



Women in Black *London*

Justice for Gaza and West Bank

Women in Black lament the lack of news reports from Gaza in recent weeks and the ongoing slanted reporting of the BBC. The people of Gaza have been 'hidden' from view by reports of conflicts between Israel, Iran and the USA. Meanwhile, starvation is still being used as a tool of war and in recent days hundreds have been killed and thousands injured as they try to access food aid from the highly criticised Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF). Israeli airstrikes continue, on 26 June alone, 18 people were killed in a drone strike adding to the death toll of more than 56,200 people. **This is a genocide.**

The UN Office for Humanitarian Affairs reported on 26 June that:

- Most families survive on just one nutritiously poor meal per day, while adults routinely skip meals to prioritise children, the elderly, and the ill amid deepening hunger and desperation.
- Incidents of gender-based violence continue to rise, with women and girls facing increasing risks of abuse, exploitation, coercion and harmful coping strategies in their struggle to survive.
- On average, 112 children have been admitted daily for treatment of acute malnutrition since the start of the year, with the situation set to deteriorate if conditions do not change immediately, UNICEF warns.

West Bank settler violence continues with raids on refugee camps and villages, often supported by members of the Israeli Defence Force (IDF). Twelve villages face imminent destruction because Israel is taking the area as a military firing zone. More than 900 Palestinians have been killed by settler violence since October 2023. Child detention is a terrible feature of the illegal occupation and it is estimated that 37% of Palestinian child detainees held without charge as Israel blocks legal counsel and family access.

We continue to believe that peace for Palestine and Israel will only be achieved by cooperation, diplomacy, the release of hostages, Palestinians detained without trial, especially children and the involvement of women in peace processes.

We stand in solidarity with Palestinian women in the Occupied Territories in their struggle for justice, peace, well-being and a secure, prosperous and nonviolent future for themselves and their children. We stand with Israeli partners too, such as Women in Black Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, the Coalition of Women for Peace, Machsom Watch and other organizations in which Jewish and Palestinian Israeli women work together for a peace agreement and sustain contact with Palestinian women in the West Bank and Gaza. With them, we call for full equality in Israel for Jewish and non-Jewish citizens alike.

Challenge the arms trade with Israel. Sign this petition, calling on the Government NOT to allow Israel to the arms fair taking place in London in September. <https://caat.org.uk/sign-the-petition-kick-israel-out-of-dsei/>

Support this call for Keir Starmer and David Lammy to be take **decisive** action to prevent the total destruction of Gaza. <https://www.map.org.uk/campaigns/gaza-is-being-erased-demand-starmer-and-lammy-stop-enabling-israels-atrocities>

Watch the documentary *Doctors Under Attack*, which the BBC refused to broadcast. <https://www.channel4.com/press/news/channel-4-broadcast-gaza-doctors-under-attack>

Share this leaflet with others and talk with them about what it is going to take to build real peace and security for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Place, London WC2. Women in Black also hold a vigil on Saturday from 12-1pm on Euston Road outside Friends House. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war. **Contact us:**

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