

5 reasons to keep our eyes on Palestine

(A Message from Jewish Voice for Peace)

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A ceasefire went into effect in Gaza one month ago... It remains critical to keep our eyes on Palestine. Here are five reasons why.

1. Nearly 900 Palestinians have been killed or wounded since October 11, when the ceasefire went into effect.

The Israeli government has violated the ceasefire deal nearly 300 times since it went into effect in October, bombing Gaza over 100 times and carrying out near-daily attacks that have killed at least 242 Palestinians and injured over 600 others. On only six of the last 31 days did Israel not attack, kill, or injure Palestinians in Gaza.

2. As a full-blown famine rages, Israel continues to block life-saving aid from reaching Palestinians.

Only half of the needed food aid is reaching Gaza, the World Food Programme has warned — an average of less than 200 trucks daily, far below the 600 trucks stipulated by the ceasefire agreement. No direct deliveries of aid have entered Gaza's devastated north in 75 days...

3. The World Bank says rebuilding Gaza will cost \$70 billion, and it's already endorsed U.S. plans for an international body to oversee reconstruction.

A U.S.-drafted U.N. Security Council Resolution, still under negotiation, would see the establishment in Gaza of a two-year transitional governing body, the so-called "Board of Peace," as well as an "international stabilization force..." *The ceasefire deal is designed to deny Palestinians self-determination. Now that the World Bank has endorsed Trump's plan, we can expect reconstruction focused on opening Gaza to American business interests — and laying the groundwork for attacks on the sovereignty of any future elected Palestinian government. (emphasis added.)*

4. Imperial violence inevitably finds its way back home.

What's happening in Palestine has a direct impact on the rights of people here in the U.S. The U.S.-backed, Israeli genocide in Gaza has made a mockery of international law, deepened the crisis of legitimacy for international institutions like the U.N., and laid the groundwork for an expansion of right-

wing populism across the globe, empowering the Trump regime to be bolder than ever in its attacks on human rights here at home...

That's exactly what we've seen: from the deployment of military-grade drones to surveil student activists, to the use of counterterrorism laws — originally conceived to target Palestinians — against Stop Cop City protesters, to the weaponization of "antisemitism" accusations to crush pro-Palestine speech, to ICE gaining access to Israeli-made spyware that can hack phones and encrypted apps...

5. The ceasefire did not end Israel's genocide of Palestinians; it marked a new phase of the genocide.

Israel continues to kill Palestinians with impunity in Gaza and across historic Palestine. In the last weeks, Israeli troops have carried out raids across the Occupied West Bank and settler violence has surged to record levels, with more attacks carried out in October than in any month since the UN began keeping track in 2006...

It should come as no surprise that the Trump regime remains determined to sell its ceasefire deal. The White House has claimed without evidence that the food aid entering Gaza meets the minimum threshold set by the ceasefire, even as Palestinians continue to starve. When Israel launched airstrikes that killed dozens of Palestinians in a single day — and then turned around 10 days later and did it again — Trump insisted that the ceasefire remained in place.

Though it brought temporary relief for many across Gaza, *Trump's ceasefire deal was always intended to allow Israel to continue to kill and dispossess Palestinians with impunity. It paves the way for Trump to remake the Middle East in his image: starting with the expansion of normalization deals between Israel and Arab states, wherein Israel's oppression of Palestinians is fully integrated into a new regional order designed to maintain Israeli occupation and apartheid.* Far from ending the genocide, the ceasefire has left Gaza's future hanging in the balance and given Israel cover to escalate its attacks on Palestinians across historic Palestine, making the work of our movements as urgent as ever. *(emphasis added.)*

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