



Stop the genocide!

CeasefireMV is a group of islanders who demand a *permanent* ceasefire and an end to the Israeli state's war of annihilation against the Palestinian people. We reject the lie that equates criticism of Israel with antisemitism.

Anyone who agrees with the above is welcome to join us.

Opposition to genocide does not imply support for whatever crimes were committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023. We deplore mass murder, abduction, and war crimes, without regard to who the perpetrators are or what justification they claim.

The Israeli military has committed genocide against the people of Gaza and the West Bank. They have killed no fewer than 60,000 Palestinians, the majority women and children. This figure is conservative; a more realistic number, according to a scientific study published in *The Lancet* in July 2024, *exceeds* 186,000, or 8% of the prewar population, when we take into account indirect deaths due to “destroyed health-care infrastructure; severe shortages of food, water, and shelter; the population's inability to flee to safe places; and the loss of funding to UNRWA, one of the very few humanitarian organisations still active in the Gaza Strip.”

Israeli forces have destroyed infrastructure, schools, hospitals, churches, mosques, universities, and housing. Israel's intentional and targeted starvation campaign against the Palestinian people resulted in famine across all of Gaza, according to a statement by 10 independent UN experts.

Stop US military aid to Israel! The United States provides the weapons of genocide. The US government has supplied billions of dollars in military aid to Israel, including a \$15 billion package in April 2024. US-made munitions were used in the deadly Israeli strike on a displacement camp in Rafah in May 2024, where refugees were incinerated in their tents, to cite one of countless examples.

No impunity for war criminals! The International Criminal Court has rightly issued arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant for Israeli war crimes. We support the international movement to have the ICC also investigate Joe Biden, Anthony Blinken and Lloyd Austin for abetting those crimes.

Genocide is not self-defense. International law does not recognize revenge as a defense to genocide, no matter how heinous the October 7 attack may have been. Even if one accepts the proposition that Israel has a right to hunt down and kill every last Hamas militant, there is no legal or moral justification for killing tens of thousands of noncombatant civilians.

Disagree? We are happy to discuss these issues with anyone who is willing to engage in civil conversation. For further information, please see www.ceasefiremv.org.

