



Women in Black *London*

Justice for Gaza and West Bank

While Israel ends its 'tactical pause' in Gaza and begins its new offensive of land, sea and air assaults, on Gaza city, the human suffering reaches new levels. The death toll to date is 62,000 +. According to the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reporting on 29 August:

- Famine is now occurring in several parts of Gaza and is projected to expand further to Deir al Balah and Khan Younis by the end of September.
- At least 2,000 people seeking aid have been killed in three months, according to records from the UN.
- On 25 August, Nasser Medical Complex in central Khan Younis was hit by two strikes carried out by Israeli forces, killing 22 Palestinians.
- Since October 2023, 245 journalists and media workers, including 33 female journalists, have been killed and at least 520 injured, and 39 have been arrested by Israeli authorities.

Women in Black lament this on-going military targeting of the people left in Gaza who continue to face multiple forms of deprivation and more displacement as Israel threatens to bomb and starve them out of existence. **This is a genocide. This is unacceptable and must end now.**

More humiliation and land grabbing in the West Bank.

B'Tselem, the Israeli Human Rights organisation report that Israel is trying to displace thousands of Palestinians who live in farming-shepherding communities. Many face imminent expulsion, and others are subject to various forms of abuse and violence. (https://www.btselem.org/about_btselem)

In the villages of Um al-Kheir, South Hebron Hills a settler shot and killed peace activist Awdah al-Hathaleen, and soldiers arrested the victim's relatives on the orders of the settler! This illustrates that the settlers are taking full control of parts of the West Bank apparently without any oversight (by the Israeli government)

Women in Black believe that peace for Palestine and Israel will only be achieved by cooperation, diplomacy, the release of hostages and Palestinians detained without trial, especially children and the full 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. It is reported that Israeli officials will NOT be allowed to attend the up-coming arms fair BUT Israeli companies will attend. 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-dseil/>

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-israelas-atrocities>

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:** <http://london.womeninblack.org/> FB @womeninblack.london

Donations for leaflets most welcome

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