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Nothing Can Erase the Massacre in Gaza

President Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are trying to paint this temporary pause in Israel's siege on Gaza as some important humanitarian achievement. Of course, any pause in bombing is better than nothing. But a temporary pause in bombing civilians does not undo what has been weeks of a genocidal massacre of Palestinians.

So far, out of an estimated 230 hostages, Hamas has released 58, who are mostly Israeli women and children. Israel has released 117 Palestinian women and children, who have been held in Israeli prisons, often without any trial. There are still about 10,000 Palestinians currently held in Israeli prisons.

Painting this hostage swap as some major victory ignores the horror that has really gone on. It was already reported as far back as Nov. 9 that Netanyahu rejected an offer from Hamas for a 5-day ceasefire in exchange for a hostage swap. The Israeli state, with the full support of the Biden administration, rejected this

offer only because they wanted to continue with their massacre of Gaza.

Israel's barbaric slaughter has gone on for 45 days, killing more than 14,000 Palestinians, including more than 6,000 children and 3,500 women. More than 7,000 are still missing, including 4,000 children – most of them are likely dead, buried under the rubble of their homes. Gaza has been without food, water, and electricity for weeks. Israel has bombed Palestinians seeking shelter in hospitals, schools, and other buildings that are supposed to be protected.

Still today, most Palestinians in Gaza are without access to food, water, and electricity. Still, the health care system in Northern Gaza is destroyed and barely functioning. Still, 1.7 million Palestinians remain displaced since Oct. 7, many of whom have been blocked by the Israeli military from returning to their bombed out neighborhoods.

This hostage swap can't cover up the fact that it's been U.S.-made bombs being dropped on Palestinians. And the U.S. is still planning on giving Israel its largest single military aid package ever, continuing its unwavering support for Israel's massacre.

This is not a humanitarian truce. This is not some ceasefire in a two-sided war. This is simply a short pause in Israel's genocidal erasure of Palestinians. The people of Gaza will not settle for anything less than a complete end to this siege, an end to the genocide, and an end to Israel's occupation. And the rest of us shouldn't settle for anything less either.



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Carbon Emissions: Another Piece of Class Warfare

The wealthiest 1% contribute more to the global climate emergency than the poorest two thirds of humanity! A new report by Oxfam reveals that someone in the poorest 99% would have to live for 1,500 years to produce as much carbon as the richest produce in just one year!

Of course, what's most talked about is how the rich burn up fossil fuels through their private jets, super yachts, and lavish lifestyles. But what's more impactful is where their wealth comes from, and where they invest it. The study only examined where their wealth is invested, but it found that just 125 of the world's richest billionaires have investments that spew a million times the average carbon emissions from someone in the bottom 90%.

While the rich gather in Dubai for the annual climate conference convening November 30, we already know this conference won't rock the boat. The wealthy investors and delegates that show up at the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) will work out their deals that will continue to keep us on track towards our planetary demise.

We know it's working people and youth of the world who are the only ones with the incentive to stop the emissions and find real solutions. We know it's up to us!

Violence: As American As Apple Pie

U.S. government support for Israel has been unwavering throughout its genocidal war on Palestinians. But we must acknowledge that the U.S. itself was founded on the genocide of millions of indigenous people, stretching across an entire continent. It stole millions of people from the shores of Africa to build up its wealth. Its greed could not be satisfied by the wealth within the bounds of North America. Its warships quickly spread from Cuba to the Philippines in the Spanish-American War, seeking sugar and tobacco to extract and exploit.

Since its foundation, the United States has been at war nearly every year of its existence. It remains the only country to have dropped atomic weapons in war, using them to incinerate 200 thousand civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Its use of chemical weapons is abundant in foreign wars, notably against Vietnamese and Iraqis.

The U.S. support of dictators and genocidal regimes is nothing new, like its loud and empty claims of defending democracy and freedom. Let's remember this as we digest our Thanksgiving leftovers, and get back to the streets to demand an end to the Israeli occupation, and ultimately, to fight for an end to the U.S. empire that makes it possible.

U.S. Government War on Gaza

For decades, the U.S. government has been using our tax money to aid the Israeli state with over \$3 billion per year, adding up to a total of more than \$124 billion in military aid. In October, Biden proposed sending an additional \$14.3 billion to assist Israel in carrying out its massacre against Palestinians.

As Israel's strongest ally, the U.S. has provided 80 percent of the country's weapons and military equipment. The U.S. has cooperated in development and production of weaponry, surveillance technology, and intelligence gathering. These tools have long been used to oppress Palestinians.

This is appalling. We must express our opposition in the streets. We cannot allow the genocide of Palestinians to continue—especially when it is our money that is funding the bombs destroying homes, hospitals, schools, and refugee camps.

Hopelessness Beware: Potential Organizers are Everywhere!

Many of us feel like we can't watch or read the news without feeling hopeless about the genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza. It may seem like there's nothing we can do. But there is a lot we can do—after all, we live in a country that has been sending billions of dollars in military support to Israel!

We can stand up as organizers and speak out against these atrocities. We can talk with everyone around us about Palestine, whether at work, at home, or in our neighborhoods. We can educate ourselves about the topic and carry resources with us, like articles and fliers to share. We can wear buttons and put up posters to show others we aren't alone in opposing this war!

We have to bring others to protests and demonstrations and organize meetings, film screenings, and discussions, whatever it takes! We all have the power to be organizers and fight for a world free from endless wars and oppression!

