

# Trump and Israel conspire on Gaza

Every since Trump took office in January, the US has allowed Israel to tear up agreements and break international law, or conspired with them to do so.

In January, Hamas and Israel signed an agreement guaranteed by the mediators and the US, for a ceasefire, exchange of captives and prisoners, delivery of humanitarian aid from the UN and international agencies, negotiations for a full Israeli withdrawal, reconstruction of Gaza.

Israel never negotiated withdrawal. In February Trump announced his "Riviera of the Middle East", minus Palestinians. On 2 March Israel imposed a complete blockade, later causing famine. On 18 March it resumed full-on bombing. Israel bypassed the UN to launch the "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation", where Gazans have been killed queuing for food. The plan was cooked up by the Boston Consulting Group and funded in the US.

Recently, Trump met Blair to decide Gaza's post-war future. Then he issued his "Final Offer" to end the war. It was certainly cleared with – and probably written by – Israel. It demanded:

- within 48 hours Hamas and other resistance groups would release all Israeli captives, living and deceased. In return, Israel would free an

**unspecified number** of "Palestinian prisoners sentenced to life and detainees from Gaza".

- "A ceasefire will go into effect upon implementation, for a period of 60 days or until negotiations are concluded. President **Trump will guarantee** that the parties negotiate in good faith until an agreement is reached."
- The outline proposes the "disarmament" of Gaza and "the formation of a new government," saying that **the withdrawal of Israeli forces would be addressed only after a new governing authority is installed or negotiations are completed.**
- "Open flow of aid into Gaza upon implementation of the agreement," without specifying **how much, who would distribute it, or what types of goods.**

## No guarantees

The offer meant no guarantee that Israel will withdraw from Gaza, or that the UN and international aid agencies would have free access, or that thousands of Gazan civilians kidnapped and transported to Israeli prisons would be released.

The offer may have been designed for Hamas to refuse, and be blamed. Hamas did not refuse. It was about to respond when Israel tried to assassinate the negotiators, closing the door on diplomacy.

## What You Can Do

- **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
- **Demand the proscription of Palestine Action is reversed immediately**
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter [tinyurl.com/tevalet1](https://tinyurl.com/tevalet1)
- **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**

*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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