

Israel to invade Gaza again

As Gaza starves, Israel threatens a new invasion and permanent occupation. Gaza descends into hell. Labour backs Trump's envoy and continues arms shipments.

On 5 May, the Israeli cabinet approved a plan to invade Gaza yet again and force Palestinians into a so-called 'safe area' in southern Gaza. Private US security staff would distribute food after vetting.

The invasion relies on a call-up of reservists, thousands of whom have signed open letters demanding a ceasefire.

The plan is on hold until after Trump's trip to the Middle East.

The UN and aid agencies denounced it as *"designed to reinforce control over life-sustaining items as a pressure tactic — as part of a military strategy. It is dangerous, driving civilians into militarized zones to collect rations, threatening lives, including those of humanitarian workers, while further entrenching forced displacement."*



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Al-Mawasi 'safe zone' after F-35 jets attack on 13 July 2024, killing 90

The far-right Settler movement behind Netanyahu's coalition government, is overjoyed. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, a self-declared fascist, vowed *"Gaza will be entirely destroyed"* and Palestinians will *"leave in great numbers to third countries"*. Ethnic cleansing in Gaza would realise the fantasies of Daniella Weiss, exposed in the BBC 2 documentary *"The Settlers"*, who leads a Zionist movement to recolonise Gaza.

BBC 2 Louis Theroux documentary *"The Settlers"*
<https://tinyurl.com/isettle1>

Hamas demands a full end to the war; Labour backs overturn of signed ceasefire agreement

In January, incoming President Trump pressured Israel to sign a ceasefire agreement, signed also by Hamas and guaranteed by Egypt, Qatar and the US. Its 'Phase 2' included full Israeli military withdrawal from Gaza. Israel refused to discuss Phase 2.

Within weeks Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff came up with a new temporary ceasefire plan that left Israel free to resume the war after two months. Israel ended all humanitarian aid on 2 March and resumed heavy bombing two weeks later.

On 6 May Foreign Office minister Hamish Falconer opposed the new invasion plan, demanding free access for the UN and aid agencies. But Falconer endorsed Witkoff's scheme. He also claimed UK components for F-35 jets reaching Israel via the US couldn't be stopped as *"we do not know their final destination"*.