel lies before the ICJ, which last year declared the charge to be plausible.

Yet the Gaza genocide relies heavily on the complicity of other western powers – in serious violation of international law. The UK government provides the latest weapons, vital military intelligence and training to Israel, while shamelessly lying to the public. The media knowingly repeats Israeli spin, trusting that when the truth is revealed their dishonesty will be forgotten. Yet as their lies unravel daily, the media try to divert us from the tormented cries of Gaza's children with other stories – anything which may distract us from the depth of their own depravity.

ASSAULT ON PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK

Israel has used the cover of its war on Gaza to escalate its violence in the West Bank with armed settlers murdering and terrorising Palestinians to drive them from their land. Now Israeli leaders brazenly declare their intention to ethnically cleanse and annex both Gaza and the West Bank.

THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

THIS DIDN'T BEGIN ON 7TH OCTOBER 2023...

19th century Mostly Muslim population, with Christian and Jewish minorities sharing much local culture.

1917 UK issued Balfour Declaration: a national home for the Jewish people to be established in Palestine, with the provision that Palestinian rights would be protected. After WW1, the League of Nations approved temporary British rule over Palestine. As Nazi power grew many European Jews fled to Palestine escaping antisemitism.

1947 Refugees from the Nazi holocaust increased the Jewish population to 630,000, one third of the total.



1947 UNITED NATIONS (UN) PARTITION PLAN

The UN proposed a plan to separate Palestine into a Jewish state and a Palestinian Arab state, with Jerusalem to have independent status.

The Jewish state was to receive 55% of the land though Jews then owned only 7% of the total land.

1948 On May 15th British rule ended and the Zionists declared independence as Israel.



1948 THE NAKBA ('GREAT CATASTROPHE')

In the months before the British left, Zionist militias seized land, murdering Palestinians and wiping out towns and villages. When the British left, the armies of neighbouring Arab states intervened but were largely defeated. Map shows armistice lines from 1949.

Palestinians lost 78% of Palestine and half their population became refugees.

1949 ISRAEL RECOGNISED BY UN – but with undefined borders.



AFTER THE 1967 WAR

In 1967 Israel fought against Egypt, Jordan and Syria, seizing military control of Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem – in effect all of Palestine.

Since then Israel has pursued a relentless programme of Jewish settlement and ethnic cleansing in the West Bank and Jerusalem, reducing Palestinian communities to disconnected enclaves. Since 1967, several UN resolutions have declared this occupation illegal, an opinion confirmed by the International Court of Justice in 2024.

The ICJ also deemed Israel's historic siege of Gaza to be illegal occupation.



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