

Palestine: Peace, not Genocide
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Congratulations to Her Majesty, Raja Zarith Sofiah Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah, Queen of Malaysia and Chancellor of UTM for this conference. And thank you Malaysia for your solid support for Palestine.

Netanyahu set a goal for Israel's genocide of Palestinians when in 2023 he referred to the following verse from the Torah:¹

“Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.” (1 Samuel 15:3)

Did he succeed in his goal?

He did partially succeed.

Israel has not given out any official figures. The Hamas-led Gaza Health Ministry reports the total number of dead to be 46,707 as of January 15, 2025, which marked 467 days of this genocidal war by Israel.² However, these are only those people who died at hospitals or whose dead bodies reached the hospital in order for a death certificate to be issued. The Lancet, the authoritative medical journal, published a letter by three scholars which argued the actual numbers are likely to be close to 186,000.³ Considering that the Gaza health system, the government, and transportation are almost all destroyed and 166 journalists have been killed,⁴ it is therefore highly plausible that the numbers will be even higher. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, about 180,000 German Jews were killed by Germany during Holocaust.⁵ Israel has killed more Palestinians in Gaza in a shorter period.

Counting casualties is the same challenge the world faced in the wars and violence that followed 9/11. In this War on Terror, Brown University scholars determined that at least 4.5 million people died.⁶

Current situation:

While we are all thankful to God Almighty that finally Qatar's efforts (with assistance from the United States) to mediate between Hamas and Israel have been successful, it is critical to note

¹ <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2023/11/benjamin-netanyahu-amalek-israel-palestine-gaza-saul-samuel-old-testament/>

² <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/1/15/the-human-toll-of-israels-war-on-gaza-by-the-numbers>

³ [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(24\)01169-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(24)01169-3/fulltext)

⁴ <https://cpj.org/2025/01/journalist-casualties-in-the-israel-gaza-conflict/>

⁵ <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/german-jews-during-the-holocaust>

⁶ <https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/papers/2023/IndirectDeaths>

that a pause in fighting for 45 days is not a true ceasefire. The negotiations for a real ceasefire are planned to begin on February 4th. And considering the fact that Israel has repeatedly violated the recent ceasefire in Lebanon and considering that it has taken more than a year of negotiations to achieve this temporary pause, it is quite likely that Israel will revert to its pre-October 7 policies in which it will bomb and kill periodically whenever it wants.

This pause agreement is silent about the end of occupation, the end of apartheid, and the end of genocide. South Africa's case against genocide will go on in ICJ, but there is no sign that Israel will end its occupation or aggression. Even those Zionists who call for Palestinian state call for a disarmed Palestine, which means Israel will have an open
After the Holocaust, the world came together to have the Genocide Convention. It calls license to kill.

The world failed Palestine through its failure to prevent and punish the crime of genocide. South Africa's case against Israel for genocide is likely to continue and eventually a judgement will be granted, but it carries only moral strength: it has no enforcement mechanism. The ICC warrants for the arrest of Netanyahu will haunt him but unless he is arrested there will be no trial. There are several countries who have announced that they will arrest him.

There are 153 countries have signed the genocide treaty.⁷ They did nothing to prevent the genocide except a General Assembly resolution. All the while their masses were praying, marching and urging them to stop the genocide.

Muslims, while making dua almost every day, were hoping that someone will do something to stop the genocide. But neighboring Muslim countries, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt did nothing. And the Pakistani Airforce which fought Israeli fighter jets in the 1967 Six-Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War this time remained silent.⁸ If some Muslim countries had started doing military exercises even simply within their own countries, it is likely that the United States would have taken a stronger stance against Israel.

So what is the solution for this occupation, apartheid, and genocide to end?

I do not have answers. Allah does:

“And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]. (Quran 14:42)

Allah controls the world; we don't.

He has, however, blessed us with the Quran, Sunnah, and our brains.

⁷ <https://www.un.org/en/genocide-prevention/legal/ratification>

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%E2%80%93Pakistan_relations

While we are not required to deliver results, we are obliged to think intelligently and take action based on our intellect.

American public opinion favors a ceasefire and is more pro-Palestine than ever before. However, pro-Palestine people including American Muslims have not succeeded in transforming public opinion into a pro-Palestine policy in the USA.

Jewish Americans in 1939 faced the same dilemma as Muslim Americans today.

In 1939, they presented a bill to the United States Congress to allow 20,000 Jewish children facing genocide in Germany to enter America. The Congress failed to vote on the bill.⁹ In May 1939, a ship named *St. Louis* brought 937 Jewish refugees to the United States. They were not allowed to land in America. According to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington DC, almost 30% were killed by the Nazis after they were obliged to return to Europe.¹⁰

Can you imagine today the United States denying a single Jew from entering the country? This is the same country that kept asking Israel for a ceasefire while simultaneously providing them with the bombs to continue their killing.

Can American Muslims free America from the Zionist hold on its foreign policy?

The answer is **yes**.

How, however, is a different question requiring another lecture.

Until then let's commit to struggle for freedom, justice and Islam continues.

That is what God Almighty tells us in the Quran and I will end with that:

⁹ <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2017/03/after-kristallnacht-america-chose-not-to-save-jewish-children-from-the-nazis.html>

¹⁰ <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/voyage-of-the-st-louis>

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We sent Our messengers with clear evidences, the Scripture, and the balance that the people may maintain their affairs in justice. And We sent down iron, wherein is great military might and benefits for the people, and so that Allah may make evident those who support Him and His messengers unseen. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might. (Quran 57:25)