

Controlling Gaza and West Bank

The US and Israel plough on with plans to reconstruct Gaza in the areas still occupied by the IDF. Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner confirmed reconstruction will begin only in areas of Gaza under Israeli control, saying "no reconstruction funds will be going into areas that Hamas still controls". Project plans will be reviewed by Trump and the "Board of Peace", set to involve Tony Blair.

Netanyahu appointed US-Israeli venture capitalist Michael Eisenberg as the Israeli rep on the US Army's Civil-Military Coordination Center, which will involve 200 US troops along with Egyptian, Qatari, Turkish and probably Emirati military officials.

Eisenberg helped to set up the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, GHF. Around a thousand Palestinians were killed near GHF sites seeking food and the GHF is now in limbo with the ceasefire.

West Bank

While the world watches Gaza, Israel continues moves to take over the entire West Bank. A prime target is the annual olive harvest, which is central to the Palestinian way of life and economic survival.

The pattern is consistent and relentless. Israelis living in illegal settlement towns attack farmers in their fields. If the farmers resist, soldiers arrive and arrest them. Settler gangs are also attacking whole

villages to drive out entire communities from their homes, again with soldiers in support and sometimes taking part.

The Olives of Palestine: speech by Haneen

Every autumn families rise before dawn to harvest their olives. Their trees are our roots. Each olive branch carries the story of generations.

But this year, once again, our season of life has become a season of assault. Settlers storm our fields. They beat farmers and steal olives.

Trees have been chain-sawed, uprooted. Villagers are prevented from reaching groves that have stood for a thousand years. Since this harvest began, over 150 attacks have been recorded. Thousands of olive trees ripped from the earth by hands of hate.

The Israeli occupation blocks roads, locks gates, denies permits. Families watch from behind barbed wire as their olives rot on the ground.

And yet, amid the despair, the Palestinian farmer stands firm. Every olive tree that survives is an act of resistance — a quiet, powerful reminder that this land still belongs to those who nurture it.

**Free the land. Free the farmers.
Free Palestine!**

Zaytoun olive oil is on sale from LFoP

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
- **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
- **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 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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