

# Israel Blocks Ceasefire, Keeps Killing

**Trump and Netanyahu claim Hamas is blocking a ceasefire deal. Actually, Israel tore up the US-backed ceasefire agreement signed in January, blocked all aid from 2 March and resumed heavy bombing on 18 March.**

In late May, Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff met with Hamas and seemed to reach agreement on a new ceasefire plan. But when Israel rejected it, Witkoff announced yet another plan and told Hamas to accept it. Palestinian resistance groups responded with their own offer. Witkoff turned it down flat.

## Some Key Points

Israel wants captives released without ending the war or withdrawing from Gaza. The far-right which holds power in Netanyahu's Coalition wants to expel Palestinians from Gaza, and promote illegal Jewish settlements to take their place. The Israeli-US plan fits this agenda. A few of the key points:

- **Hamas offer:** while Palestinian resistance forces hold their fire, negotiations for a complete end to the genocide will continue beyond a 60-day initial truce, guaranteed by the U.S., Egypt and Qatar. **Israeli-US plan:** 60-day ceasefire with no automatic extension. Talks and truce may only continue if both sides agree and are "negotiating in good faith."

- **Hamas offer:** immediate resumption of aid deliveries as per the original January ceasefire deal, and guarantees that the flow of aid — distributed primarily by the UN and Red Crescent — will not be shut off by Israel as long as negotiations continue. **Israeli-US plan:** Aid would enter "immediately" and the UN and Red Crescent would be involved with distribution, but no mention

of fuel, construction materials, or a total lifting of the Gaza blockade. No clarity on the future role of the U.S.-Israeli "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation" which runs the new militarised aid centres.

- **Hamas offer:** immediate and complete halt to all Israeli military activity in Gaza and an initial withdrawal of Israeli troops to their positions prior to 2 March. **Israeli-US plan:** Only "offensive" Israeli military operations would stop <sup>spied on Gaza</sup> <sup>lammy</sup>
- **Hamas offer:** Hamas would relinquish its governance of Gaza to an independent technical committee of Palestinians to administer all affairs and to coordinate reconstruction. **Israeli-US plan:** no mention of Palestinian governance of Gaza.

**This leaves Israel in direct control of Gaza.**

## What You Can Do

- **Tell your MP to condemn Israeli invasion, demand full access for the UN and aid agencies, and a comprehensive arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Email David Lammy** [tinyurl.com/dlammy2](mailto:tinyurl.com/dlammy2)
- **Demos** Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.
- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund** to divest from arms firms supplying Israel and Israeli banks: [tinyurl.com/mppfform1](http://tinyurl.com/mppfform1)
- **Boycott Barclays.** Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJM.U.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter [tinyurl.com/tevalet1](http://tinyurl.com/tevalet1)

***The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7<sup>th</sup> October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7<sup>th</sup> October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.***



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