

Without sanctions, Israel will not halt its genocide



In the face of world-wide public outrage at the suffering inflicted on Gaza by the Israeli military, the political rhetoric of the US president and his loyal band of yes-men, from Sunak to Starmer, has slightly altered.

After 5 months of carpet bombing by Israel causing the death of around 30,000 people, overwhelmingly women and children, and the near total destruction of all Gazan hospitals, schools and over 70 per cent of its housing stock, British political leaders have started to talk of a need for “a cessation of the war”. But they are leaving it to Israel to decide when this should be and, crucially, to continue in the meanwhile, to supply arms for Israel.

The truth is that the US is still pushing for an Israeli victory, whatever the cost in Palestinian lives. Yet, their champion for “Western values,” is now likely to be indicted by the International Court of Justice, both for genocide and for its several decades long military occupation over the Palestinian people in the West Bank, in Gaza, as well as in Israel, by what Amnesty International has condemned as “a cruel system of apartheid”.

Even as the world focuses on Gaza being turned into a graveyard, in the West Bank (which is not under Hamas control) the Israeli army and settlers are attacking daily Palestinian villagers, to seize their land and expand Israeli settlements. Already, there are around 700,000 Israeli settlers in the West Bank in defiance of international law and contrary to Western governments’ professed commitment to the West Bank and Gaza forming a Palestinian state. Yet, neither Israel’s genocidal war in Gaza nor its relentless colonisation of the West Bank has incurred it the threat of sanctions. One rule for Russia, another for Israel!

Join our campaign to oppose the many ways by which British companies and cultural and educational institutions collude with Israel’s oppression of the Palestinians. Israel’s war against the Palestinians did not begin on October 7th. It’s a continuation of over 75 years of settler colonial oppression and ethnic cleansing.

Help us end this injustice. Join the Sheffield Palestine Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid to:

- make Sheffield an Israeli Apartheid-Free Zone by campaigning for businesses, local government and educational institutions to renounce all ties with Israel
- oppose the arms trade and military collaboration with Israel
- call for sanctions against Israel until it abides by international laws and UN resolutions affecting the rights of Palestinians
- oppose measures aimed at shutting down public criticism of Israel’s treatment of the Palestinians

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Emergency relief for Gaza, a fundraising event: ‘The Free Radicals’ – a night of funk and soul classics, from 7.30pm Saturday 16th March, Crookes Social Club, ST10 1TD. Donations on the door