

West Bank: a 15 month war

By the end of 2024 the war waged against the Palestinians in the Occupied Territories of East Jerusalem and the West Bank resulted in:

- Over 830 Palestinians including 169 children killed by Israeli Occupation Forces and settlers since 7 October 2023 according to the Palestinian Health Authority.
- Over 15,000 violent attacks by settlers against Palestinians recorded by the UN.
- Over 12,000 Palestinians arrested and imprisoned.
- 8,000 driven from their homes Jan '23 - Sep '24

Annexation

In July 2024, the International Court of Justice declared Israel's decades-long occupation of Palestinian land **illegal** and demanded the **evacuation of all existing settlements** in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, leader of the far-right Religious Zionism Party, calls for the annexation of the West Bank. On 7 January he said *"In Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and other areas, it is necessary to move from defence to offense and to carry out large-scale operations...until their complete destruction."*

PA betrayal

In December the Palestinian Authority (PA) launched a crackdown on a coalition of armed groups that call themselves the Jenin (Palestinian city in the West Bank) Brigades.

In an action coordinated with Israel they laid siege to the Jenin refugee camp on 5 December. On 28 December a journalism

student Shatha Sabbagh was shot in the head and killed by a PA sniper's bullet. She was just 21 years old, killed in the same refugee camp where veteran journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was assassinated by the Israeli regime in 2022.

The PA, led by President Abbas, was already unpopular among Palestinians dissatisfied by its rejection of armed struggle and its security co-ordination with Israel. Following the example of Israel the PA has also banned Al Jazeera to prevent reporting of its activities.

What You Can Do

- Raise the issues in **your union**. Affiliate to LFoP (see contact details) and PSC.
- **Join our weekly demos** Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.
- Tell **your MP** to demand an **end to complicity with genocide**, an **immediate full two-way arms embargo** on Israel, sign **EDM 164** re journalists and anti-terror legislation and **EDM 601** re Dr Abu Safiya, demand **arrest Netanyahu**.
- <https://doctorsagainstgenocide.org/>
- Demand the **Merseyside Pension Fund** end investments in arms firms supplying the Gaza genocide and funding illegal settlements. Email **Councillors** who manage the Fund: tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **Boycott Barclays**. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Coca-Cola** which operates on stolen Palestinian land. #NotInMyFridge.

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.



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