

**Break all links with Israeli apartheid. Boycott Barclays, which invests in and gives loans to firms supplying the Israeli military directly or via the US. Demand the Merseyside Pension Fund divests. Demand the University of Liverpool ends financial and academic complicity with such firms.**



## **Israeli consensus cracking**

Netanyahu's rampage through Gaza faces continuing Palestinian resistance. Now cracks are appearing within Israel. First, Defense Minister Gallant declared that Israel could not impose a military or civilian government on Gaza. Army Chief of Staff Halevi attacked Netanyahu for failing to develop a "day after" strategy for who will rule Gaza after the war. The Army knows direct rule is unsustainable.

Then former General Benny Gantz, another member of the War Cabinet, demanded a six-point plan for "the day after" and threatened to pull out of the Coalition if no such plan emerged by 7 June.

Families of Israeli hostages continue to take to the streets and Israeli TV, demanding a ceasefire and hostage-exchange deal.

Over 1,400 Israeli academics and admin staff called on the government to end the war in Gaza without delay and ensure the immediate return of the hostages. They said the 7 October Hamas attack granted Israel "the right of self-defence against such acts within the limits of international law. However, this initial purpose has been exhausted, partly because the government [aims] for an undefined 'complete victory' which, even according to senior military officials, is not only unachievable but likely to result in the death of the hostages."

***We abhor all attacks on civilians. The slaughter of Israeli civilians on 7 October by Hamas, and some by Israeli forces, does not justify the massive ongoing Israeli slaughter of Palestinian civilians.***

## **No Equivalence**

The International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan is seeking arrest warrants for senior Hamas and Israeli officials for war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed in Hamas's 7 October attack and the ensuing war in Gaza. Predictably, Netanyahu has whipped up outrage at Israel being named alongside Hamas. In fact there is no equivalence, as Jonathan Cook explained ([www.jonathan-cook.net](http://www.jonathan-cook.net))

- Israeli war crimes have been ongoing for more than seven decades, long predating Hamas' creation.
- Israel has kept the Palestinians of Gaza caged into a concentration camp for the past 17 years, denying them connection to the outside world and the essentials of life. Hamas managed to attack a small part of Israel for one day, on October 7.
- For every Israeli killed by Hamas on October 7, Israel has slaughtered at least 35 times that number of Palestinians. Similar kill-ratios have been true for decades.
- Israel has laid waste to Gaza's entire health sector. It has bombed its hospitals, and killed, beaten and kidnapped many hundreds of medical personnel. Hamas has not attacked one Israeli hospital.



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