

Arab states 'no' to Trump



London 15 Feb national demo: Chris J Ratcliffe/Reuters

Israeli settlers and Netanyahu are ecstatic over Trump's plan for ethnic cleansing Gaza. Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE are preparing counter-proposals.

The five governments all reject Trump's plan for Palestinians to leave the Strip, never to return, as the US takes ownership and Gaza becomes the 'Riviera of the Middle East'.

Arab press reports before a regional summit on 21 February outlined an alternative Egyptian plan to rebuild Gaza with Gulf oil finance while Palestinians move temporarily to safe spaces within the Strip. But nowhere in Gaza is safe.

Over 130 people have been killed by Israeli attacks since the ceasefire began on 19 January. Lorry loads of tents and mobile homes needed for survival and bulldozers needed to clear rubble have queued up unable to enter Gaza, despite Israeli negotiators' promises.

Even if enough aid gets into Gaza and the ceasefire holds, there are unanswered questions.

Palestinians in Gaza have yet to say – **or be asked by those making plans for them** - how they wish to be governed during reconstruction. The Palestinian Authority (PA) is discredited in the West Bank where it is seen as policing the Occupation for Israel. The PA now offers itself as the sole authority to run Gaza. Hamas is willing for a non-partisan unity committee to govern during reconstruction but not to hand the Strip to the PA or to be excluded from Gaza's future.

Palestinian unity is yet to emerge, and Arab governments are divided on this issue. Israel remains poised to renew the genocide as demanded by settlers, emboldened by Trump.

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 sign **EDM 757** against the Trump plan, demand an **immediate full two-way arms embargo** on Israel, sign **EDM 164** re journalists and anti-terror legislation, oppose any moves to **annex the West Bank**.
- press for **Merseyside Pension Fund divestment** from arms trade. tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **Boycott Barclays**. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA**. Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1

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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