

Israel: Lebanon is Gaza 2.0

Israel has a long history of invading and occupying Lebanon. The 1982 invasion led to the massacre of 3,000 old men, women and children in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps (carried out by Lebanese fascist Christian Phalange with Israeli soldiers assisting).

Today Israel occupies Southern Lebanon, forcing the population North of the Litani river. It is systematically destroying all the border towns and all the bridges that link North and South.

Treating Lebanon like Gaza

Those following the Gaza genocide will see the similarities. Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz even said that '*South Lebanon should be dealt with just like Gaza*'. Thousands of civilians are dead and over a million are displaced. Just as in Gaza, journalists and health workers are deliberately targeted – in defiance of the Geneva Convention – and there is widespread destruction of houses and communities.

Forced Negotiations

The Lebanese President, Joseph Aoun, who was supported during his election by the US, now faces pressure from the US and Israel to negotiate a ceasefire directly with Israel in the first direct meeting since 1983.

The main demand of Israel and the US is for the Lebanese government to disarm Hezbollah. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio proposes to establish 'vetted units' within the Lebanese Army for this purpose. But Hezbollah are part of Lebanon. Any attempt to disarm them will lead to civil war. **Israel's aim is to destroy yet another neighbour.**



An Israeli soldier takes a sledgehammer to a crucifix in Southern Lebanon, April 2026.

Israel's Knesset (Parliament) has passed a law making the death penalty mandatory for (only) Palestinians convicted of '*causing death with the goal of denying the existence of the state of Israel*'. Will the Israeli Supreme Court feel able to strike down this racist move?

What You Can Do

- **Tell your MP: condemn Israeli massacres and the Trump plan for Gaza, demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Demo Sun 7 June 2pm Catholic Cathedral.**
- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund divestment: tinyurl.com/mpfform1**
- **Boycott Barclays.** Leaflet outside Lord Street branch Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1

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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