

Israel to trap Gaza with bait

Gaza is hell on earth. The Medical Director of Al-Awda hospital in northern Gaza, told the BBC the hospital is “*totally under siege*” and a quadcopter drone is “*shooting in the surroundings of the hospital*”. Without oxygen, “*women will have to give birth on the street*”.

Gaza is starving. The UN says “*Without immediate action, nearly a quarter of the population could be pushed into famine. Food aid must be allowed into Gaza now to prevent a catastrophe.*”

World-wide outrage led Israel to allow a trickle of UN aid as PR while expanding the slaughter. UN trucks entered Gaza but Israel delayed deliveries.

The aim is ethnic cleansing. Netanyahu told an Israeli Parliamentary committee on 12 May that the “*only inevitable*



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli airstrike on a medical clinic, in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip May 15. REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa

outcome will be the wish of Gazans to emigrate outside of the Gaza Strip”. To that end, Israel has a new aid distribution plan, denounced by the UN and international aid agencies.

Food as bait to cleanse Gaza

The new “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation” backed by Israel and the US will coordinate with the Israeli military, with security provided by US private military contractors. Distribution points are planned in southern Gaza by the border with Egypt, and in an Army zone by the Netzarim corridor (see map).

An Israeli Army Radio report on 19 May stated “*anyone coming from the north to the distribution center in the Netzarim Corridor will not be able to return to the north of the corridor. It will be a one-way ticket, which forces Gazans to go down to the south of the Netzarim Corridor if they want to get the food.*”

This means food is bait to entice starving Palestinians to leave their homes in northern Gaza, forever. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, who calls himself a “*fascist homophobe*”, says that after the population is relocated to the south of the Strip, it will be relocated abroad “*as part of President Trump’s plan.*”

Who knows? But NBC News reports US officials are talking with war-torn Libya about taking a million Gazan refugees.

Gestures, or an Arms Embargo?

Starmer and Lammy rightly fear being blamed for the Gaza catastrophe and may be genuinely angry. If they want to stop it, a full arms embargo including components for US-made F-35 jets sent to Israel is long overdue. Anything less is hypocrisy.

