

Israel continues West Bank attacks

In late November two Palestinian men emerged from a building in the occupied West Bank with their arms raised and their shirts lifted, clearly indicating they were unarmed and posed no threat. Israeli border police then killed them in cold blood, and it was all on video. The UN demanded investigations, calling it "yet another apparent summary execution". Summary execution is a war crime under the Geneva Convention and international law.

Throughout the month, at least five West Bank villages were targeted as settlers set Palestinian homes, cars, and a mosque alight while the army delayed emergency vehicles.

Bethlehem

In one attack, shortly after Israeli authorities carried out a rare evacuation of an illegal settler outpost, dozens of settlers stormed the eastern edge of Jaba, a Palestinian village near Bethlehem. They arrived by car, then fanned out on foot in coordinated groups, torching property and spraying graffiti reading, "Death to Arabs", "Revenge", "A Jew doesn't evict a Jew".



Damage following an Israeli settler attack in the village of Abu Falah near Ramallah, in the West Bank, 8 Nov 2025. (Flash90)

Annexation

Trump and his senior officials have publicly denounced the Israeli government vote to annex the West Bank. But they left a loophole. When Secretary of State Marco Rubio flew in to rebuke the vote, he declared "That's not something we can be supportive of *right now*". Before the vote, Trump declared "*It won't happen. It won't happen because I gave my word to the Arab countries. And you can't do that now... Israel would lose all of its support from the United States if that happened.*"

How long before Trump recognises annexation?

What You Can Do

- Join LFoP via our website lfop.co.uk
- Demos Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral
- Tell Merseyside Pension Fund to divest from arms firms supplying Israel and Israeli banks: tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA. Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1

- Demand the proscription of Palestine Action is reversed immediately
- Boycott Barclays. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU
- 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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