



Democrats for Palestinian Rights - Bay Area Club statement
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The Democrats for Palestinian Rights Club - Bay Area is horrified by the Israel and US created humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, Palestine where 2 million Palestinians are being intentionally starved by Israel while being bombed and targeted at the same time. Israel's food and medicines blockade, Israel's deliberate destruction of Gaza's food, water, and food processing infrastructure, the dismantling of UNRWA and displacement of its 400 aid distribution sites with the 4 sites of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) all located in active combat zones, is a death sentence for thousands of Palestinians, including children.

Joining more than 200 NGOs, Doctors Without Borders has called for the immediate shuttering of the GHF, releasing a report documenting how their purported aid sites have become sites of "orchestrated killing and dehumanisation", not humanitarian aid. "The so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation is a deadly scheme that must be dismantled. People need access to food and lifesaving aid now."

[\[https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/gaza-humanitarian-foundation-aid-distribution-system-must-be-dismantled\]](https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/gaza-humanitarian-foundation-aid-distribution-system-must-be-dismantled);
[\[https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/us-backed-aid-distribution-points-gaza-are-sites-orchestrated-killing\]](https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/us-backed-aid-distribution-points-gaza-are-sites-orchestrated-killing);
[\[https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/sites/default/files/documents/MSF-Gaza-ThisIsNotAid-FINAL.pdf\]](https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/sites/default/files/documents/MSF-Gaza-ThisIsNotAid-FINAL.pdf)

Israel's shooting and killing of over 1000 aid seekers and injuring many thousands more takes this crime to a whole new level of venality. Not only are the amounts of food hopelessly inadequate and egregiously confined geographically, but the food, consisting of sometimes adulterated dried lentils, flour and rice, is distributed without water or fuel with which to cook. It is important to also note that there is NO infant formula or other nutrition packed foods to save the most vulnerable.

On the lower end of estimates, Israel has dropped more than 70,000 tons of bombs on Gaza since the start of the genocide. That's the equivalent of roughly six Hiroshima bombings on an area less than half the size of Hiroshima, but with six times its population. For reference, Gaza is approximately the size of Detroit, Michigan.

[\[https://open.substack.com/pub/savageminds/p/israels-gaza-war-is-one-of-histories\]](https://open.substack.com/pub/savageminds/p/israels-gaza-war-is-one-of-histories)

As we bear witness to the horrific scenes of emaciated children and adults coming from Palestine, it is imperative for us to understand that as tax payers WE are responsible for this preventable man-made tragedy that has resulted in the genocide and ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian population. This week, the Israel Knesset voted to annex the West Bank while at the same time, Netanyahu announced the plan to take full control of Gaza. THESE ARE WAR CRIMES.

Palestinians have been dehumanized in America to the point that seeing children blown to bits while their parents collect their remains in plastic bags did not garner outrage from our Democratic Party. This dehumanization comes in many different forms and is encouraged by our media, Congress, local elected officials, and also by both the Biden and Trump Administrations. It is indeed anti-Palestinian Racism.

To note, there was more official sympathy and outpouring of support when the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris burned down than there has been for Palestinians being slaughtered and intentionally starved by Israel. A Palestinian child in Gaza, named Rasha al-Ar'eer survived the bombing of her home in June 2024, wrote her last will, as reported in Israeli paper Haaretz . We repeat, THIS IS A PALESTINIAN CHILD WRITING HER "LAST WILL". In September 2024, Rasha was killed.

[\[https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-07-26/ty-article-magazine/premium/the-children-haunt-me-at-night-a-protest-forces-israelis-to-face-kids-killed-in-gaza/00000198-4493-d626-abfa-66b36cf80000\]](https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-07-26/ty-article-magazine/premium/the-children-haunt-me-at-night-a-protest-forces-israelis-to-face-kids-killed-in-gaza/00000198-4493-d626-abfa-66b36cf80000)

As Jewish Holocaust survivor, Dr. Gabor Mate said recently in response to the death and destruction bestowed on Gaza: "How is this even possible?" "Never Again" must not be selective to only some people. "Never Again" must apply to EVERYONE.

The Democrats for Palestinian Rights Club condemns the US-backed Israeli Genocide against the indigenous population in Gaza, its intention to take full control of Gaza as well as Israel's annexation of the West Bank. We look to the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee to do the same.

There is no moral ground in silence. Each one of us has an obligation to protect our fellow humans, including Palestinians, not in spite of history from past genocides and holocausts, but because of it. This is the time to speak up, time is running out. "Silence" and "Neutrality" IS Complicity.