

Gaza: It's far from over

When Gaza drops out of the news, you might think “at least things are getting back to normal now with the ceasefire...” Nothing could be further from the truth.

Phase One

Since the “ceasefire” began on 11 October, Israel has killed at least at least 240 Palestinians in Gaza. On 28 October, a wave of air strikes wiped out entire families, killing 104. Many of the Gaza “ceasefire” victims have been children. Three Israelis died, two when their bulldozer ran over an unexploded roadside bomb in Rafah, occupied Gaza.

Israeli troops occupy 53% of the Strip. Gazans trying to go home were gunned down when nearing an invisible boundary. When the “yellow line” was finally marked out, it cut deeper into Gaza than agreed.

The media focuses on the bodies of half a dozen Israelis, due for return. Thousands of Palestinian bodies lie buried in the rubble. Bulldozers and cranes can't enter. Israel made Rafah a closed military zone and the border stays shut.

Aid Blocked

The UN and international aid agencies were supposed to deliver 600 trucks per day. Only about 171 per day have been allowed in. In 3 weeks only about 100 fuel trucks entered,



The Al-Hatto family moved back to their house in Gaza City during the ceasefire, and found they were living with a 2000lb bomb. No-one knows if it will go off. There is no one to defuse or remove the monster. Gazan engineers have been slaughtered. The Mk-84 bomb was made by General Dynamics. The Merseyside Pension Fund invests £225,000 in them.

far below the 50 per day agreed. Israel bars any aid agency with an employee who published a call to boycott Israel in the last 7 years. It demands agencies hand over the names of all of their Palestinian staff. International aid agencies refuse as anyone they name is likely to be targeted and shot by Israeli soldiers.

Israel claims UNRWA, the main UN body which could deliver aid, is infiltrated by Hamas. On 22 Oct the International Court of Justice found no evidence of this, and ordered Israel to allow the free flow of aid including via UNRWA. The US denounced the ICJ.

Samaritan's Purse

Now the US is promoting an evangelical Christian organisation “Samaritan's Purse” to deliver aid. The Purse is run by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. Purse staff must sign a statement against homosexuality, and Franklin Graham has called Islam a “wicked religion”. His plan for an evangelical rally in Liverpool was turned down after protests in 2020.

Phase Two: Disarmament...

Trump wants to call the Gaza nightmare a “ceasefire” and move on to reconstruction and disarmament. He wants it managed by Arab troops under US control. Egypt demands a UN resolution first. The US proposes two years of a foreign military presence and the disarmament of Hamas before some contingent of Palestinians might be permitted to take over. No-one is talking about disarming the group that killed 68,000 Palestinians: Israel, armed by the US, Britain... and still occupying Gaza. ►