



Women in Black  
London

## Honour ceasefires in Gaza and Lebanon stop the killing

### **Palestine**

Last month we commemorated the 78<sup>th</sup> Nakba Day when Palestinians remember the catastrophe of the destruction of Palestinian society and homeland and the forced displacement, in 1948, of millions of Palestinians.

In March, Israel passed the *Death Penalty for Terrorists Law*. The law, which applies only to Palestinians, calls for death by hanging for those who are convicted of 'terrorism related' activities.

Between April 2025 and April 2026 there have been 2,594 Israeli settler attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank and 2,120 Palestinian structures (homes, places of work, animal shelters) have been demolished. <https://www.ochaopt.org/content/west-bank-monthly-snapshot-casualties-property-damage-and-displacement-april-2026>

### **Gaza**

Although a ceasefire was agreed between Israel and Hamas in October 2025, Israeli airstrikes continue. In the last week at least 10 people, including five children, were killed in an Israeli strike on a building in Gaza City. Last week President Netanyahu declared that Israel will expand its control of Gaza from 60% to 70%.

Living conditions in Gaza remain dire, with most people displaced and exposed to continued health and environmental risks, while reports of attacks hitting residential areas continue. Over 43,000 people in Gaza have sustained life-changing injuries, the World Health Organization estimates, while rehabilitation services remain overstretched.

The people of Gaza have been displaced, often many times over, while much of the territory has been reduced to toxic rubble, with agriculture and medical and food aid disrupted. More than 72,000 have been killed to date, many of them women and children.

### **Lebanon**

While a ceasefire was declared on 16 April fighting continues between Israel and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. This takes the form of air and drone strikes, house demolitions on the part of Israel and rocket and drone strikes into southern Israel by Iranian-backed Hezbollah. The Ministry of Public Health report that at least 31 people including women and children were killed and 40 injured in hostilities on 26 May alone.

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We stand in solidarity with women in Gaza, Palestine and Lebanon, 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 women in Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza.

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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.

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