



As night fell on 15 Aug, settlers descended upon the West Bank village of Jit. Ibrahim Sitta told +972 mag “There were more than a hundred of them — masked and armed with guns and clubs. They smashed the windows of my two cars and threw gasoline inside, setting them alight along with the entrance to my home. We had nothing to protect ourselves with except stones.” The settlers burned three cars and four houses and shot dead 23-year-old IT technician Rashid Sidda, wounding five more. Soldiers were in Jit during the attack and did nothing to stop it.

UK arms embargo?

Labour restored funding to UNRWA and withdrew the Tory objection to the International Criminal Court proposed arrest warrants for Netanyahu and his Defence Minister Gallant.

Britain still arms Israel, directly and via the US. Diplomat Mark Smith resigned, saying the Foreign Office “may be complicit in war crimes” and there is “no justification for the UK’s continued arms sales to Israel...”

The UK remains silent as a wider war looms.

hostilities... welcomes the readiness of the United States, Egypt, and Qatar to work to **ensure negotiations keep going** until all the agreements are reached and phase two is able to begin”. Netanyahu insists Israel “will not end the war before achieving all its war objectives”. Hamas, briefed by Qatari and Egyptian negotiators, says Israel demanded “a written commitment from the Americans allowing the resumption of hostilities if so decided.”

Aid

The UN plan specifies, in **Phase 1**, “the safe and effective distribution of **humanitarian assistance at scale** throughout the Gaza Strip to all Palestinian civilians who need it”. In Blinken’s version, Hamas says, relief aid will be conditional on accepting the rest of the deal.

Prisoners

The UN plan specifies, in **Phase 1**, “the exchange of Palestinian prisoners”. Israel now intends to deport some on their release, and to exclude some high profile prisoners requested by Hamas. Some others freed in a prisoner and hostage swap in 2011 who were later rearrested, would also remain in prison.

◀ (continued from front)

Return to the North

The UN plan specifies “the return of Palestinian civilians to their homes and neighbourhoods in all areas of Gaza, **including in the north**”.

According to Hamas, in the Blinken plan Palestinians going north would be inspected when crossing the Netzarim corridor. This means the IDF would decide who is a civilian.

Permanent end to the war

The UN resolution stated “Phase 2: upon agreement of the parties, a **permanent end to**

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.



If you would like to support / join our work, please contact us:

Email: liverpoolfriendsofpalestine.20@gmail.com, web: fop.co.uk

FB: facebook.com/liverpoolpalestine, twitter: [@LiverpoolF78028](https://twitter.com/LiverpoolF78028)