

Gaza ceasefire not a peace plan

Amid the continuing genocide Palestinians have still managed to negotiate, this time directly with the USA rather than with Israel.

On 29 September Trump issued a 20-point ceasefire plan. He secured the support of several Middle East states but then made changes to suit Israel before announcing it.

Israel immediately agreed to the plan, clearly hoping that Hamas would reject it and that the genocide could continue.

Hamas replied on 3 October, agreeing to return all hostages and agreeing to an impartial government for Gaza, but making clear that longer-term questions must be dealt with on an all-Palestine basis.

To the surprise and obvious disappointment of the Israelis, Trump continued the talks. On 10 October an agreement was signed by Trump, Hamas and Israel.

On 13 October Israeli and Palestinian hostages were released and a big international jamboree in Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh announced that 'the war is over'.

Palestinians meantime started flooding back to where their homes used to be and began to put their lives back together.



Palestinian families return to what remains of their homes in the Sheikh Radwan area of Gaza city, 11.10.25. Photo Yousef Zannoun/Activestills

The struggle for justice is not over.

THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS....

****** There is a ceasefire in Gaza - but 70,000 Palestinians have been killed, over 70% of them women and children. Many tens of thousands more are missing or buried under rubble.

****** Humanitarian aid trucks are getting into Gaza – but many fewer than promised and only after more than 450 Palestinians have starved to death. Medical supplies are starting to reverse the destruction of the medical system in Gaza. The Israeli-American 'Gaza Humanitarian Foundation' has folded.

****** Hostages and prisoners have been released – but not Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti. 1700 had been kidnapped from Gaza and held in torture camps without trial. 250 were political prisoners serving life or long sentences: 158 of these have now been exiled to Egypt away from their families.

****** Israeli troops have withdrawn from part of occupied Gaza - but only from half the territory.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

No one should trust Trump or Netanyahu. Israel has a consistent history of breaking ceasefires, most recently on 18 March. Netanyahu as always feels he has to stop his far right ministers resigning. Trump is renowned for changing his mind.

There are many things that can go wrong with this deal....