

Israeli 'Plan B' to seize Gaza

Iran and Lebanon are front page news. But in the shadows, Israel has killed over 920 Palestinians in Gaza since the "ceasefire" agreement last October. New plans will split Gaza and encourage people to leave — ethnic cleansing once again.

Voluntary emigration

In March, Israel's Security Cabinet approved Defence Minister Israel Katz's proposal to facilitate "voluntary emigration". Katz recently said it would happen *"at the proper time and in the proper manner"*. The signed "ceasefire" agreement says nothing of the sort. But the agreement is being rewritten.

Israeli PM Netanyahu has now told his military to take 70% of Gaza, rather than withdraw to 53% before negotiating to end the occupation, as agreed.

Splitting Gaza

In May, Trump's "Board of Peace" (BoP) floated a new gambit. The new BoP plan will consolidate Israeli control of eastern Gaza, bring in the US-led International Stabilisation Force along with the Palestinian technocratic government which has been confined to Cairo up to now. Reconstruction will begin only in this Israeli area. The BoP will then encourage Palestinians to leave the coast to live under Israeli rule in the East. Unless Katz gets them to leave Gaza!



Fatma Ubeyd, a 95-year-old Palestinian survivor of the 1948 Nakba when over 750,000 Palestinians were expelled or fled as Israel was created, sits in a makeshift shelter in Gaza City. Her home was destroyed by recent Israeli military strikes. Photo: Abdalhkem Abu Riash/Anadolu/Getty Images

"They don't know what a ceasefire is"

Israeli airstrikes and drone attacks in late May / early June alone killed several dozen Palestinians including women and children in Gaza City, northern Gaza, Al-Mawasi and the beachfront at Gaza Port... The US and UK governments do not blame Israel for *"refusing to disarm"*. Instead, an international chorus including Trump's Board of Peace blames Hamas for *"refusing to disarm"*.

In the signed "ceasefire" agreement, negotiations on Palestinian weapons were to begin **after** the release of captives (*they were freed*), **after** Israel withdrew to a "yellow line" (*it continued attacks beyond the line*), **after** the Rafah-Egypt border crossing opened (*it closed when Israel / US attacked Iran*) and **after** humanitarian aid resumed (*under half the agreed level turned up*). Rather than implement the agreement's Phase 1 and then move on to discuss weapons, Israel and the US chose to bypass it and blame Hamas.

Who could profit if 'Plan B' goes through?

Israeli tech entrepreneur and former intelligence officer Liran Tancman is an unpaid adviser to the BoP. He was involved in the disastrous Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, scrapped after 1200+ Palestinians were killed seeking food from its sites. He leads a BoP proposal to launch a US\$-backed cryptocurrency to "facilitate digital payments" and reconstruction. Trump has cryptocurrency interests too. The scheme would take reconstruction outside the ordinary currency system and threaten the Palestinian economy.