



# MARK **II** MONTHS OF GENOCIDE

## INTRODUCTION: A NATION IN CRISIS



This newsletter provides an in-depth look into the current state of Palestine, focusing on the devastating war in Gaza, the resilience of the Palestinian people, and the international response—or lack thereof. Over the past 11 months, the situation in both Gaza and the West Bank has grown increasingly dire, with rising death tolls, widespread destruction, and severe limitations on basic human needs. Despite these hardships, life continues, and efforts to maintain essential services, especially for the most vulnerable, persist. We also examine the international political landscape, particularly the role of the United States in this ongoing conflict.



## THE ONGOING WAR ON GAZA – A HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE

For nearly a year, the war on the Gaza Strip has brought untold suffering to its people. In just 11 months, the Israeli military offensive has officially killed 40,878 Palestinians, with another 94,454 injured. These figures represent not just numbers but lives forever altered—families torn apart, communities shattered, and countless dreams destroyed.

The war's impact goes beyond immediate casualties. Experts estimate that an additional 186,000 people are expected to die from the longer-term consequences of the conflict, including lack of medical care, malnutrition, and disease. This could result in the loss of 7.9% of Gaza's population, further compounding the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Gaza's already fragile infrastructure is crumbling under the weight of relentless airstrikes and blockades, leaving the population without reliable access to food, water, or medical care.



Despite international calls for a ceasefire and humanitarian assistance, the war rages on, with no end in sight. The world watches as Gaza bleeds, yet the global community has done little to stop the violence or hold those responsible to account.



## LIFE MUST GO ON – THE FIGHT TO PROTECT GAZA’S CHILDREN

In the midst of war, hope shines through in small but significant ways. One such effort is the ongoing campaign to vaccinate Gaza’s children against polio. Even as bombs fall and insecurity reigns, health workers are risking their lives to ensure the next generation is protected from preventable diseases.

The campaign aims to administer two drops of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 to over **640,000** children under the age of 10 across Gaza. The first phase, held from 1 to 3 September, saw remarkable success: more than **187,000** children in central Gaza received the vaccine, exceeding the initial target of **157,000**. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and bravery of Gaza’s health workers, who operate under the constant threat of violence.

However, many children were unable to reach vaccination centers due to the ongoing conflict. In response, special missions were dispatched to areas just outside the designated humanitarian zones, including Al-Maghazi, Al-Bureij, and Al-Mussader. These missions, undertaken in the face of grave danger, underscore the resilience and commitment of those determined to safeguard Gaza’s future.



# THE WEST BANK UNDER SIEGE -A REGION IN RUINS

While Gaza bears the brunt of the conflict, the West Bank is also enduring tremendous suffering. In the last 11 months, more than 650 Palestinians have been killed, with over 30 deaths reported in just one week in September alone. The Israeli army has arrested over 9,500 Palestinians during this period, further destabilizing an already volatile region.

The city of Jenin has been particularly hard-hit, facing a brutal 10-day military offensive that left over 80% of its streets destroyed. The offensive targeted infrastructure, homes, and public spaces, leaving the population without electricity or internet for days. Jenin's residents, like many others in the West Bank, are living under near-total siege, with much of the northern region repeatedly closed off by Israeli forces. The closures have made it nearly impossible for people to access basic necessities such as food, water, and medical supplies. Hebron, the largest governorate in the West Bank, has also faced extreme measures. For eight consecutive days, the Israeli military locked down the entire area, cutting off residents from the outside world. These lockdowns, coupled with the destruction of critical infrastructure, have left the West Bank teetering on the edge of collapse.

## *U.S. AND ISRAEL – A ONE-SIDED ALLIANCE*



The United States, a key player in global geopolitics, has remained steadfast in its support of Israel throughout this conflict. Both major presidential candidates have openly backed Israel's actions, reinforcing a one-sided alliance that shows little regard for the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Despite the overwhelming evidence of the suffering in Gaza and the West Bank, the U.S. government has not applied meaningful pressure on Israel to cease its military operations or engage in genuine peace negotiations.



## CONCLUSION: A CALL TO ACTION

As the conflict continues to rage, it is more important than ever to stay informed and engaged. The world must not turn a blind eye to the suffering in Gaza and the West Bank. Humanitarian efforts, such as the vaccination campaign, offer a glimmer of hope, but they are not enough to end the bloodshed. The global community must demand accountability and push for a just and lasting peace.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to cover these critical issues. Together, we can amplify the voices of the oppressed and advocate for a brighter future.



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