

Israel blocks ceasefire again

On 26 August, the Israeli Security Cabinet was expected to discuss the ceasefire offer tabled by the mediators Egypt and Qatar, and accepted by Hamas. The offer involved significant concessions.

Hamas dropped its demand that Israel withdraw entirely from the Philadelphi corridor running along the border with Egypt in southern Gaza. It agreed to remove language to prevent the U.S.-Israeli "aid" scheme run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) from remaining in Gaza after a ceasefire. Over 2,000 Palestinians have been killed seeking aid since the GHF took over distribution in May.

Hamas consented to proposed Israeli "buffer zones" already encircling Gaza that would extend deeper into the enclave, in some cases agreeing to points that stretch 1,500 metres inside the territory.

The Israeli Cabinet did not discuss the new offer.

Former US State Dept official Matt Miller told Israeli TV Channel 13 that previously *"There were times we very much wanted to go public and make clear that we thought the prime minister was being completely intransigent and making it tougher to get a deal."*

When Biden announced his 3-phase plan to end the war, *"We told the government of Israel only an hour or two before the speech because, frankly, we [had]*

Israeli war resister speaks out

My name is Ayana Gerstmann, I'm 18 years old, and Israeli law dictates that I must enlist. I have decided to refuse to enlist.

I cannot be silent in a society silence took over. Israeli society is not ready to acknowledge the atrocities its army is committing against innocents, because people know that once they do, they will be unable to deal with the guilt.

Throughout the war I hear the phrase "there are no innocents in Gaza" countless times. I see people that wholeheartedly believe that even the youngest of Gaza's children isn't innocent, and therefore will be given no mercy. I want to say: a child is always innocent!

I am no longer a child. If I stay silent now that I'm aware of the suffering inflicted upon millions by the army, I will be complicit in the crime.

spent the last few months seeing the government of Israel, at times, try and sabotage an approach to get to a ceasefire, and we were determined not to let that happen here."

Israel is the only obstacle to a ceasefire, again.

What You Can Do

- **Tell your MP to call out genocide, condemn the Gaza invasion, demand full access for the UN and aid agencies, comprehensive sanctions, a total arms embargo on Israel**
- **Demand the proscription of Palestine Action is reversed immediately**
- **Email David Lammy 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**
- **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

The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7th 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 7th October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7th October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.



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