



## Women in Black London

## Justice for Gaza and West Bank

Human suffering in Gaza intensifies as we reach the end of the second year of this conflict. The death toll to date is over 65,000. The UN has now confirmed that genocide is taking place there.

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/09/israel-has-committed-genocide-gaza-strip-un-commission-finds>

- Famine and acute malnourishment, especially of children, are now occurring in many parts of Gaza affecting at least 500,000 adults and more than 132,000 children under 5 in August 2025. Vital cropland and water supplies have been massively damaged by Israeli bombardment. The destruction in Gaza will take decades to address.
- 2,500 people seeking aid have been killed since 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- Since Israel began its attacks, 38 Gaza hospitals and 96 healthcare centres have been targeted, and 197 ambulances were destroyed or damaged by the Israeli army. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/israeli-army-strikes-another-gaza-hospital-blocks-access-health-ministry/3701844>.
- Israel does not allow international media into Gaza and its attacks continue to kill those who courageously report from there. Since October 2023, 245 journalists and media workers, including 33 female journalists, have been killed and at least 520 injured, while 140 have been arrested and imprisoned by Israeli authorities.

### IS ISRAEL TRYING TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN STATE IN THE WEST BANK?

Israel may be exploiting the focus on Gaza to divert attention from ongoing settler attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank. It is accelerating the establishment of settlements and may try to annex the whole West Bank according to the UN Security Council. It has also unblocked several projects to create new industrial zones and expand settlements and is now thinking of splitting the West Bank in two, which would isolate Palestinian populations and make it more difficult to establish a Palestinian state.

<https://press.un.org/en/2025/sc16183.doc.htm>

**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.



**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

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