

Israel-US massacre Gaza

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GAZA CITY—I woke up at 3 a.m. on 18th March to the sound of a massive explosion above my head, shattering the silence of the night. For a moment, I felt like I had died. Suddenly, the screams of my five children pierced my ears. I couldn't tell whether we were alive or dead and buried under the rubble.

Going to die?

“Mama! Are we going to die?” my terrified 12-year-old daughter, Saida, asked me. I couldn't answer. I was in shock.

I grabbed my three-year-old daughter, Masak, in my arms, and my husband carried our five-year-old daughter, Hour. Our three other children—12-year-old Saida, 10-year-old Zein, and 8-year-old Sham—were close behind us as we ran out of the house, not knowing if we were escaping death or racing toward it.

Outside, we saw our neighbours' house—the Jamasi family—reduced to a pile of rubble. It had taken a direct hit.

We stood in shock watching paramedics and civil defense teams pulling them out of the ruins. They retrieved 11 people from the house. Five were dead, including an eight-year-old girl named Siwar. She was playing outside her house the day before. Now she was gone.



A woman sits on the ruins of a house in the Nuseirat refugee camp destroyed by Israel on 18 March, 2025. (Photo by Moiz Salhi/Anadolu via Getty Images)

Israel's full-scale bombing killed at least 410 people the first night. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt stated on 17th March “*The Trump administration and the White House were consulted by the Israelis on their attacks in Gaza tonight.*”

A ground invasion on 20 March killed 110 throughout Gaza, and tanks returned to the Netzarim Corridor which cuts Gaza in half.

In early March Israel cut off food, fuel, medicines, water and electricity, breaking international law again. The US said nothing.

Dr. Abdul-Qader Weshah, a senior emergency doctor at Al-Awda Hospital in Al-Nuseirat camp, said “*Gaza's hospitals are devoid of everything, including basic necessities like disinfectants and gauze. We don't have enough beds or capacity to treat the wounded. The hospital is in an unprecedented state of chaos.*”

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator coordinator Tom Fletcher told the Security Council “*Israeli authorities have cut off all lifesaving supplies. Food is rotting and medicines are expiring. Israel has cut power to southern Gaza's desalination plant, limiting access to clean water for 600,000 people. Vegetable prices in north Gaza have tripled. Six bakeries subsidized by the World Food Programme have closed due to shortages of cooking gas.*”

Rewriting the Script

The blockade, massacre and invasion aim to impose a new script for the ‘ceasefire’. Just before Trump took office in January, Israel and Hamas signed a comprehensive agreement, backed by all Palestinian resistance groups and guaranteed by Egypt, Qatar and the US. **Phase 1** began a ceasefire which was to lead to **Phase 2**, releasing all remaining Israeli captives. ►