

# Gaza

While the media focuses on Israel and Iran, the hidden genocidal war on Gaza is also escalating in tandem with incursions into Lebanon. On 2 October, *Al Jazeera* reported on attacks in the last 24 hours:

- At least 30 people were killed in southern Khan Younis; 25 in northern Gaza City; and at least 25 in central Gaza, according to figures announced by hospitals receiving the bodies.
- Among those killed in Khan Younis were 12 members of the same family after Israeli troops conducted an hours-long ground incursion backed by artillery fire.
- Residential buildings were destroyed while people sheltered inside. The Israeli army prevented paramedics and civil defence members from reaching the bombed sites.
- In western Gaza, Israeli forces attacked the al-Amal Institute for orphans, killing five people.

## After One Year

At least 41,689 people have been killed and 96,625 wounded in Israeli attacks on Gaza since 7 October 2023, the Health Ministry states, and over 10,000 are missing under the rubble.

The World Health Organisation reports that as of 25 September, there have been 516 attacks on health facilities – each a war crime – killing 765 and injuring 990, affecting 110 health facilities including 32 hospitals, affecting 115 ambulances including damage to 63.

- **Demand MPs accept the ICJ ruling and impose a two-way arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Demand Councillors end Merseyside Pension Fund investment in arms firms.**
- **Use [tinyurl.com/mppform1](https://www.tinyurl.com/mppform1).**
- **Boycott Barclays, which finances such firms.**
- **Break all links with Israeli apartheid and genocide.**

***We abhor all attacks on civilians. The slaughter of Israeli civilians on 7 October 2023 by Hamas, and some by Israeli forces, does not justify the massive ongoing Israeli slaughter of Palestinian civilians.***

# Britain

On 19 July, the **International Court of Justice** ruled the **entire Israeli occupation** of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem is **illegal**.

- Two weeks later, Foreign Office Minister Hamish Falconer faced MPs. Jeremy Corbyn asked if the Government accept the ICJ view, and “*what actions will they take to ensure that appropriate sanctions are taken against Israel, including ending arms supplies, to ensure that that judgment is carried out?*”

Falconer just said “*We will update the House when we are in a position to do so. In the meantime, sanctions will remain under review.*”

- On 2 September, Foreign Secretary David Lammy and Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds announced that around 30 licences for arms exports to Israel would be suspended. The other 320 such licences will continue. UK components for F-35 fighter jets will still go to the US. Many are then sent to Israel and used in bombing Gaza, as the Government knows.
- Labour banned the words “**apartheid**” and “**genocide**” from its Conference programme.
- Whilst Lebanon was bombed, Israel killed 558 in one day and assassinated Nasrallah. Starmer was silent. When Iran fired missiles in retaliation on 1 Oct, he found his voice.  
*“We stand with Israel and we recognise her right to self-defence in the face of this aggression,”* he said. **Lebanese and Palestinians have no such rights, it seems.**



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