

CT-Made Rifles & Palestinian Victims



It's very probable that Ruger sniper rifles, made by Connecticut's Sturm, Ruger, Inc. are being used to kill and maim unarmed Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. For the six weeks Palestinians from Gaza have been involved in what they call the

#GreatReturnMarch, attempting to leave the Gaza Strip, an area that former British Prime Minister Cameron once called a "prison camp". It a stretch of land the size of the CT coast from Stamford to Bridgeport, but infinitely poorer.

As of May 15 an astounding 12,000 Palestinians had been injured and 100 killed by Israeli troops. 500 people have been shot in the head. Most have been shot by Israel Defense Force snipers perched on man-made hills around the fenced-in Gaza Strip. No Israeli soldiers have been killed or even injured. None.

The shooting victims include a photojournalist wearing a "Press" jacket, a young man shot in the back while running away (both killed), a 63 year-old woman, and a 13 year-old whose leg had to be amputated. The Israeli human rights group Btselem writes it's clear that Israeli policy is to allow shooting of any person who comes near the fence, "any person coming within 300 meters of it". That's a distance of 3 football fields.

Several gun "fan sites" admire Ruger sniper rifles and talk about how Israel is using them for "crowd control" and firing at "leaders" of demonstrations. Attempts to reach the Ruger CEO and to warn him that Israeli snipers are committing international crimes have not received any reply.

It is very likely that Rugers *are* going to Israel and many or most of those unarmed victims in Gaza were shot with those guns. That would be an international crime. This is a shame and a disgrace for Connecticut. **The Connecticut state legislature and our Federal officials should mount an investigation and demand answers.**

This flyer was written by Jewish Voice for Peace New Haven (www.jvpnh.org), and distributed at the New Haven Sunday Vigil on Sunday, May 27, 2018. We welcome JVP members who join this vigil once a month.

Since 1999, the New Haven Sunday Vigil has been held here every week from 12-1pm at Broadway, Park and Elm Streets in New Haven, CT, to emphatically say NO to the state of permanent, ongoing war against the world being waged by our government and its allies- a war which is terrorizing the planet and destroying lives in order to consolidate enormous power and wealth in the hands of a very few people.

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