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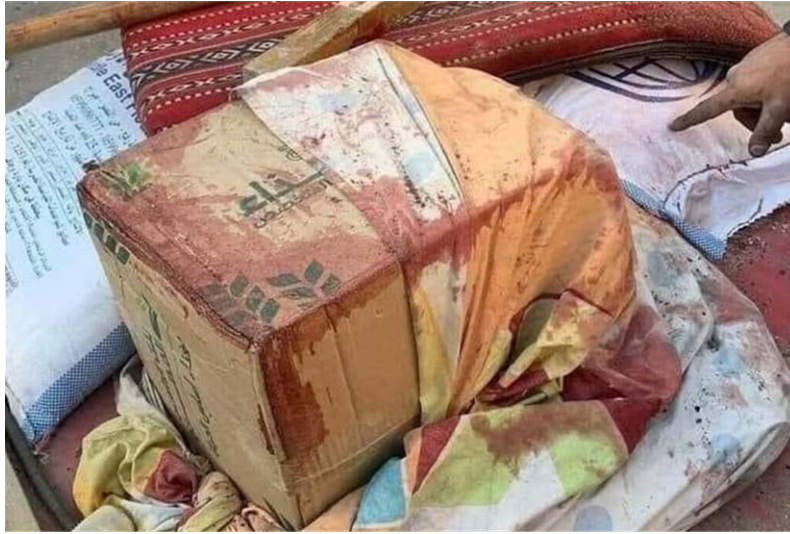
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## *The "flour massacre" is the prelude to what Israel is preparing for "the day after" in Gaza*



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The policy of Unleashing a genocide under the watchful eye of the world is complicated. Although Israel has the firepower to kill anyone it wants in the world. Gaza must find a way to "criminalize" its targets. When they suspect that a resistance fighter is in hiding, or simply in a building, which serves as a justification for destroying the whole of the world. building, and sometimes the surrounding buildings as well. Being "the *startup* nation," the genocidal army of Israel has even industrialized the process of criminalizing civilian targets Using [Intelligence artificial](#).

But despite the the indiscriminate and bloody manner in which the offensive has been carried out Israel, the massacre of starving people looking for bread in the street Al-Rasheed of Gaza last Thursday was different. Israel didn't even claim that his troops had been attacked, or that there were combatants of the resistance in the surrounding area. This massacre occurred while Israel claimed to "take care" of the humanitarian needs of the population Palestine. And more than just an isolated tragic incident, the "Massacre of the Flour", as it has come to be called, can actually be understood as a harbinger of the new order that Israel is trying to impose on the population of Gaza after its planned, though so far unsuccessful, elimination of Hamas. It was a reflection of Israel's "day after" plan for Gaza and the whole of Gaza. Palestine: the permanent military occupation.

### **Israel Sows Famine and Chaos**

The current operation of Israel in Gaza is multifaceted and goes far beyond the daily bombardment from the United States. the sky and the destruction carried out by the earthly forces. Israel it is also sowing hunger and chaos throughout Gaza.

First of all, hunger. Until now, Israel has intentionally kept the amount of aid to a minimum entering Gaza. The main obstacles are the obstructing Israeli "inspections" of all supplies that either from Egypt through the Rafah border crossing or directly from Karm Abu-Salem. In addition, the army and police have allowed intentionally have far-right thugs obstruct traffic in inspection sites and border crossings, each arguing that it is the responsibility of the other to maintain order there. On February 22, Kan, the Israeli Official Broadcasting Service, reported that, due to the disruption by protesters, [no An aid truck was able to enter Gaza](#) that day. When very limited aid finally enters Gaza, it is faced with roads destroyed and can still be shot at by the Israeli army.

Then chaos. Israel is waging a war of attrition against all humanitarian organizations that seek to alleviate the suffering of the people of Gaza. Multiple Workers Humanitarians have become martyrs for Israeli attacks. A few years ago, month, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) [reported](#) that 337 health workers and 145 United Nations employees had been killed, and these murders have uninterrupted.

The case of UNRWA (the United Nations for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East) is well known. Israel makes no secret of its desire to do away with the agency, accusing it of "perpetuate" the existence of the Palestinians as a people struggling for return to their lands. The Western powers were quick to cut off the essential funding for the maintenance of UNRWA, preventing the life-saving assistance to millions of Gazans at a time of

terrible humanitarian catastrophe, based on unfounded accusations against a handful of employees of that organization. In addition to this, on February 25 Amira Hass reported in *Haaretz* that Israel is systematically blocking the work visas of aid workers from international humanitarian NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza, forcing them to leave the country. All this with the purpose of isolating the and make life in Gaza truly impossible.

As if all this were not enough, in order to generate further chaos, Israel has attacking Palestinian police facilitating the distribution of aid in the United States. Loop. Kan reported that, due to the Israeli attacks, the Palestinian police has ceased to provide security for convoys and that, as a result, the humanitarian organizations announced the suspension of distribution of aid, fearing for the safety of their workers.

The Israeli government has not only Not only did we generate hunger and chaos in Gaza to inflict suffering, but also to create an opportunity.

In an article published on *Ynet* on February 28, [Ronen Bergman reports](#) that the two ministers Supposedly "centrists" in the Israeli war cabinet, the former Generals Gantz and Eisenkot, intended to exploit hunger and chaos in Gaza to force the release of Israeli captives. As Bergman reports, Gantz and Eisenkot "tried to propose, as early as a month ago, to condition the continued humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip to the liberation of the hostages, but this proposal was rejected."

Ronen Bergman is [a staff writer](#) for the *New York Times*. But he is also a deeply committed Israeli, who has, according to his own testimony, deep connections at the top of the Israeli military *establishment*. In his article, he accuses Netanyahu of "unnecessary gestures" in Gaza, such as letting in some medicines and fuel. While the "centrist generals" want to kill starving Gazans to force Hamas to hand over its prisoners without In any exchange, Netanyahu aspires to the perpetuation of the war as the only way to save his government and stay in the highest position.

### **Netanyahu's "Day After" Plan: The Aggressive Occupation permanent**

Given his ties to the Israeli *establishment*, it's interesting take note of Bergman's remarks. It describes how Netanyahu is sabotaging the negotiations for the exchange of prisoners: "... the the same unknown parties spreading fake news in the media outlets. communication on the great optimism surrounding the negotiations [between the Israeli team negotiating the exchange of prisoners] and that there is progress and the situation is good, they do it so that, when Hamas comes back with a response, refusal to an offer that you will clearly not accept as is, you may be able to blaming them for blowing up the negotiations."

Bergman adds that "people who is familiar with what is going on in Netanyahu's entourage believes that this He's doing everything he can to thwart the deal, and he's manipulating the public opinion with all the means at its disposal so that, even if a agreement that appears reasonable to the negotiators on the part of the security, he rejects it. And, if this leaks out, as one of the high officials sworn for their lives, he, Netanyahu, will introduce them, all of them, as losers who are unwilling to fight Hamas to victory total."

Bergman speaks on behalf of party of the military leadership and paints a very pessimistic picture of the war situation of Israel. "The bottom line," he sums up, "is that the Israeli army it's stuck in Gaza. The abductees perish little by little. The Israeli public It is saturated with distorted or false information. The army voted with the and left the Gaza Strip: five divisions that participated in the war have been five brigades that are participating in a limited operation in Khan Younis. Top Military Officials Say A Halt Is Needed fire, that an agreement is necessary, but the army chiefs don't say so explicitly."

But for Netanyahu and the majority extremist of his government, things are going better. There's no pressure to end the war. The Israeli government does not is even willing to consider a political solution, so its strategy is a war of attrition, believing that the military superiority of Israel will extinguish the power of resistance of the Palestinian population, even if it is not the same as the Palestinian people. This will require years of bloody conflict.

To this end, after a long In the wake of the delay, Netanyahu laid out the building blocks of what is supposed to be his vision of "[The Day Later](#)" in Gaza, or rather in the whole Palestine. This is a vision of full Israeli military control between the river and the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea. No Palestinian entity will be allowed independent.

To thwart the pressure Israel wants to show that it can take care of itself, with some "apolitical" Palestinian proxies of the day-to-day management of population. In his article, Bergman reports that, after all, the Israeli War Cabinet Decides to Deliver Humanitarian Aid to the Devastated northern Gaza. This was after he chased away the Palestinian police and endangering all humanitarian organizations, as described above formerly. And this brings us to the "Flour Massacre." The The Israeli army decided to secure the convoys by itself, and what better way to way to secure a convoy of aid that accompanies it with formidable Tanks? When the hungry Palestinians on the streets of Al-Rasheed They tried to "loot" the supplies, the tank soldiers They fired with their machine guns.

On a smaller scale, in the West Bank, There are daily shootings of unarmed Palestinians at the hands of soldiers who "They felt threatened" by his mere presence. Trying to explain the Al-Rasheed massacre, the Israeli army alleged that its cowardly soldiers felt threatened by the unarmed civilians who had been They got too close to their positions. It was not the Gazans who They got too close, it was the Israelis who got in where they shouldn't have. Netanyahu's government wants to maintain its military presence in Gaza forever. Still not speaking of new settlements there, but many elements of the coalition is working on it. The Slaughter of the Hungry Seekers PAN is a stark reminder that, in order to stop the bloodshed, It is not enough to demand a ceasefire now. It is no less important to demand the Immediate and complete withdrawal of the bloody occupying army.

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