

ISRAEL'S CONTINUING GENOCIDE

South Africa has charged Israel with genocide for their mass slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza. The charges are correct and accurate

It is ironic that Israel, a country formed as a refuge for Jews, including survivors of genocide, has become the perpetrator of genocide. Its prior unjust treatment of Palestinians is widely known, but the current wholesale slaughter of men, women, and children is unprecedented. The US needs to revise its policy and strongly pressure the country to stop, and begin implementing a separate, independent, Palestinian state.

Months have passed, and Israel under Netanyahu has continued the barbaric and careless actions against Palestinians, and continues to refuse a cease-fire, despite UN resolutions and further orders by the International Court, and US and world pressure to behave and respect human rights.

Added to the obvious wrong of massacres of civilians, Israel's policies are destructive to its own interests. They will never eliminate the justified rage against it, not only from its victims but those worldwide who sympathize them. The Israeli right wing likes to accuse its critics of antisemitism, usually falsely, but they are CREATING antisemitism with their reprehensible actions, which are contrary to the principles of their own religion.

The US should have ended its support for Israel until its government can begin complying with humane international standards. That might not have an immediate effect on Netanyahu's defiance, but it would reduce the degree of blame and condemnation that the US, and Biden in particular, has been receiving.

The US became an enabler of genocide due to Biden's failure to stop arming Israel, which instead became bold enough to wage more war on Hezbollah in Lebanon and Iran.

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