

'War is Peace': Trump's Gaza colony

US plans for a "Riviera of the Middle East", floated and then abandoned a year ago, are back with a vengeance.

On 22 January, Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner told world leaders in Davos that Gaza would be rebuilt with hi-tech industry and tower blocks by the sea, funded by massive private sector investment.

The US is set to take full control of Gaza with a Board of Peace (BoP) and two Executive Boards. The first will handle diplomacy and attract investors. The other will instruct Palestinian technocrats coping with the ruins of genocide after 70,000 deaths and thousands buried under the Gaza rubble.

No Palestinians drew up the plans and none sit on the BoP or Executive Boards. But Kushner, Trump advisor Steve Witkoff, White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, US billionaire Marc Rowan and Tony Blair sit on both Execs. The BoP, chaired by Trump, includes indicted international war criminal Netanyahu himself. A leaked draft resolution of the BoP gives the first Exec Board,



Khan Younis 22 January after Israel killed 3 Palestinian journalists

Facts on the ground

- The Gaza "ceasefire" began on 10 October. Since then Palestinians have obeyed the ceasefire almost entirely. The IDF killed 488, including over 100 children, whilst 3 IDF died.
- The IDF was supposed to withdraw behind a "yellow line". The line has extended beyond the agreed position to give Israel control over 53% of Gaza with 48 military bases, 13 of them new. The IDF is digging in for a long stay.
- The Rafah crossing to Egypt was supposed to open in both directions but stayed shut. Israel insists it will exclude aid trucks, and Israel will vet pedestrians before they cross.
- Humanitarian Aid was supposed to be restored. Only half of what is needed was allowed into Gaza. Displaced families in flimsy tents face winter weather and hypothermia.

including US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the power to revise all civil and criminal laws in Gaza. The International Stabilization Force led by U.S. Major General Jasper Jeffers will patrol "Humanitarian zones" and "controlled civilian-protection corridors" with restricted access.

The Endgame: replace the United Nations

The Charter of the BoP proclaims "*the courage to depart from approaches and institutions that have too often failed*" and "*lasting peace takes root when people are empowered to take ownership and responsibility over their future*" (unlike Gaza, which is never mentioned in the Charter!). The BoP is "*an international organization that seeks to promote stability, restore dependable and lawful governance, and secure enduring peace in areas affected or threatened by conflict*". **The BoP will roam the world to impose US gun law.** Outside the Middle East, few countries are signed up to Trump's gambit to replace the UN.



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