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Netanyahu's Gaza Siege is like Hitler's Siege of Leningrad

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Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, the armed uprising of Palestinians in Gaza against Israeli rule, took Israel by surprise. But now the most overtly racist regime on the planet is murdering Palestinians like the murder machine it is. Its blockade of two million Gazan Palestinians, stopping all essential supplies, is driven by the same kind of genocidal racism as Nazism. Netanyahu's defence minister Gallant motivates this by saying that Palestinians are 'human animals' who need to be deprived of all food, water and medicine. This is the politics of genocide, they would like to see the deaths of a couple of million people, turning Gaza into Auschwitz. Or at least the fear of this causing a mass flight of an entire 'unwanted' population.



Outrage at this criminality is echoing around the world. Russian President Vladimir Putin, fighting a war against US-backed Nazis in Ukraine, correctly compared the Israeli siege of Gaza with Hitler's siege of Leningrad. Governments such as Spain and Colombia have rightly condemned it as genocide, and Colombia has broken diplomatic relations with Israel. Iran has threatened Israel with 'pre-emptive' military action along with its allies, and Biden, with Sunak's support has moved warships into the Eastern Mediterranean to threaten Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria – protecting Israel. This has major potential to escalate.

Thousands are dead already, over 1000 of whom are Palestinian children. Half the population of Gaza are children; all are at risk of murder. The Zio-nazis hope to use such butchery to induce any survivors to flee and be ethnically cleansed. Netanyahu openly stated that he wants Palestinians to flee to Egypt. But the Egyptian regime of Sisi fears the wrath of the Arab masses, so is forced to obstruct this. This is how they are

attempting another *Nakba* in Gaza, underlining the close kinship between Zionism and Nazism. The original 1948 *Nakba* was a similar monstrous crime.

Sunak's vile government supports this. It has been motivating cops to attack the rights of Palestine Solidarity supporters to demonstrate, implying that they are supporters of Hamas. But though Hamas are popular among Palestinians because they are seen as incorruptible and militant fighters, they are just one, militantly Islamic ideological trend. And the imperialists are lying about them massively in any case. The story that has been repeated *ad nauseum* in the imperialist media about "40 beheaded babies" by

Hamas is a complete lie. Biden lied that he had seen photos of this, only to be contradicted by his own officials. The CNN reporter who first reported this had to admit she had seen *no* actual evidence. It is not working: 150,000 came out in London at short notice to demonstrate on 14th Oct and many more will do so now. In France and Germany, attempts to ban Palestine solidarity actions have been massively defied.

There are many other trends, including leftists and communists like ourselves, who do not support Hamas' politics, but do support the struggles of the Palestinian people for liberation no matter who leads them. The government's attacks show that the pro-Zionists in government, neoliberal mercenaries all, have genocidal views. Braverman has suggested that carrying Palestinian flags might be grounds to arrest people. She expresses racialised hatred of Palestinians and appears a dangerous person of the Julius Streicher type. She admits to having 'dreams' (sexual ones, perhaps?) of deporting refugees to concentration camps overseas. All of these *genocidaires* need to be locked up and the key thrown away. After WWII, similar war criminals were often rightly hanged.

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All the major parties: Labour, Tories, Lib Dems share this genocidal pro-Zionist position. Jeremy Corbyn's leadership of the Labour Party was destroyed by Zionist destabilisation, much of it organised by the Israeli Embassy. The neoliberal wing worked closely with Zionism. Corbyn proved weak, capitulating to smears against his followers, throwing many under the bus. This was because of softness and liberal guilt in dealing with Zionism. All these parties are dominated by 'Friends of Israel' and critics of Zionism face witch-hunting.

Yet there are *many millions* of people in this country who are familiar with the genocidal oppression of Palestinians. They are completely unrepresented politically. Racist, anti-working-class bigotry which is dragging politics to the far-right is bound up with vile attitudes to Palestinians and Muslims, just as before WWII Hitlerian Jew-hate poisoned political life. More than anything else, we need a genuinely working class, anti-Zionist and anti-racist, socialist-communist party that can unite working class people against the system.

This Palestinian uprising is yet another expression of the decline of the imperialist world system, a crisis of the Zionist regime, an ingredient that integrates and deepens the decadence of the system, along with the crisis of French rule in Africa, in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, following the defeat that imperialism has suffered in Ukraine. It is a principle for genuine communists, tribunes of the oppressed, to defend this uprising.

Both Hamas and Hezbollah now appear to have access to newer missile technology, and drones, much of it the result of Iranian innovations, which appear to have shifted the military balance in the region. Such is the efficiency of some of this technology that Russian forces have made use of Iranian drones in the Ukraine war. Hezbollah has plenty of them, and Hamas appears to have at least home-manufactured supplies of similar design, even though not fabricated in Iran. This played an important role in the *Saif Al Quds* war of 2021, when Hamas fought the Israelis to a standstill in a retaliation

for Israeli attacks on Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third most-holy shrine, which Jewish-Zionist extremists want to destroy and replace with their 'Third Temple'.

This act of fighting back has predictably led to outrage from the imperialist politicians of the West, who scream about the supposed 'terrorism' of an oppressed people fighting ethnic cleansing and persecution. Politicians like these were recently exposed in Canada when in unison with their far-right Ukrainian stooge Zelensky, a Zionist who vows to make Ukraine a 'big Israel' (through a similar ethnic cleansing of the Russian-speaking people of the Donbass), the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, a thoroughly mainstream (neo)-liberal figure who is an archetype of Western hypocrisy, was seen publicly saluting a 98-year-old veteran of Hitler's SS. The West's support for Zionist Israel, as well as their support for Nazi Ukraine, are really signs of the rehabilitation of fascist barbarism that is taking place in Western bourgeois politics as their system slides toward a final crisis. This understanding, about the lies of imperialism about Ukraine, needs to become as widely known as the facts about Palestine and Gaza: we need a unified struggle against imperialism.

Israel appears to have major problems in this conflict, that it has provoked by its ceaseless persecution of the Palestinian people, aimed at a slow genocide, to make Palestinians' lives unliveable, so they will either leave or die out. It's good that Israel has major problems. Its cohesion needs to be destroyed, its ability to wage war against the Arab masses to be crippled, to give the Palestinian people the military and political space to wage a struggle for equality and the right to return for all Palestinians. That must point toward the creation of a multi-ethnic workers state of Palestine through *permanent revolution*, a rearmed workers movement leading the national struggle to victory. That requires solidarity, and the unequivocal taking of sides with the oppressed in this conflict and those to come. **One side right, one side wrong! Victory to the Palestinians!**



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