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United Against Israel: Time to End World's Longest Occupation



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Left to its own devices, Israel will never grant freedom to the Palestinians.

In the past, some claimed, ignorantly or otherwise, that peace in Palestine can only be achieved through "unconditional negotiations".

This mantra was also defended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he told him It was interesting to pay lip service to the "peace process" and other fantasies originating in the United States. At that time I was talking of their willingness to engage in unconditional negotiations, even if constantly arguing that Israel has no interlocutor to La Paz.

All of these were, of course, Evasive. What Netanyahu and other Israelis were saying in The reality is that Israel should free itself from any compromise with Israel. international law, not to mention international pressure. Worse still, by declaring that Israel has no interlocutor Palestinian for peace, the Israeli government basically resigned the hypothetical and "unconditional negotiations" before even that they took place.

For years – in fact, for decades – Israel was allowed to perpetuate such nonsense, empowered, of course, by the full and unconditional support of Washington and its other Western allies.

In a context in which Israel [receives](#) billions of dollars in U.S. aid and in general, and in which he grew up to become a thriving tech hub, not to mention one of the largest arms exporters of the world, Tel Aviv simply did not have the reasons to end their occupation or dismantle their apartheid in Palestine.

But things they must change now. Israel's genocidal war in Gaza should completely alter our understanding, not only of the tragic reality in Palestine, but also misunderstandings of the past. It should be clear that Israel never intended to to achieve a just peace, to put an end to their colonialism in Palestine, is to that is, to the expansion of illegal settlements or to grant the Palestinians have the minimum rights.

By on the contrary, Israel has been planning genocide all along against the Palestinians.

Israel has already committed horrific war crimes against the Palestinians, during the [Nakba](#) in 1947-48 and in successive wars since. Every crime, big or small, was always accompanied by a campaign of ethnic cleansing. More than 800,000 Palestinians were ethnically [cleansed](#) when Israel settled on the ruins of Palestine 76 years ago. Another 300,000 [were ethnically](#) cleansed during the *Naksa*, the war and the exile of 1967.

To Over the years, the mainstream media Westerners did their best to completely conceal the Israeli crimes, minimize their impact, or blame them on the other. This process of protecting Israel continues to this day even as tens of thousands of Palestinians have died since 7 October and when most of Gaza, including its hospitals, schools, mosques, churches, civilian housing, and Shelters have been [wiped off](#) the map.

Having Given all this, anyone who continues to talk about "negotiations unconditional" - especially those carried out under the under Washington's auspices – it does so only to help Israel circumvent international legal and political responsibility.

Fortunately The world is waking up to this fact and, hopefully, will wake up sooner rather than later, as the Israeli massacres in Gaza continues to claim hundreds of innocent lives every day.

This collective awareness that Israel must be stopped with international measures are also accompanied by a equally critical awareness that the United States is not a honest peace mediator. In fact, it never has been.

For To appreciate the ruinous role of the United States in this supposed conflict, it is enough The following example: while virtually all countries who participated with a legal opinion and a political position in [public hearings](#) of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) From 19 to 26 February, they formulated their position based on the internationally, the U.S. did not.

"The The Court should not consider that Israel is legally bound to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from the territory occupied," the legal adviser [in](#) U.S. Department of State, Richard Visek.

76 years after the *Nakba* and after 57 years of military occupation, the legal position The U.S. remains committed to defending the illegality of the Israel's conduct throughout Palestine.

Compare the previous stance with the resounding, courageous and of almost every country in the world, especially of the more than 50 countries that requested to intervene in the ICJ hearings.

China whose words and actions seem much more consistent with the international law than those of many Western nations, Especially now, it went even further. "On the Quest the right to self-determination, the use of force by the of the Palestinian people to resist foreign oppression and the establishment of an independent State is a right inalienable and well-founded in international law," he said China's representative Ma Xinmin to the ICJ on 22 February.

To This is different from the topical and uncommitted [posture](#) of characters such as British Foreign Secretary David Cameron on the the need to initiate "irreversible progress" towards a Independent Palestinian state, China's position is arguably the more complete and realistic.

Xinmin linked self-determination to the struggle for liberation, to the struggle for liberation, to the struggle for liberation. sovereignty, to the inalienable rights of peoples, all of them consistent with international laws and standards. In fact, they are These are the same principles that have led to the liberation of numerous countries in the Global South. Bearing in mind that Israel does not It has no intention of freeing the Palestinians from the clutches apartheid and military occupation, the Palestinian people have not been able to There was no other option but to resist.

Now The question is, will the international community continue to defy the U.S. position with words only, or it will formulate a new approach to the Israeli occupation of Palestine, putting an end to it all the necessary means?

In his statement to the ICJ on February 19, British lawyer Philippe Sands, a member of the Palestine team, offered a roadmap for how the international community can force Israel to end its occupation: "The right of self-determination demands that UN member states immediately end the Israeli occupation. No to help. No to attendance. No complicity. No contribution to violent actions. No money. No guns. No trade. Nothing at all."

In Indeed, the time has come to move from words to deeds, especially when thousands of children are being killed without Any other fault than being born Palestinian.

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