

Gaza war crimes spread

Eight paramedics, six civil defence workers and a UN staffer were slaughtered by Israel in Rafah on 23 March whilst on duty. Killing healthworkers is a war crime.

Nine children were killed in an Israeli air strike on a UN clinic on 1 April. Targeting civilians is a war crime.

Israeli forces are active along the southern border with Egypt, in Rafah, in Khan Yunis, along the Netzarim Corridor which cuts Gaza in half, in Gaza City, and in Jabalia. Israel controls the "border zone" which comprises 17% of the Strip.

Over 1000 Palestinians have been killed since Israel broke the ceasefire, killing 183 children on 18 March.

On 2 March, Israel cut off all food, fuel, water, electricity and medicines. The total siege remains in force. Collective punishment is a war crime.



Funeral of eight paramedics from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, murdered by Israel on duty in Rafah 23 March. AP photo: Abdel Kareem Hana

Israel originally claimed it aimed to pressure Hamas to agree a new ceasefire proposal cooked up with the US after Israel refused to implement the agreement it signed in January.

Israel's domestic intelligence chief Ronen Bar says Prime Minister Netanyahu's "true intention was to conduct negotiations without reaching an actual deal". Now Bar is being sacked.

Real agenda: clear out all Palestinians

Netanyahu's real agenda is Donald Trump's plan, to clear out all Palestinians and redevelop Gaza as a "Riviera" with beachfront hotels. Israel has already agreed an agency to oversee "voluntary emigration".

But Palestinians don't want to leave their homeland. Ethnic cleansing is a war crime. So far, no country is prepared to accept any Palestinians kicked out of Gaza.

The US funds, arms, and supports Israel in this programme. Labour could impose a full arms embargo, cutting the supply of components and weapons which kill kids and medics. They probably won't. We can't wait for them.

Oscar winner attacked and arrested

On 24 March masked Israeli settlers attacked the West Bank village of Susya. Three wounded Palestinians were arrested, including Hamdan Billal, director of the Oscar-winning *No Other Land*.

For a change the media agreed this was a racist attack.