## U.S., Israel discuss possible U.S.-led administration for Gaza, sources say. (Is this a joke? No, it's not.)

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the news agency Reuters reported that the two countries are discussing the very real possibility of a "temporary" U.S.-led administration of Gaza. According to an article written by Alexander Cornwell and based on information from five unnamed sources "familiar with the matter... there would be no fixed timeline for how long such [an] administration would last, which would depend on the situation on the ground... The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to discuss the talks publicly, compared the proposal to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq that Washington established in 2003, shortly after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

"The authority was perceived by many Iraqis as an occupying force and it transferred power to an interim Iraqi government in 2004 after failing to contain a growing insurgency... A U.S.-led provisional authority in Gaza would draw Washington deeper into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and mark its biggest Middle East intervention since the Iraq invasion." (https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-israel-discuss-possible-us-led-administration-gaza-sources-say-2025-05-07/).

For those who don't remember the United States-led "provisional authority" following the U.S. war on Iraq, it became an extension of the war itself, destroying what was left of Iraq's infrastructure. In the words of journalist Mehdi Hasan, who interviewed Paul Bremer, the Coalition Provisional Authority head, "It was an absolute disaster. It increased sectarian tensions. It increased violence. It divided the country. It fomented more violent resistance."

Considering that the Trump administration has described Gaza as "a valuable piece of waterfront property," has done nothing to enforce the terms of the January 15th ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas or to mediate a phase 2 agreement for a permanent cessation of the war, and has continued to provide Israel with money and arms for its ongoing violation of the ceasefire, the motives for such a U.S.-led administration of Gaza should be as obvious as its inevitable outcome.

## **Continuing Occupation, War, and Famine**

Reports the Center for American Progress, "since the collapse of the ceasefire deal on March 18... No additional hostages have been released, as renewed hostilities have dramatically increased the risk to their physical security. Meanwhile, the IDF has returned to prior positions in the Gaza Strip, including the Netzarim Corridor, and increased its buffer zone inside Gaza to 2–5 kilometers. By one estimate, the IDF currently controls more than 50 percent of Gaza's territory." (https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-trump-administrations-responsibility-for-the-failed-ceasefire-in-gaza/-April 14, 2025, article by Andrew Miller)

The Netanyahu government's renewed offensive on Gaza, beginning on March 18<sup>th</sup>, has killed over 1500 Palestinians in addition to the more than 50,000 estimated deaths prior to the ceasefire. These numbers are only a very conservative estimate and do not include the numbers buried under rubble. The Israeli Defense Force has imposed a total blockade of all humanitarian aid, allowing no food, water, medical supplies or other aid to enter. According to UNICEF, more than 9,000 children, many under the age of five, have been admitted for treatment of malnutrition since the beginning of 2025.

All of this is enabled by the continued support of one corrupt, illegitimate government for another. Did you vote for this?



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(<u>Upcoming action</u>: On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day, Trump wants a military parade in DC for his birthday. Indivisible and other groups are organizing demonstrations all over the country. To get information, go to: https://www.nokings.org/?SQF\_SOURCE=indivisible)