



# 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. Free Palestine!

Anyone who agrees with this position 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 account for 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.”

**Stop US military aid to Israel!** The United States provides the weapons of genocide. Over the past year the US government has provided \$18 billion in military aid to Israel, with another \$8.8 billion on the way. 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.

**Genocide is not self-defense.** International law recognizes neither security pretexts nor revenge as defenses to genocide, no matter how heinous the October 7 attack may have been. There is no legal or moral justification for killing tens of thousands of noncombatant civilians.

**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.

**Opposition to genocide is not antisemitism and it is not a crime.** We stand in solidarity with university students, staff and all those who have spoken out against genocide and been harassed, persecuted, arrested or threatened by ICE, such as **Mahmoud Khalil, Rumeysa Ozturk, Momodou Taal**. Defend free speech!

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](http://www.ceasefiremv.org).

