

**Talking points for attaching to cable: Palestinian recognition**

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*What are the borders/capital of this state of Palestine we are recognising?*

- Australia is recognising Palestine as a state.
- There is no change in Australia's position on Jerusalem, borders, or any other final status issues
  - these remain issues to be agreed via negotiations as part of the peace process.
- Recognising a state of Palestine helps give momentum to the peace process, and places both Israel and Palestine in a better position for negotiations.

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## Statement

### **Palestinian Foreign Ministry Calls for Decisive International Action to Stop Genocide and Famine in the Gaza Strip – Before it is Too Late**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine has called on the international community and the United Nations Security Council to deal with utmost seriousness the findings of the [report issued by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification](#) (IPC) as the first globally authoritative report confirming the occurrence of famine in the Gaza Strip in accordance with UN standards, as well as the [statement](#) issued by UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Both underscore that Israel, the occupying power, is destroying every aspect of human life in the Gaza Strip and using starvation as a weapon of war against Palestinian civilians. The IPC report is clear, leaving no room for any interpretation or speculation about the occurrence of famine in the Gaza Strip.

The Ministry commends the IPC report and calls for decisive international action to compel Israel, the occupying power, to immediately stop its crimes of genocide, forced displacement, and annexation. This is the only way to halt the famine and prevent its spread, and the only way to ensure the opening of the crossings, sustained entry of humanitarian aid, and the urgent commencement of the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.

The Ministry also urges the relevant international justice mechanisms to assume their legal and moral responsibilities towards the perpetrators of this man-made famine, including by upholding international law in addressing all acts of genocide and ethnic cleansing committed against the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry stresses that what is required now – before it is too late – is to deploy the full weight of the international community, in all its forms and modalities, to halt the famine immediately and end the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people.

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Dear Mr Damian White,

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## **Official Statement**

### **Presidency of the State of Palestine: US visa denial undermines international law and UN obligations**

The Palestinian Presidency expressed deep regret and astonishment at the decision of the US Department of State not to grant visas to the Palestinian delegation scheduled to participate in the upcoming United Nations General Assembly meetings in September.

The Presidency stressed that this decision stands in clear contradiction to international law and the United Nations Headquarters Agreement, particularly since the State of Palestine is an observer member of the United Nations.

The Presidency called on the US administration to reconsider and reverse its decision, reaffirming Palestine's full commitment to international law, UN resolutions, and all obligations toward peace, as conveyed in President Mahmoud Abbas's letters to world leaders, including US President Donald Trump.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine strongly condemns the attacks launched by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu against French President Emmanuel Macron and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The Ministry affirms that conflating recognition of the State of Palestine with antisemitism and interfering in the internal affairs of France and Australia is unjustifiable, hostile to peace, and contrary to the international consensus on the principle of the two-state solution.

The Ministry considers the misleading narrative linking criticism of the Israeli occupation and its crimes, or support for the Palestinian people's right to freedom and independence, with antisemitism or hatred toward Jews to be a worn-out, broken record that no longer fools anyone. It is employed by the ruling Israeli far-right government to sustain its unlawful occupation, justify its crimes of genocide, forced displacement, and annexation, and whitewash its flagrant violations of international law and United Nations resolutions.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on all states to confront Israel's arrogant position, which is hostile to peace and to peaceful political solutions to the conflict. The Ministry further calls for immediate recognition of the State of Palestine, whether collectively or individually, as a means of safeguarding the two-state solution and preserving the credibility of international law, international legitimacy, and its institutions.

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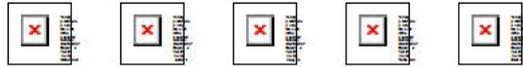
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The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, a copy of an **identical letter dated 16 September 2025 from the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine** to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

This letter will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/2025/581.

16 September 2025

*Permanent Observer Mission  
of the State of Palestine  
to the United Nations*



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لدى الأمم المتحدة

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16 September 2025

Excellency,

In the week since my last letter to you, **hundreds more Palestinians have been massacred by Israel**, the occupying Power, and **thousands more have been wounded** in Gaza, while the entire population is being **terrorized**, subjected to **constant bombing** attacks, further **mass forced displacement** and **mass starvation** and threats of more devastation.

As Israel proceeds with its **maniaccal invasion of Gaza City**, its Minister of Defense brags that “*Gaza is burning*” and that Israel is striking “*with an iron fist*”, **wiping out families**, **obliterating civilian infrastructure**, and inflicting **human suffering on a scale unimaginable** to a normal mind.

In the span of a week, the confirmed casualty toll has reached almost **65,000 Palestinians killed** and **over 165,000 wounded**. Moreover, another **300,000 Palestinian civilians** – sick and injured, hungry and depleted, young and old – have been **violently forced to flee** their homes and shelters yet again, with no safe refuge from the Israeli onslaught.

The images of **groups of dead children** and their parents and of a **sea of people again in a desperate march on foot attempting to escape the horrors** is in plain sight for all the world to see. No one can say they did not know. The world is witnessing the perpetration of these heinous crimes in real time. But still it **does not act to protect defenseless civilians from this death march**, failing to act on the obligations to halt this genocide.

There can be no justification whatsoever for allowing such impunity and inhumanity. **Israel is exterminating every aspect of life in Gaza and it must be stopped.**

The urgency for action is underscored by today’s [release](#) of a [report](#) by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (COI) finding, based on thorough legal analysis and evidentiary assessment, that **Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians** in Gaza and urging Israel and all States to fulfil their legal obligations to **end the genocide and punish those responsible for it**. The COI concluded, *inter alia*:

“... *the Israeli authorities intended to kill as many Palestinians as possible through its military operations in Gaza since 7 October 2023 and knew that the means and methods of warfare employed would cause mass deaths of Palestinians, including children... that deaths were a result of the deliberate infliction of conditions of life in Gaza calculated to bring about the destruction of the Palestinians in Gaza, especially the blocking of medicine, medical equipment, food and water...*”

“... *the Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces have had and continue to have the genocidal intent to destroy, in whole or in part, the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.*”

“... *the State of Israel bears responsibility for the failure to prevent genocide, the commission of genocide and the failure to punish genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.*”

Thus, as called for again today by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine in the face of **Israel’s deliberate targeting and slaughter of Palestinian children, women and men** for over 23-months, we reiterate our

H.E. Mr. Sangjin Kim  
The President of the Security Council of the United Nations

appeals for **international intervention to stop this genocidal aggression** that is turning Gaza into a mass graveyard and ruin.

The international community – the Security Council, the General Assembly, all States and international organizations – must act forthwith to **enforce an immediate ceasefire, to avert further irreparable harm to and displacement** of the Palestinian people, ensure the **immediate release of hostages and prisoners**, and accelerate the **delivery of life-saving assistance** to the population in Gaza to **reverse the famine and ensure their survival**.

We also reiterate our standing **call for international protection for the Palestinian people**, as demanded by international law, including the **obligation to protect civilians** enshrined in the Fourth Geneva Convention and Additional Protocol 1 in the face of grave breaches, including the wanton and willful killing and injury being perpetrated by the occupying Power, and the **obligation to prevent genocide** enshrined in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, as demanded by the ICJ in the three sets of **provisional measures** ordered in 2024.

Protection is urgent for all Palestinians under Israeli occupation – in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, where Israel persists with its **war of annexation and ethnic cleansing**. This week, Israel's Prime Minister has publicly boasted, yet again, that the actions he is commanding will ensure **"there will be no Palestinian State"**. Moreover, IOF and settlers continue daily raids and **terror attacks** in the West Bank and **over 1,500 Palestinians have been abducted** in the past week alone. The **scenes in Tulkarem of Israeli soldiers rounding up Palestinian men and marching them into military trucks** to be taken to Israeli jails are shocking and deplorable.

**"Silence and inaction are not an option in the face of mass atrocities"**, as recently stressed by **46 Special Rapporteurs and independent experts** of the Human Rights Council, who hail from every region of the world and have repeatedly urged global action to respond to this grave situation. In a recent [statement](#), they called, *inter alia*, for **immediate action to stop the Israeli genocide and famine** engineered and imposed on Gaza and, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of General Assembly resolution [ES-10/24](#), also called for **immediate measures to bring an end to the illegal Israeli occupation**, stressing the need for **decisive international leadership**, including by the General Assembly, **"to prevent further catastrophe for the Palestinian people"**.

As found by the COI, **"the events in Gaza since October 2023 have not occurred in isolation. They were preceded by decades of unlawful occupation and unlawful settlement, with racial segregation or apartheid, under an ideology requiring the removal of the Palestinian population from their lands and their replacement."**

As world leaders gather for the historic 80<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly and the resumption of the International Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, we appeal once again, in the name of the Palestinian people and of humanity: **Act now to halt these Israeli atrocities and crimes. Stop the genocide, end this illegal occupation, end this Nakba on the Palestinian people.**

This letter is in follow-up to our **875** letters on the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 10 September 2025 (A/ES-10/1043-S/2025/529) constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against our people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators brought to justice. This illegal colonial occupation and apartheid regime must end now.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter circulated to the Security Council members for their valuable consideration and distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Dr. Riyad Mansour  
Minister, Permanent Observer



## Situation Report #53: Occupied Palestine

08 September– 15 September 2025 (until 08:00 AM)

The Government Communication Center at the Prime Minister's Office issues the Situation Report once a week in English, Arabic, Spanish, and French. The next Situation Report will be issued on 22 September 2025.

### Key Developments

#### DAY 710: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE IN GAZA

The occupying Power continues its genocidal aggression against the Gaza Strip amid increasing Israeli military operations in Gaza City, while the [humanitarian crisis worsens](#) and [Palestinian](#) and [international](#) warnings of an approaching disaster increase. After boasting about destroying Gaza City's [high-rise towers](#) and [demanding that Palestinians leave their city](#), Netanyahu discussed [Israel's ethnic cleansing plan](#) of the Strip in a meeting held last Thursday with senior military officials and government ministers. Additionally, the [Israeli occupation army](#) pledged to continue targeting the city's towers. The ongoing Israeli bombardment of Gaza City has caused extensive destruction to infrastructure and residential areas. In addition to destroying +600 tents that provided shelter for at least 6,000 displaced Palestinians, available [data](#) indicate that the occupation has completely or partially destroyed +600 residential buildings. Another ten schools and five mosques were also completely destroyed. As a result, **more than 50,000 people in Gaza City have lost their homes and shelters in less than a week**. And while [UNOCHA](#) confirmed that nearly one million people in Gaza City face shelling and hardships that threaten their survival, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to commit horrific massacres in an attempt to force them out. This includes targeting the courtyard of [al-Ahli Arab Baptist Hospital](#) and three [UNRWA schools](#) that further displaced thousands of people seeking shelter there. As described by [UNOCHA's Olga Cherevko](#), **Israel has imposed "a death sentence" on Gaza City**. Until yesterday, [medical sources](#) confirmed the death of 422 Palestinians from starvation, including 145 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation (GHF), the IOF has continued to target starved Palestinians seeking aid, killing 2,494 Palestinians and wounding around 18,135 others since 27 May 2025.

#### NEW HEALTH THREAT IN GAZA: MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT BACTERIA

Amid relentless bombing, forced starvation, and a severe shortage of medical and humanitarian supplies, a [new study](#) published in the world-leading journal The Lancet Infectious Diseases revealed that the Gaza Strip is facing a new health threat. The study, based on over 1,300 primary samples from al-Ahli Arab Baptist Hospital in Gaza City, found that two-thirds of the samples contained multidrug-resistant bacteria, which [increases the risk of severe illness, death, and amputation](#) amid a near-total lack of effective antibiotics caused by Israel's ongoing aggression and siege on the Gaza Strip. [Bilal Irfan](#), one of the study's authors, described the results as "extremely worrying," noting that "it is difficult to determine the extent of the disaster due to the destruction of most laboratories and the deaths of medical personnel."



## ISRAEL-MADE FAMINE IN GAZA: 1 IN 5 CHILDREN IN GAZA CITY WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN AUGUST 2025

The [UN Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) condemned the use of starvation as a weapon of war against children in Gaza, urging countries worldwide to take decisive action ahead of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly. The committee highlighted the worsening manmade famine in Gaza and the alarming rise in malnutrition, which [threatens the lives of more children](#). According to [UNICEF](#), recent data show malnutrition rates among children in the Gaza Strip are increasing rapidly, with an unprecedented number of children screened for severe malnutrition in August. UNICEF stated that the rate across Gaza climbed to 13.5% last month, up from 8.3% in July. In Gaza City, the number of children treated for malnutrition was even higher, at 19%, compared to 16% in July.

## ISRAEL IS DETAINING MORE MAYORS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

After detaining the mayors of [Hebron](#), Qubeiba (Jerusalem), and Hares (Salfit), the IOF also arrested [Abdel Fatah Abu Ali](#), the Mayor of Silat al-Dhahr (Jenin). In Qubeiba, the IOF arrested [Mayor Nafez Hamouda](#) after storming and searching his home. The [head of Hares village council, Sheikh Omar Samara](#), was also arrested along with 13 others in the village. On 9 September, the occupation's intelligence issued an administrative detention order against the [Mayor of Hebron, Tayseer Abu Sneineh](#) (71 years old), for a period of four months.

## LAST WEEK IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK: MILITARY ASSAULTS, ARRESTS, CURFEWS, CLOSURES, LANDLEVELING, UPROOTING TREES, AND MORE

With the ongoing incitement campaign against the Palestinian leadership and people, led by Israeli ministers and senior officials—including [Ben Gvir](#), [Smotrich](#), and [MK Zvi Sukkot](#), who said that the fate of Ramallah is like that of Jabalia, and the fate of Nablus and Jenin is like that of Shuja'iyya and Beit Hanoun—and [Netanyahu](#), who recently signed the plan for "E1" settlement expansion and stated, "There will be no Palestinian state,"—the IOF has intensified its attacks on Palestinian cities, towns, villages, and refugee camps across the West Bank. Over the past week, the Israeli attacks have included [killing](#) two Palestinian children in Jenin, enforcing a [complete closure](#) on nine Palestinian villages in northwestern Jerusalem where about 40,000 Palestinians live, imposing a [curfew](#) on two of these villages, and uprooting trees in [Ein Shibli](#) in the central Jordan Valley as well as in [al-Yamun and Arkala](#) west of Jenin. Additionally, the IOF [vandalized](#) the Traffic Department headquarters and the vehicle inspection station at Yatta Municipality, tampered with their contents, carried out land leveling in [Beit Ummar](#) /Hebron and [Yatma](#) / Nablus, and seized and turned a home into a military barracks in [Beitin](#) / Ramallah.

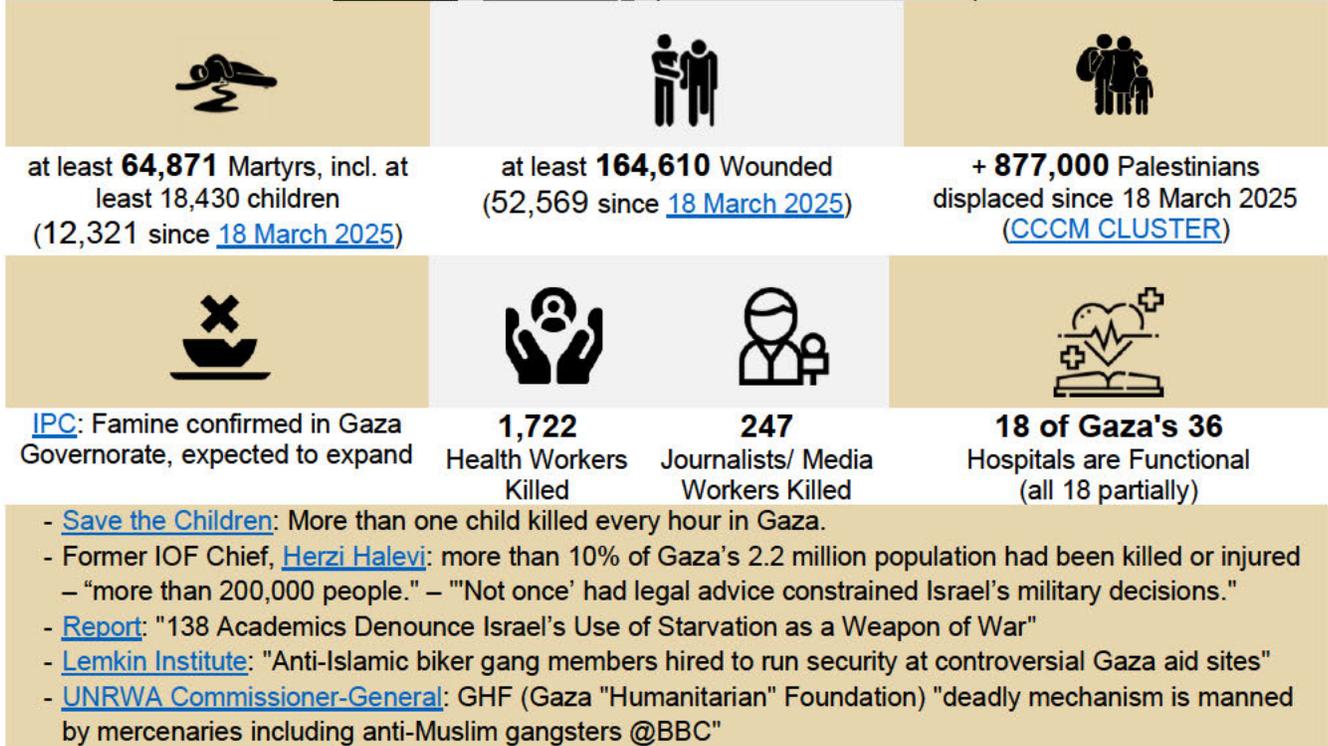
## ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 238 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 232 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 219 days against Nour Shams refugee camp. During its military assault on [Tulkarem City](#) last Thursday, the IOF raided shops and homes, [arresting hundreds](#) of male citizens and forcing them to march on foot in long lines toward the street leading to the gate of the Khadouri military checkpoint. The IOF also imposed a curfew in the city.



## Summary

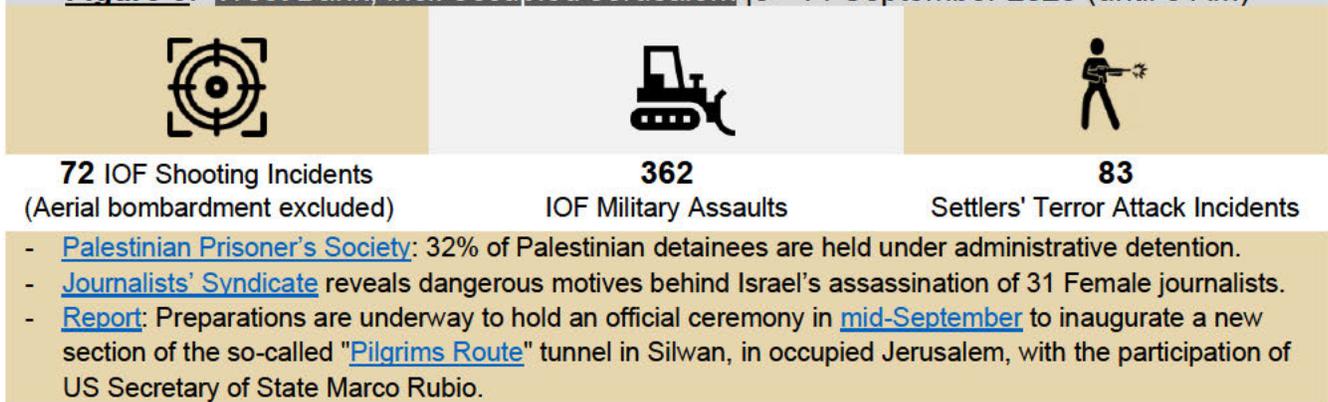
**Figure 1: Gaza Strip** (Since 7 October 2023)



**Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem** (Since 7 October 2023)



**Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem** | 8 –14 September 2025 (until 8 AM)



Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#).



## In Focus

Over the past week, Israeli settlers continued to intensify their [terrorist attacks on Palestinian civilians](#) across the West Bank. The incidents included [attacks on civilian vehicles](#) in multiple areas, including at the [Za'tara Junction](#) south of Nablus and [northeast of Ramallah](#), where stones were thrown, shattering and damaging several vehicle windows; an assault on a citizen in the town of [Deir Dibwan](#), east of Ramallah, which left him with bruises and involved the theft of his vehicle; expansion work in the "Haggai" settlement at the expense of Palestinian land in the villages of al-Rihiya and al-Fawwar refugee camp south of Hebron; attacks on citizens' lands in [Farkha](#), west of Salfit, where approximately 110 meters of stone terraces were destroyed and over 21 productive olive trees cut down; cutting off electricity in [Shalal al-Auja](#), north of Jericho; setting a fire in a [plant nursery west of Nablus](#), causing burns to three citizens; and spraying racist slogans on the walls of a house in [Atara village](#) north of Ramallah. Moreover, in the [al-Tayaran neighborhood](#), south of Hebron, armed settlers attacked residents' homes and property, preventing students from reaching their schools. Israeli settlers also attacked the village of [Ein Yabrud](#) and beat a young man with disabilities, leaving him with a head injury. In [Masafer Yatta](#), south of Hebron, settlers stormed the village of al-Rakeez and attacked residents, resulting in several injuries and bruises. Among those hurt was elderly man Saeed al-Amour (60 years old), whose leg was previously amputated after a settler fired live rounds directly at him.

## Government Updates

- The State of Palestine, through the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#), welcomed the significant vote by most UN member states "to adopt the New York Declaration and its annexes, as the outcome of the UN Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-state solution." A total of 142 states voted in favor, 12 abstained, and 10 voted against. The Ministry noted that this resolution is "the first adopted by the 80th session of the UN General Assembly," adding that "[T]he State of Palestine expresses its gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to France for their leadership of the international conference and for their vital efforts to transform the New York Declaration into a concrete plan of action with clear steps across the political, economic, legal, and security tracks." The State of Palestine also thanked all the countries that sponsored, supported, and voted in favor of the resolution, making the New York Declaration an official UN document.
- In light of the increasing brutality of the Israeli occupation, the [Government's Operations Room for Emergency Interventions in the Southern Governorates](#) said the Gaza Strip is being subjected to systematic genocide. Besides the suffocating blockade and the prevention of essential humanitarian aid, including food and shelter supplies, which have led to widespread famine and malnutrition, the Operations Room said that the disaster is getting worse every day due to violent bombings, extensive destruction, and forced displacement, resulting in increased famine, malnutrition, and civilian casualties. The Operations Room confirmed in a statement issued Sunday that Gaza City is facing a brutal and organized campaign of extermination, with the Israeli occupation presenting Palestinian civilians with only two options: forced displacement or certain death. This situation calls for urgent international protection for the defenseless Palestinian civilians, the statement said.

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to you today to bring your urgent attention to the escalating and catastrophic situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, as detailed in the attached official Situation Report (#53) from the Government Communication Center of the State of Palestine.

The findings within the report depict a severe and multifaceted crisis that falls directly within UNESCO's mandate for education, culture, science, and the protection of human rights.

The key developments of extreme concern include:

1. **Systematic Destruction of Cultural and Educational Infrastructure:** The report documents the complete destruction of ten schools and five mosques in Gaza City in less than a week, adding to the immense damage already inflicted upon the Gaza Strip's educational and cultural landscape. This deliberate targeting erases the foundations of Palestinian society and future.
2. **An Unfolding Health and Famine Disaster:** A man-made famine, confirmed by IPC standards, is raging. One in five children in Gaza City was diagnosed with acute malnutrition in August. Furthermore, a new study published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* reveals the emergence of multidrug-resistant bacteria in hospitals, a direct result of the destruction of medical infrastructure and the siege, posing a long-term health threat of catastrophic proportions.
3. **Targeting of Journalists and Civil Society:** The assassination of 247 journalists and media workers, including 31 female journalists, represents a direct assault on the freedom of expression and the right to information. The ongoing detention of elected officials, including mayors, undermines democratic institutions and civil society.
4. **Settler Violence and Cultural Erasure in the West Bank:** The report details a relentless campaign of settler violence, including the uprooting of ancient olive trees, destruction of agricultural terraces, and attacks on villages. These acts are not only violations of human rights but also represent an attack on Palestinian cultural heritage, agricultural traditions, and the very connection of a people to their land.

The attached report concludes that the population of Gaza City is facing what UN officials have described as a "death sentence," with forced displacement and destruction on a mass scale.

The principles of UNESCO—building peace through international cooperation in education, science, and culture—are being utterly decimated in Palestine. We implore you to act with urgency to uphold this mandate.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Respectfully,



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10 September 2025

Excellency,

After over **700 days of Israel's genocidal war** against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, it is incomprehensible that the world continues to watch **innocent children, women and men being massacred**, yet fails to act to protect them and **prevent their annihilation**.

As the United Nations Security Council continues to delay action despite the mounting atrocities, we must once more appeal to the international community: **Act now to stop this genocide**.

**Inaction is unjustifiable** as Israel violates every tenet of international law and every tenet of human decency. Inaction has only **allowed, enabled and emboldened Israel** to inflict **more death and suffering on our people** and to **wreak more ruin on our land** and across the region.

This impunity is **most savagely on display now in Gaza City** for all the world to see, where Israel is intensifying its attacks. And, it was also shockingly on display yesterday in the **heinous Israeli attack on the Hamas headquarters in Doha**, in violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the State of Qatar, of the Charter, and of the prohibition on extrajudicial execution.

It is long past time to **reign in this rogue Israeli regime** that every day murders and destroys and threatens regional and international peace and security. It is time for concrete action – including **arms embargoes, sanctions and deployment of international protection** – to finally **bring a halt to this gross impunity** and save civilian lives.

Absent accountability measures, **Israel clearly remains undeterred**, refusing to heed any words of condemnation, ignoring the global **demands for ceasefire and lifting of its merciless siege**, and even **mocking the IPC confirmation of [famine](#)** in the Gaza City governate.

Instead, believing there will never be consequences for its crimes, Israel has invaded Gaza City, **slaughtering, maiming, starving and displacing yet more civilians** and **flattening whatever homes and buildings remain** standing in the city and its environs, where a million people had been living and sheltering, creating a **dystopian nightmare**. And, it continues to terrorize the population with its “**evacuation orders**” demanding all civilians – **even the sick, injured, disabled, orphans, widows and elderly** – to leave north Gaza and go to the south to “**humanitarian zones**” **akin to concentration camps** and not spared from Israeli attack, pressing on with its **original plans** from the start of this genocide to **ethnically cleanse Gaza**.

UNICEF has **warned**: “*Gaza City, the last refuge for families in the northern Gaza Strip, is fast becoming a place where childhood cannot survive. It is a city of fear, flight and funerals. ... Palestinian life is being dismantled here, steadily but surely. The suffering of children in the Gaza Strip is not accidental. It is the direct consequence of choices that have turned Gaza City and indeed the entire Strip into a place where people's lives are under attack, from every angle, every day.*”

H.E. Ambassador Sangjin Kim  
The President of the Security Council of the United Nations

It is a fact: Israel **kills and destroys wantonly and willfully**, deliberate in its aims to collectively punish the Palestinian people under its illegal occupation and **inflict as much harm and devastation as possible**. This is not a secret. Israeli officials keep saying so, openly vowing **more bloodshed and more havoc** in Gaza, with such **threats echoed against the West Bank** as well.

Most recently, Israeli “Defense Minister” Katz declared: *“The gates of hell are being unlocked in Gaza City”*, the latest in a litany of Israeli incitement, hate speech, threats and vows of destruction against the Palestinian people and the State of Palestine.

It is a repugnant irony that **Israel refuses to open the gates of Gaza to humanitarian access**, preventing food, water, medicine, fuel, shelter to enter in quantities sufficient to allay the humanitarian catastrophe and ensure the population’s survival, **but has no qualms sadistically opening the “gates of hell”**, raining tons of missiles, bombs and terror on defenseless civilians.

**How can it be that the Security Council watches an occupied people being terrorized, starved, forced from their homes, shelters and land, their lives destroyed and society devastated by the occupying Power, and still does not act?**

The **horrors inflicted on children** alone – and **Israel’s designation as a serial violator of child rights** in the Secretary-General’s CACC report– should have long ago compelled Council action.

Save the Children’s latest assessment has [found](#) that at least **20,000 children have been killed** in 23 months of Israeli onslaught. This amounts to *“more than one Palestinian child killed by Israeli forces every hour”* since October 2023, equivalent to **2% of Gaza’s child population**, including **1,009 children under the age of one-year**, among them **450 babies born and killed during the war**.

Child casualties also include over **42,000 children injured**, and the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reports that at least **21,000 children** have been left **permanently disabled**. Thousands more are still missing or presumed buried under rubble. And, **131 children are among 367 Palestinians who have died of malnutrition** as result of Israel’s forced starvation of the population and infliction of famine. Figures on the number of **child orphans, child displacement, diseases suffered by children and loss of education**, now almost two years on, are equally harrowing.

As [stated](#) by Ms. Inger Ashing, CEO of Save the Children, *“The death and loss, the physical and mental harm, will last lifetimes and even generations... Palestinian children are their society’s future – and that future, and theirs, has been irrevocably undermined”*.

The overall casualty toll in Gaza has now surpassed **64,000 Palestinian children, women and men killed by Israel** and **162,000 injured** since October 2023. In the same period, nearly **1,000 Palestinians have been killed by IOF and settlers** in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and thousands more have been injured, in addition to **thousands more abducted and detained** by Israel.

In this regard, a [resolution](#) adopted by the International Association of Genocide Scholars affirms: *“Israel’s policies and actions in Gaza meet the legal definition of genocide in Article II of the United Nations Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948)”*. The resolution calls, inter alia, *“upon the government of Israel to immediately cease all acts that constitute genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity against Palestinians in Gaza”*, and *“calls upon all states to actively pursue policies to ensure respect for their obligations under international law, including under the Genocide Convention, the Arms Trade Treaty and international humanitarian law, with regards to Israel and Palestine”*

All States are bound to uphold the **jus cogens norms** enshrined in the Genocide Convention and other provisions of customary international law, including the Geneva Conventions. Yet action has not risen to level of **gravity of the crimes** being perpetrated.

As stressed by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, in a [statement](#) on 8 September, “*The international community is failing in its duty. We are failing the people of Gaza. Where are the decisive steps to prevent genocide? Why are countries not doing more to avert atrocity crimes? Inaction is not an option.*”

**Swift and decisive action is needed to save the millions of Palestinians threatened by the Israeli war machine with death or displacement.** The Security Council must uphold its Charter mandate and to act forthwith to halt this genocide against our people and protect them from further irreversible harm by Israel.

The Palestinian leadership thus calls once again for **Chapter VII measures** to impose a **ceasefire**; **demand that Israel lift its blockade** and ensure **unfettered humanitarian access**, including **restoration of the UN presence**, including UNRWA as backbone of UN humanitarian operations, and other international organizations; and provide **international protection** for our people.

This is imperative to **stop Israel’s weaponization of food and humanitarian aid** and alleviate the catastrophic levels of hunger and thirst, injury and illness, destitution and displacement. It is imperative to **halt the spread of famine** and **prevent the ethnic cleansing** of our people. Action is equally urgent to **stop Israel’s annexation schemes** in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, as well as in Gaza, which it continues to pursue in breach of international law and with **deliberate intent to thwart Palestinian self-determination and destroy the two-State solution.**

While recognizing the **efforts and concrete measures undertaken by many governments**, individually and collectively, and the **efforts and solidarity initiatives** by civil society from around the world, much more needs to be done to **confront the existential threats** facing the Palestinian people and their nation, including a **halt to arms transfers and sanctions** against Israel.

The upcoming resumption of the **International Conference** on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, as mandated by the General Assembly, offers another **critical moment for States to step up their efforts**, strengthen support for the Palestinian people and government, and commit to taking immediate tangible measures.

Action for accountability can no longer wait. Further delay or failure by the Security Council does not absolve States of their **obligations to prevent and punish the crime of genocide** and to bring an **end to the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine**, as called for by the ICJ in its July 2024 advisory opinion and by the General Assembly one-year ago in resolution ES-10/24. The world cannot allow Israel to continue its butchery of civilians, endless occupation, dismantlement of international law and threats to international peace security. **The time to act is now. Millions of lives depend on it.**

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Dr. Riyad Mansour  
Minister, Permanent Observer

## **Official Statement**

### **Palestinian Foreign Ministry Condemns Israel's Arbitrary Measures Against Australian Diplomats**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine condemns in the strongest terms the arbitrary measures announced by the Israeli Foreign Minister, Gideon Sa'ar, regarding the cancellation of visas for Australian diplomats accredited to the Palestinian National Authority.

The Ministry considers these measures illegal and in violation of the Geneva Conventions, international law, and United Nations resolutions – none of which grant Israel, the occupying power, such authority.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry affirms that the State of Palestine does not recognize this decision and will continue to treat the Australian diplomats as representatives duly accredited to the State of Palestine. It stresses that such actions reflect Israel's arrogance and state of political imbalance, and will only strengthen the determination of Australia and other countries to uphold international law, the two-state solution, and recognition of the State of Palestine as the only path to achieving peace.

*For more information, please contact the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.*

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Excellency,

**The world must act to stop Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people. The world must act to stop Israel's destruction of Palestine.**

As Israel escalates its assaults on Gaza, and amid reports, including even Israeli assessments, that **5 out of every 6 Palestinians killed by Israel have been civilians**, amounting to over **83% of casualties**, and today's [report](#) by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) that **famine has overtaken Gaza City** and surrounding areas in northern Gaza, there can be no more delays. **States must act now to save the surviving Palestinian population from imminent danger of death and annihilation.**

The time is long past due for immediate **international intervention to stop this genocide**, including **deployment of an international protective force for the Palestinian people**. The international community must act with the urgency and resolve demanded by this unbearable, catastrophic and dangerous situation, including in respect of the **obligations to prevent genocide**.

It is **unconscionable** that the world continues **watching Israel's obliteration of Palestinian existence in Gaza, ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people and annexation schemes** in Occupied Palestine, while **still failing to act** to halt these war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

It is **unconscionable** that the world continues **watching Israel kill, wound and starve Palestinian civilians and decimate all that can ensure continuity of life** in Gaza, while **still failing to provide protection to a defenseless occupied people**.

It is **unconscionable** that the world continues **watching Israel and its occupying forces (IOF), including settler militias, displace, torture and torment** Palestinians, waging **decades-long settlement colonization of Palestine** in an attempt to **erase the indigenous Palestinian population**, while **still failing to impose accountability** to pressure an end to these systematic grave breaches.

**International law** – including, inter alia, the **UN Charter, Genocide Convention, Geneva Conventions, ICJ Provisional Measures Orders, UN resolutions** – **obliges States to act**. **Human decency and morality oblige all to act** in the face of such inhumanity. The international system has the tools to confront this impunity and they **cannot continue being set aside in the case of Palestine**.

The Palestinian leadership thus reiterates its constant **appeals for immediate international action to end this abhorrent, inhumane, illegal situation**.

**All legitimate tools and means must be invoked, including immediate action by the Security Council under Chapter VII to protect the Palestinian people from Israel's genocidal onslaught and to safeguard the Palestinian nation from Israel's sinister plot of destruction.**

H.E. Mr. Eloy Alfaro de Alba  
The President of the Security Council of the United Nations

The **Council cannot remain paralyzed** while Israeli soldiers continue **daily massacres of Palestinian civilians**, Israeli settler terrorists **murder and pillage**, and extremist Israeli government ministers openly **threaten Palestinian lives**, pursue **forcible transfer of the Palestinian people**, and **pledge to destroy the Palestinian State** and “**bury the two-State solution**”.

In the deafening silence of the Council’s inaction, **one million Palestinians face an existential threat to their lives as Israel presses on with its plans to invade Gaza City**, vowing to treat anyone who does not evacuate the area as a combatant, with **no regard for the demands for a ceasefire**, no regard for international humanitarian law obligations, and **no regard for the sick and wounded, for the disabled, for the elderly, for the orphans, for a terrified, exhausted and starved people** who have been repeatedly forcibly displaced from their homes and shelters, from one area of Gaza to the other, with **no safety to be found** anywhere, as [warned](#) again by UN independent experts.

Likewise, the absence of international action has allowed Israel to continue not only its cruel and illegal **obstruction of humanitarian aid**, but its **deliberate dismantlement of the humanitarian system** in Gaza, including access by the United Nations, and **destruction of the healthcare system**, accelerating the spread of **starvation and disease** in Gaza, causing **excruciating human suffering** and claiming more innocent lives, especially among children.

In this regard, in addition to the IPC confirmation of famine, a report by [MedGlobal](#) reveals that **acute malnutrition among children has risen by 914%** since Israel’s blockade in March; that children at this phase are 10 times more likely to die compared to healthy children; and that the **famine threshold has been crossed**. This **weaponization of starvation** by Israel has been corroborated by countless other independent [reports](#) and [assessments](#) .

Assured that its impunity bears no costs, Israel also continues to **execute humanitarian workers and journalists**, killing those who save lives and who expose Israel’s atrocities to the world. The latest victim of Israel’s war on Palestinian journalists was **Anas al-Sharif, a 28-year old reporter, husband and father of two children, who was targeted and murdered alongside four colleagues** in an Israeli strike on a tent next to Al-Shifa Hospital on 10 August. Moreover, as of today, **IOF have killed 360 UNRWA personnel** in addition to killing other UN staff, humanitarian workers, doctors and medics, including **another attack on the Palestine Red Crescent**.

It is an undeniable fact: **Israel deliberately and systematically targets Palestinian civilians** – children, women and men. That civilians have been the majority of the victims of Israel’s attacks in Gaza has been known since it began this aggression in which IOF have now **killed 62,122 Palestinians** and **injured 156,758 Palestinians**, with **thousands more still unaccounted** for to this day.

UNICEF has found that **in the past five months alone**, since Israel torpedoed the Egyptian-Qatari-US-brokered ceasefire in March 2025, **IOF have killed an average of 540 Palestinian children each month** and injured and maimed thousands more. They have been killed by Israeli missiles, bombs, artillery, gunfire, by the weaponization of starvation, killed in schools-turned-shelters under the UN flag, in hospitals, while playing outside, while struggling to get food and water.

This is the horrific reality in Gaza. This is **not “self-defense”, not “counter-terrorism”**. This is a **genocidal war on an occupied people by a depraved occupier that must be stopped**.

The international community must **impose a ceasefire** and **protect the Palestinian people** from further irreparable harm. Israel must be reminded – in both words and deeds – that **IHL prohibits targeting of civilians and civilian objects**, and **Israel has no right to self-defense in the Occupied Palestinian Territory**, where it is the **illegal occupant, with no sovereignty rights whatsoever**.

In this regard, urgent action must also be taken to **stop Israel's annexation plans**. This week, Israel announced another 3,400 settlement units, insisting to proceed with its scheme **targeting the "E-1" area** that would **sever the north, south and center of the West Bank**, further entrenching its illegal occupation and further isolating East Jerusalem.

**Since July alone, Israel has advanced plans for over 20,000 settlement units.** This frenzied settlement campaign has long been the **engine of Israel's criminal colonization** of Palestinian land, and has been accompanied by an escalating **campaign of settler violence and terror** on Palestinian civilians and communities, with the **full support of Israeli government and military**.

Israel's aims are further exposed by incessant statements and incitement by Israeli officials, including Bezalel Smotrich, who this week boasted that *"every town, every neighborhood, every housing unit is another nail in the coffin of this dangerous idea"*, i.e. the **two-State solution**, further declaring that the **Palestinian State "is being erased"**.

**The international community must mobilize immediately to stop these existential threats looming over the Palestinian people and Palestinian State.**

An **immediate and permanent ceasefire** in Gaza and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, is needed to save human lives and avert further devastation.

The Security Council must uphold its responsibilities, including for **protection of the Palestinian civilian population and stabilization of the catastrophic situation** which threatens international peace and security. It must also secure **immediate humanitarian assistance** through restoration of unfettered access by the **UN humanitarian system**, including UNRWA, and other credible international humanitarian organizations, which Israel continues to unlawfully [ban](#), restrict, harass and attack.

Moreover, in line with international law, including obligations binding on all States, **real and immediate pressure must be exerted on Israel in order to bring a halt to its genocidal aggression and all of its crimes** in Gaza and the rest of Occupied Palestine. This requires collective and individual action by States, including **arms embargoes and sanctions**, as well as **diplomatic, political and legal measures**, including **recognition of the State of Palestine** in respect of the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and independence.

**Every possible legitimate effort must be made to confront Israel's rampant impunity** and the brazen defiance by its war criminal Prime Minister and his extremist coalition of the global demands for a ceasefire. Their flagrant contempt for the law, the UN and international community as a whole cannot be allowed to continue unchecked. **The world must stop Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people and destruction of Palestine.**

This letter is in follow-up to our **873** letters on the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 8 August 2025 (A/ES-10/\_-S/2025/\_ ) constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against our people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators brought to justice. This illegal colonial occupation and apartheid regime must end now.

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Excellency,

8 August 2025

Defying the global calls for an **immediate ceasefire** and **halt to the destruction of Palestinian life** and existence in Gaza, **Israel presses on with its genocidal war**, killing, mutilating and starving Palestinian children, women and men and threatening to inflict even more death and devastation.

**Israel's war criminal Prime Minister and cabinet of criminal extremists have just decided to expand military attacks and once again invade Gaza City.** The plans announced by the Israeli government reveal a blatant **intent to forcibly transfer the 1 million Palestinians** living in the city and surrounding areas, causing further trauma and loss to a population already repeatedly displaced and suffering starvation and deprivation on an unimaginable scale.

Moreover, the occupying Power has announced **its intentions to impose total military control on the entirety of Gaza, in conjunction with its land, air and naval blockade** and siege of the territory, **entrenching its illegal occupation** and subjugation and persecution of the Palestinian people.

Extremist ministers in the government have further exposed **plans to recolonize Gaza with Israeli settlers to further terrorize the population** and with the aim of annexing the Palestinian land, **the same illegal and immoral plan** that is being violently and systematically implemented **in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem** by Israeli occupying forces (IOF) and settlers alike.

**These plans are illegitimate, inhumane and dangerous and must be stopped.** Israel's actions and plans constitute grave breaches of international law, including international humanitarian law (IHL), and violate every single human right of the Palestinian people. **These are war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of genocide that obligate immediate international action.**

The international community **must act with every legitimate tool, including Chapter VII** of the Charter of the United Nations, in the face of these crimes. The **Security Council cannot just monitor and observe from the sidelines** when millions of lives are endangered, when its resolutions are being flagrantly violated, and when international peace and security is unraveling.

Israel cannot be permitted to continue breaking every rule of law and **waging war on civilians, shredding every tent of IHL** without consequences. Israel cannot be permitted to continue ignoring the **global demands to cease its use of starvation as a weapon of war**, to open all border crossings and to ensure immediate humanitarian access without consequences. Israel cannot be allowed to continue **violating the binding ICJ's Provisional Measures Orders** and equally its ruling that Israel's presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, is unlawful, that it has **no sovereignty rights whatsoever** and it **must end this illegal occupation** without consequences.

It is obvious: **neither words of condemnation; nor expressions of concern, shock or horror; nor appeals to Israel to come to its senses; nor direct demands to halt its violations are working.** On the contrary, Israel remains confident that there will never be a cost for its impunity. Otherwise

H.E. Mr. Eloy Alfaro de Alba  
The President of the Security Council of the United Nations

**such a plan would not be pursued by Israel** and the efforts by Egypt, Qatar and United States, as **mediators**, to secure a ceasefire, release hostages and detainees, and ensure IOF withdrawal and immediate aid distribution by UN and international partners **would have long ago succeeded**.

We heard these **demands**, yet again, in the emergency meeting of the Security Council convened on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Security Council members reiterated, with near unanimity, the position echoed by States around the world that **there is no military solution** to this conflict and demanded a **halt to all military attacks, an immediate, permanent ceasefire and full humanitarian access**. But to no avail. **Israel's rejection of these demands must be met with real pressure and consequences**.

**Arms embargoes and sanctions** on Israel cannot be delayed. **International protection** must be deployed for the Palestinian people. **The depraved Israeli siege on Gaza must be broken**. The United Nations, including UNRWA, OCHA, UNICEF, WHO, WFP and other agencies, along with other international humanitarian organizations, **must be allowed to carry out their life-saving work**. The survival of millions of Palestinian civilians is dependent on immediate international intervention.

**Throwing boxes of food and bags of flour at them is neither a humane nor sufficient solution, nor meets the obligations of States under international law, including the Genocide Convention**. They **need care** to accompany humanitarian aid, care to treat the starvation and malnutrition, to treat the wounded and injured, to shelter the displaced, to heal the trauma and suffering, to **restore dignity to a people so dehumanized and brutalized**.

With over **215,000 Palestinian casualties and the victim count rising by the minute**, with more than **2 million people forcibly displaced**, and with the **entire population at risk of death by starvation or bombardment** by Israel, it is long past time to **act with every political, legal, diplomatic and economic tool** available to bring a halt to this inhumanity, to halt this genocide.

**No one should be complicit in what is clearly an attempt to annihilate Palestinian existence in Gaza and to annex the entirety of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, to destroy the two-State solution and impose Greater Israel. These illegal, nefarious actions and plans must be stopped now. We therefore call on the Security Council to respond with urgency to the call by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to act without delay to prevent Israel's planned military escalation and stop its destruction of Palestinian life.**

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## Statement on decision by Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to sanction Israeli ministers

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The General Delegation of Palestine welcomes the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand governments' decision to impose targeted sanctions on Israeli ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich for inciting violence against Palestinians in the West Bank, as announced in a [joint statement](#) by the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Canada, Norway, and the United Kingdom.

This decision is a significant and necessary step towards advancing justice and accountability, and it is consistent with the evolving positions of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand on the situation in the unlawfully Occupied Palestinian Territory – positions increasingly aligned with international law, international legitimacy, and both countries' long-held commitments to the two-State solution.

Ben-Gvir and Smotrich are just two members of the extremist far-right Government of Israel, which is led by a Prime Minister who is wanted by the International Criminal Court ([ICC](#)) for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the context of Israel's ongoing genocidal war against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Accordingly, the General Delegation of Palestine calls on Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to impose government-wide sanctions on Israel, in accordance with international law and the rulings of international justice mechanisms, including the July 2024 [Advisory Opinion](#) of the International Court of Justice.

The General Delegation of Palestine further calls on the governments of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to recognise the State of Palestine immediately, before it is too late. The upcoming High-level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, to be held in New York from 17-20 June, provides a crucial opportunity in this regard.

It is time to translate commitment into decisive, concrete action and finally deliver the just, lasting, and comprehensive peace that has been denied for far too long.

*For more information, please contact the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.*

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Dear Mr Damian White,

On behalf of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific, please find the below [Official Statement](#) responding to the Australian Special Envoy's proposed Plan to Combat Antisemitism, for your kind and urgent attention.



## Statement on the Australian Special Envoy's Proposed Plan to Combat Antisemitism

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On 10 July 2025, Special Envoy Jillian Segal AO submitted her *Plan to Combat Antisemitism* for the Australian government's consideration. A broad spectrum of stakeholders across Australian society have raised concerns that **the proposed measures risk undermining fundamental democratic rights and freedoms, including freedom of speech, for political purposes.**

The General Delegation of Palestine in Canberra reaffirms its firm opposition to all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred, violence, or intimidation directed at any person or group based on their ethnicity, race, or religion – including anti-Palestinian racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racism against First Nations people.

**The Plan's call for widespread adoption of the controversial IHRA definition of antisemitism is deeply concerning.** The IHRA definition has been widely criticized and discredited for conflating antisemitism with legitimate criticism of Israel and Zionism. This dangerous false conflation **distorts and trivializes the real and grave threat of antisemitism** in order to shield Israel from being held accountable to global standards of human rights and international law. The IHRA definition's lead

drafter, antisemitism expert Kenneth Stern, has himself [warned](#) it is being “weaponized” to suppress political speech.

Palestinians must be able to speak freely about their own history, narrative, and lived experiences. All people of conscience must have the right to openly and legitimately criticize injustices and violations committed by any state, including Israel’s ongoing policies and practices of settler-colonial expansionism, apartheid, racial persecution, ethnic cleansing, enforced starvation, and genocidal war against the Palestinian people – without fear of being silenced or mischaracterized.

This has never been more urgent than it is today, when the very existence of the Palestinian people in their own homeland is at stake as Israel, the unlawful occupying power, escalates its settler colonial project of displacement and replacement which has systematically suffocated the Palestinian people as a group for over seven decades in order to deny them their inalienable right to self-determination. **Speaking out against these violations is not an act of antisemitism; it is a duty and a moral obligation.**

The true fight against antisemitism is inherently tied to all other struggles against racism and oppression around the world, including the Palestinian cause. That is why countless Jewish individuals and organizations – here in Australia, in Israel, and around the world – continue working to oppose both antisemitism *and* Israel’s violations of international law and the rights of the Palestinian people.

The General Delegation of Palestine urges the Australian government to reject the adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism as a tool for public policy, and to seriously consider anti-racism frameworks that oppose all forms of racism equally and holistically, with clarity, fairness, and integrity. The [National Anti-Racism Framework](#) developed by the Australian Human Rights Commission is one example in this regard.

*For more information, please contact the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.*



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