

# Gaza genocide made in USA

**“In Gaza City, I have surrendered to an unknown fate”**

*Palestinian journalist Rasha Abou Jalal writes from her tent.*

We refuse to move south.

Like so many others I have ended up in a tent, the enduring symbol of displacement. I am camped out on the rubble with my husband and five children in western Gaza City.

The merciless Israeli military machine is bearing down on us, getting closer every day and there is nothing we can do. But we won't leave here.

We were displaced to southern Gaza before—it was a bitter experience that lasted 15 months. Not long ago, we were living in my friend's house in northern Gaza City. Our home was destroyed by Israel a few weeks into the war. My friend fled to Egypt in December 2023.

Now the Israeli military has begun to implement Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to invade, seize, and ethnically cleanse Gaza City and force over a million Palestinians southward.

On August 19, as the bombs and shells rained down and the tanks and troops approached, we were forced to leave my friend's house and move into this tent that my husband set up on the ruins of our destroyed home in western Gaza City...



*Palestinians run for cover during an Israeli air raid on Mushtaha Tower in Gaza City 5 September. [Yousef al-Zanoun/AP Photo]*

## Israeli strike on Qatar ends ceasefire talks

Israel's attempted assassination of the Hamas negotiating team in Doha, the capital of Qatar, broke international law and ended any illusion that a ceasefire or withdrawal was on offer in Gaza.

Qatar and Egypt have acted as mediators for every previous failed diplomatic attempt to end the genocide. But this time, the US bypassed both countries to deliver its “Final Offer” – an ultimatum to Hamas to surrender – in early September.

As the Hamas team prepared their response, Israeli F-35 jets flew for an attack. It missed the leaders but killed five others and a Qatari official. That same day, the IDF ordered a million Palestinians to evacuate Gaza City and head south to al-Mawasi, the “humanitarian zone” it has bombed repeatedly.

Trump claims he heard of the attack on Qatar, a US ally which hosts the largest US military base in the Middle East, too late to stop it. But he said eliminating Hamas is “a worthy goal”. The US and Israel have conspired to wreck diplomacy time and again. ►

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My 13-year-old daughter Saida asked me: “*Can we return to Gaza City if we are displaced south once more?*”

I had no answer. Many people feel that if they leave this city, they will be expelled from the Gaza Strip forever. I no longer have the strength to make the right decisions. There are no right decisions to make. I have surrendered to an unknown fate.