Gaza Under Attack

Israel’s latest attacks on Gaza are catastrophic for Palestinians in Gaza—and the U.S. must take action to stop the violence.

Since May 10, Israeli attacks on Gaza have killed more than 200 Palestinians, including at least 60 children. Ten Israelis, including one child, were also killed. More than 1,300 Palestinians were injured, and over 50,000 Palestinians living under siege in Gaza were displaced from their homes with no safe place to go. Hundreds of homes, hospitals, businesses, factories, schools, and places of worship have been damaged and destroyed. Large numbers of Palestinians will remain without permanent shelter, adequate food or running water, and regular electricity for months to come. All of this is happening as Palestinians in Gaza continue to face a surge in COVID-19 cases, with limited access to health care. And this crisis will continue to grow as attacks continue.

Those of us in the U.S. must recognize our complicity in the attacks on Gaza and take action to stop the violence. Our complicity arises from the U.S. government’s uncritical support for Israel during the attack and over the course of its occupation of the Palestinian territory.

It is time to end a demand to these attacks. It is time for us to demand our elected officials in the U.S. call for change and accountability.

No more impunity
U.S. and international law require that human rights abuses be investigated and acted upon. The U.S. must live up to its obligations under both domestic and international law and must hold Israel accountable for its actions. This means supporting international human rights investigations into what happened in Gaza and taking steps to hold those responsible for human rights abuses and war crimes accountable.

No more military aid
The U.S. government provides Israel with more than $3.8 billion in military funding annually. These weapons are being used in the current attacks on Gaza. The U.S. should end this support and must end. The U.S. should impose an arms embargo on Israel.

No more corporate complicity
Corporations such as Elbit Systems, Northup Grumman, Caterpillar, and Raytheon have provided Israel with the weapons and other products used during these attacks. Corporations must be held accountable for their complicity in these human rights abuses. This can be done through boycott and divestment campaigns.

It is time to stand up. It is time to speak out. It is time to demand change. It is time to end the attacks on Gaza.

For more information about Gaza and how you can take action, visit:

- The American Friends Service Committee: afsc.org/gaza
- Investigate: investigate.afsc.org
- We Are Not Numbers: wearenotnumbers.org
- Al Mezan Center for Human Rights: mezan.org/en
- The Palestinian Center for Human Rights: pchrgaza.org/en
- The Boycott National Committee: bdsmovement.net
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: ochaopt.org

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