

# Why Gaza killings continue

Why isn't there a ceasefire in Gaza, after over 60,000 deaths, mass starvation, ongoing killings?

**Short answer:** because Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu doesn't want one. Continuing the war keeps him out of prison for corruption. His coalition includes far-right Zionist settler parties who want to resettle Gaza after Palestinians leave "voluntarily". The US and UK have let Netanyahu carry on.

**Longer answer:** Indirect talks between Israel and Hamas, on behalf of all sections of the Palestinian resistance, involve Qatar, Egypt and the US. They are stuck on three issues:

**Aid:** Hamas wants the UN to control aid deliveries with the Palestinian Red Crescent, and the 'Gaza Humanitarian Foundation' to be disbanded. Israel still sticks by the discredited GHF.

**Withdrawal:** Israel insists its forces remain on corridors inside the entire Gaza border, particularly the 'Philadelphi' corridor bordering Egypt. Hamas wants the Rafah crossing with Egypt reopened for trade and travel, and a phased withdrawal of forces from 'Philadelphi' complete by Day 50 of the truce.

**Prisoners:** 2,000 Palestinians were rounded up in Gaza since October 2023, for Israel to bargain over

## Palestine Action can challenge ban under Terrorism Act 2000

On 30 July, Mr Justice Chamberlain gave Palestine Action permission for a Judicial Review in November. PA remains proscribed until then, and supporters risk arrest.

Chamberlain agreed the ban might conflict with rights to free speech and the Home Secretary could have consulted PA before going ahead. He refused permission for the Home Office to appeal.

The Home Office tried to block the JR by suggesting an internal review probably next year.

The government began debating a ban on PA after the break-in at Elbit Systems in Bristol last August. The police knew a ban could look like "state repression". The Foreign Office warned it would be seen as an attack on the British Muslim community. Yvette Cooper went ahead anyway.

exchanges. Some have been tortured, some have died. There are 10,000 more Palestinians facing torture in Israeli jails. Israel offered to release around half of the Gaza prisoners, but a full formula for the prisoner-captive exchanges is yet to be agreed.

## What You Can Do

- **Tell your MP to call out genocide, condemn the Gaza invasion, demand full access for the UN and aid agencies, and a total arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Demand the proscription of Palestine Action is reversed immediately**
- **Email David Lammy [tinyurl.com/dlammy2](mailto:tinyurl.com/dlammy2)**
- **Demos Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.**
- **Tell Merseyside Pension Fund to divest from arms firms supplying Israel and Israeli banks: [tinyurl.com/mpfform1](https://tinyurl.com/mpfform1)**
- **Boycott Barclays.** Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter [tinyurl.com/tevalet1](https://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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