

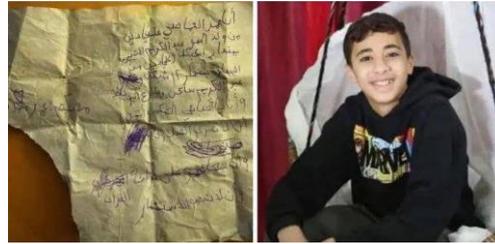
# JUST REPORT 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

Quote of the week: "Do something, act for Palestine justice. Inshallah our ways will cross again" [Awdah Hathaleen](#)

## WITNESS



Awdah Hathaleen



Omar Al Jamasi

Murdered by Israeli settler Yinon Levi who has now been released from house arrest.

**Awdah Hathaleen** – activist, teacher, parent to 3 small boys, who worked on the award-winning documentary film *No Other Land*. His body has not been released to his family. His last talk for Green Olive Collective can be heard [here](#).

*I am Omar Al-Jamasi. I owe one shekel to a boy named Abdul Karim Al-Nairab. Abdul Karim lives on Abu Nafidh Street. I love you, my dear friends, and I hope you will not abandon Prayer and continue to read the Quran and seek forgiveness. Story [here](#) FYI: One shekel is about \$0.50.*

Daily count ([datatechforpalestine](#))– 29<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 918 killed; 4,050 injured. Further information on numbers and context at [Gaza unlocked](#)

Report on killings at aid site, and kidnapping of Israeli teenagers who were tortured in prison [here](#)

## LEARN

### • Recognising Palestine....One state or two?

We discussed the question of recognising the state of Palestine – one state or two. The international consensus is for a *two state solution* – a fig leaf mantra that since it was [first proposed in 1937](#) has allowed states to continue arming and trading with Israel. There is also no agreement whatsoever on what territory would count as Palestinian – 1948 borders, 1967 borders or the status quo – where the fragmentation and encroachment mean that the key areas of Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem are isolated from each other. Palestinians have not been consulted. Husam Zumlot has [broadly welcomed](#) the UK commitment (whilst rejecting conditionality). *The key message is that the recognition has got to be without ifs and buts and it has got to be immediate and it has got to kickstart a political process that has the potential of ending all this mess we are in*, Zumlot said, adding: *If not now, when?* Recognition would allow Zumlot's status to be raised to that of ambassador, and would allow the establishment of full diplomatic relations. Everyone in the JUST discussion thought the two-state solution was a dead end – ultimately it will have to be a single state with equal rights for all. The word *solution* is particularly misleading, and indeed offensive. Mariam spoke for all of us – the starting point was peace with justice and accountability. She echoes the call from the [Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy](#), issued before the recent UN conference

*Approaches that promote dialogue with Israeli authorities, organizations, or individuals who do not challenge the settler-colonial reality or recognize Palestinians' fundamental rights to self-determination and return ultimately serve to whitewash Israel's ongoing crimes. A just resolution to the Question of Palestine requires a fundamental shift away from narrow and misguided frameworks of "statehood building" and "peacebuilding" under continued occupation, toward a political approach grounded in dismantling Israel's colonial, apartheid, and occupation regime, and realizing Palestinian rights to self-determination and return. As our people endure genocide, forced starvation, ethnic cleansing, and further dispossession, this is not the time for repackaged failures. It is a long-overdue moment for concrete action: meaningful accountability, sustained international pressure, and urgent sanctions to dismantle Israel's unlawful regime and uphold the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.*

See [ANNEX 1](#) for more information and follow up sources.

- **Children of Gaza**

Priscilla introduced us to a new report with heartbreaking information about Gaza's children. Around 50% of the population of Gaza are under 18, and they are being deliberately targeted as a way of ensuring that a new generation does not survive. See Annex 2 for the full article. Priscilla told us that a survey of Gaza's children showed that what they missed most was PLAY, followed by safety, medical treatment...A child amputee spoke of wanting to hold her own right hand again. *Everyone I loved has died* said another. Their faith remains strong *Allah knew we were suffering and sent the rain*. Priscilla wonders what will happen to these children if they lose that faith. They are steadfast in their attachment to the land *You want to evict us from our lands.. NO WAY*. See below (*up and coming*) for an exhibition and webinar in September.

## ACT

- [Write to David Lammy and Hamish Falconer](#) to demand that they pressurise Israel to release the body of Awdah Hathaleen to his family. Template letter provided. Read background [here](#)
- Write to American ambassador to the UK and Peter Mandelson, our ambassador to the USA (see Sue's letter in [Annex 3](#). Adding our voices to the calls by Israeli ex-officials).
- [New stickers for BDS](#) can be downloaded here – very clever, the prices are shown as £19.48

## SHARE

Bernard asked about the stories of flour sent to Gaza contaminated with Oxycodene. Reports found [here](#) and [here](#). However a [later report](#) (5 minute watch, useful) suggests some of the original testimonies may have been taken off the net; possible that criminal gangs responsible, but hard to see who other than Israel would benefit...

We are heartened by the upsurge of vigils and demonstrations in local towns – Bromley for example.. Montgomery<sup>1</sup> Bradford on Avon, Mere, Trowbridge.. Sue told us about the successful Red line action in Aberystwyth, and the Palestine events at the National Eisteddford; Wales has always been strong on Palestine; Pat reported on Scotland's work: many groups all over except perhaps the southern borders and now Portobello, part of Edinburgh, has a four day mini Festival for Palestine, and there are the events at the Edinburgh Fringe (Horse of Jenin, Jews for Gaza, nine Book festival events, poetry library, Palestine Museum photo installation and more), as well as events in Glasgow. So welcome to crowded Edinburgh. But as ever, the question is does this lead to Palestinian liberation?<sup>2</sup> A lovely review of The Horse of Jenin at the Edinburgh Festival is [here](#)

Dan from *Quaker Palestine Solidarity* is holding a *Life is Sacred vigil* outside the Ministry of Justice. The Crown Prosecution Service Special Crimes department is meant to enforce the Geneva Convention through ICC Act 2001. Adults are still killing kids, and are aiding and abetting the killing of Palestinian families for money. A ceasefire is needed, and all the illegal activity that aids and abets Genocide needs to be shut down.



<sup>1</sup> Witnessing since at least autumn 2024...

<sup>2</sup> The million-dollar question, Pat...

## Good reads and good sites

- Priscilla Gaza: *when the sky rained white fire* by Musheir El-Farra, with a foreword by Prof. Ilan Pappé – tells the story of direct action against an arms factory in Brighton in 2010, when activists who committed criminal damage were acquitted because they stated *it can be lawful to commit an offence to prevent a more serious crime..*
- Pat recommends a wonderful short testimony to the need to resist: 93-year-old Stephane Hessel's *Time for Outrage*, also written as a response to Operation Cast Lead. He was one of those who drafted the Declaration of Human Rights.
- Another person (Geoffrey?) recommended Julia Navarro's *La sangre de los Inocentes* – Blood of the Innocents – about the Cathars – many parallels – if you can't read Spanish, try *Massacre at Montsegur* by Zoe Oldenbourg...talking about the book allowed the topic of Palestine to be raised.
- Dan says *I have recently been following the 'Novo Organisation' on Facebook who's most recent post was regarding 'Palantir' but in general they are very well presented and researched pieces. Well worth a look.*
- The [Jaywalk app](#) by Tech for Palestine allows you to search and add events related to Palestine
- [Artists for Palestine](#) is a really nice site

## Latest on Defend our Juries Lift the Ban protest

[Downing street ask](#) people not to take part<sup>3</sup> and The Met have said they will be arresting anyone holding a sign supporting PA. However, more than 500 people have signed up to take action. There will be formal confirmation today (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>) of the action which coincides with a PSC National March for Palestine. Please attend one of the open calls, see *Up and Coming* below before committing to taking action. Also see [Audrey White's account](#) of her extraordinarily restrictive and unjust bail conditions.

**Bad news or...** Netanyahu plans to occupy the whole of Gaza, complete scorched earth but there is [apparently resistance in the Israeli cabinet](#). Pray, watch the space...

## Wins – big and small

- The Charity Commission is [investigating the charitable wing](#) of UK Lawyers for Israel
- Slovenia has imposed [a full arms embargo](#) on Israel
- The Royal Opera [withdraws its planned 2026 production](#) at the Israeli National Opera in Tel Aviv. This follows open letter by 182 staff, calling on the RBO to end its silence over genocide.
- The UK government is [finally allowing in some Palestinian children](#) *within weeks*
- Hamas has agreed that the [ICRC can bring in aid](#) for the hostages still alive<sup>4</sup>
- More than [600 Israeli ex officials have written to Netanyahu](#) saying that the war must end and that Hamas does not pose a threat to the existence of Israel.

## Up and coming

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Defend our Juries' final open calls to prepare for action on August 9

**FINAL OPEN CALL - THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST - 6:30pm**

Meeting ID: 881 4389 3690 Passcode: 020304

[Click here at 6:30pm to join the meeting](#)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 7.30-9.30 am.** Quakers in Bristol are planning a 'Quakers for Peace' and 'Quakers Against the Genocide' demonstration outside the weapons factory of the Israeli company Elbit Systems in Filton, Bristol as the workers arrive. Any Friends that live near enough are more than welcome to join. Anne Street for further details: [07939 205209](#)

<sup>3</sup> Like, of course this is a really effective intervention!

<sup>4</sup> It is curious that the majority of Israelis seem to think that depriving the entire territory of food and water will not impact on their hostages... whom they are distraught to see look like skeletons. However, their propaganda machine states there is no famine in Gaza and that even if there were, Hamas is stealing the food that does get in – in fact as we know, what food there is stolen by the armed gangs whom Israel funds.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August** PSC- [National March for Palestine, Central London](#) Russell Square 12 noon.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August** –PSC [Protest at RAF High Wycombe](#)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** \*One Year In Prison Without Trial\*, the family & friends of the Filton 23 are gathering in central London (venue tbc) 12.30 - 2.30pm for a time of love and solidarity for the Filton 23 and for Palestinians in Gaza, with prayers (for all faiths and none), silent reflection, poetry and music.

**13<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** Online [Non-violent Direct Action training](#) by Quakers in preparation for demonstrations at the arms fair on September 11.

**23<sup>rd</sup> August** PSC Stop Arming Israel Day of Action

## **Annex 1: One state or Two states**

Further information can be found at these sites [The Conversation](#); [One Democratic State Initiative](#); [Middle East Eye](#); Worth a read [Chomsky and Pappe](#). One/two state solution:

Jeff Halper is a good place to start The book is *Decolonizing Israel, Liberating Palestine: Zionism, Settler Colonialism and the Case for One Democratic State*, See review [here](#)

Some of you may have been bemused when a group of *eminent lawyers* wrote to the Government saying that recognition would breach international law because of the conditions set by the Montevideo convention in 1933 for recognition of a state – conditions see [Guardian here](#) for arguments. These are: *a defined territory, a permanent population, a government and the capacity to enter into international relations*. Happily the government responded immediately and [rejected the arguments](#). Guess who these eminent people were? It was reportedly signed by 40 peers, including many senior lawyers, among them Pannick KC and Lady Deech. They are both patrons of UK Lawyers for Israel (UKLFI), whose chief executive, Jonathan Turner, has said that [neither Israel's occupation nor its settlements are illegal](#). The letter (appalling) can be seen [here](#). Thanks to dedicated work by Elizabeth, here are the signatories. Feel free to let them know what you think...

**Lords:** Hamilton of Epsom, Faulks, Fink, Wharton, Blencathra, Cruddas, Lansley, Banner, Mackinlay, Shamash, Massey, Brady, Turnberg, Gold, Harrington, Polak, Pickles, Grabiner, Verdirame, Evans of Rainwo, Collins of Mapesbury, Pannick, Shinkwin, Leigh, Walney, Roberts, Balfe, Young of Acton, Wasserman, Winston, Mendelsohn. Sir Michael Ellis, The Earl of Leicester.

**Baronesses:** Cash; Deech; Fox; Noakes; Foster; Meyer; Altmann.

## **ANNEX 2. Gaza: A Graveyard for Children** by Ethel V. Kosminsky (thanks to Priscilla)

I borrow from Catherine Russel, the UNICEF Executive Director, her calling for Gaza as a *graveyard for children*. She stated that on November 13, 2023, in the beginning of the genocide more than 4 thousand children were killed.

On June 24, 2024, according to Save the Children, the number of children who were missing or separated from their families maybe as many as 21,000. Probably another 4,000 children are buried under the rubble. Nearly other 15,000 have been killed in Gaza. For sure all these number must be higher because only children who are brought to a hospital are counted (Alfonseca, 24.06.2024).

Since March 2, 2025, Israel do not allow humanitarian help enter Gaza, which must have caused death by famine. On March 18, 2025, Israel resumed the genocide. According to UNICEF, on March 31, 2025, the intense bombardments and ground operations has left at least 322 children dead and 609 injured, a daily average of around 100 children killed or maimed over the past days. These data include children who were killed or injured when the surgical department of Al Nasser Hospital, in southern Gaza, was struck in an attack on 23 March. After nearly 18 months of war, more than 15,000 children have been killed, over 34,000 injured and nearly one million displaced and deprived of their basic services.

On April 4, 2025, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics summarized that *more than 39,000 children in Gaza have lost one or both parents as the death toll from Israeli attacks on the Strip has risen to 50,523 with 114,776 others injured since October 2023*. This is the largest orphan crisis in modern history (Middle East Monitor, 04.04.2025).

Philippe Lazzarini, the commissioner-general of UNRWA, commented in March 2024 *This is a war on children. It is a war of their childhood and their future.* More children had been killed in Gaza in 4 months than in all global conflicts in the earlier 4 years (Rosen and Moghli, 19.03.2025). The high child mortality rates in Gaza are a straight result of Israel's military aggression with the financial support and weaponry shipments of the USA, Germany, Italy and England.

Palestinian children are being killed by strategy, as it was expressed by Israel state. The MP and deputy speaker of the Knesset, Nissim Vaturi said in January: *Every child born in Gaza is already a terrorist, from the moment of his birth.* (Rosen and Moghli, 19.03.2025) The worst is that most of Israeli population agrees with this statement.

Killing large number of children in Gaza leads to its depopulation, destabilize communities and destroy their hope for the future free of oppression. Palestinian children in Gaza have been telling their stories to a global audience. They built a counternarrative to the idea that Israel is simply *defending itself*. Children should be entitled to special respect and protection – according to international humanitarian laws, but they are killed in their thousands (Rosen and Moghli. 19.03.2025).

Are these numbers a probe of genocide? Those numbers combined with the genocidal intent of Israel are evident, although such evaluations are a conservative estimate of overall mortality within the Palestinian population in Gaza since Oct 2023 due to the destruction of the health system and the deprivation of water, food, medical care, and basic shelter. The statistical erasure of the Palestinian people has been supported by processes of dehumanization and anti-Palestinian racism (Smith et al., 08.02.2025). Who cares about those numbers? *How many more Palestinians should be massacred for the world to care about our lives?* Refaat Alareer asked this question and he himself answered: *I thought, naively, that repeating the question would change people. It would make them think and reconsider their positions. I posted it all over the forums I was part of then. But Israel kept killing us. And Israel kept destroying our lives. And boy was I wrong about the world's reaction.*<sup>5</sup>

Inspired by Refaat Alareer, Salam Bustani states: *Every day, we hear of numbers. Numbers of deaths, numbers of injuries, numbers of rockets, numbers of airstrikes. Numbers that are supposed to represent the reality of the war in Gaza, but in fact, obscure and distort it. Numbers that reduce human beings to statistics and erase their identities, histories, and aspirations. Numbers that make us indifferent and apathetic to the suffering and struggle of an entire nation. But behind every number, there is a name. A name that belongs to a person who had a life, a family, a career, and a dream. A name that challenges the narrative of oppression and occupation and asserts the dignity and resilience of a people.*"

According to Ayuba Ahmad on March 31, 2025, *500 children killed in 6 days. 640 new orphans created in 1 week. Generations scarred forever.* I wonder if those numbers can tell this history accurate. Maybe if I mix them with the children's account – although many times the narrative was made by adults. It's the only way, sometimes it's too late for children to speak. Mansur Ibrahim (Ibrahim, 29.03.2025), tells the history of Little Omar (see above, [Witness](#)). What could I say to Mansur Ibrahim, besides thanking him for this account? Very few people are honorable as Little Big Omar. His lost means a lost for humanity. The documentary *Kids under Fire* made by Al-Jazeera and exhibited on YouTube, on March the 27, 2025, showed American doctors who worked in Gaza's hospital. The doctors said that Palestinian children are killed by Israeli soldiers with determination. Every day doctors received several children shot into their head and thorax.

On August the 24, 2024 in the morning Mira's father brought her to the hospital. She was going to have a sandwich that her mother had prepared, and she was in the entrance of their tent, when a quadcopter armed with a gun shot her in the head. She was 4 years old. Immediately she was covered by blood. Dr. Mimi Sayed started taking care of her. The other doctors said it was not worthed, she was going to die. But Dr. Mimi Sayed noticed that she was moving her arm. The doctor took an X-R from her head and saw the bullet. She decided for surgery and was able to remove the bullet. After a while Mira went back to her family. It

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<sup>5</sup> "Refaat Alareer was born in Shuja'iyya in Sep 1979 and killed by Israel in Gaza in Dec 2023. He was a professor of English literature at the Islamic University in Gaza (IUG), which was bombed by Israel." (Refaat Alareer, Wikipedia, 10.04.2025).

took some time until she learned to speak again. Then she started physiotherapy at a division of the hospital to walk again. But this hospital division was bombed. No more physiotherapy for Mira. She walks a few steps but doesn't have enough balance. Now the worst thing happened to Mira and her whole family: Her mother had to have a leg amputee. She was very pale laying down in a stretcher at the hospital. Now, she said, it's going to be very difficult for her to care for Mira. Is Mira and her family still alive?

When the doctors came back to the U.S.A. they went to Washington, D.C. and Dr. Mimi Sayed brought Mira's head X-R. As the U.S.A. provide bombs to Israel they went to talk to the politicians for no avail. They were received with skepticism. Dr. Yasser reminded that he saw when a mother holding her baby, had he/she shot into the head. They talked to Tim Rieser<sup>6</sup> who worked for Senator Leahy<sup>7</sup>. According to him, the case of Israel is apart. It cannot be submitted to the same considerations as other countries.

Dr. Mimi Sayed, Dr. Mark Perlmutter and other doctors stated that targeting the children is to target the future. They stated that Israeli soldiers enjoy a culture of violence against Palestinians. The concept of protecting children is broken. For Miranda Cleland of DCDIP Israeli soldiers experience impunity, nobody stops them. For Dr. Mimi Sayed, "Gaza is a graveyard of the human race, its worst impulses are on display".

### **Addendum**

Israel - with the support of the USA, Great Britain and Germany - is using starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza. More than 1,1 million people are experiencing catastrophic levels of food insecurity, the highest number ever recorded in a modern war.

The UN statements 10,000 cases of acute malnutrition in children since January 2025, including 1,600 cases of severe acute malnutrition, what means a life-threatening condition requiring immediate care. Starvation as a tool of war is completely prohibited under Article 54 of Additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Convention and is defined as a war crime under Article 8(2)(b)(xxv) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. *These frameworks recognize actions, such as destroying agricultural infrastructure, blocking humanitarian aid, and depriving civilians of essential resources (e.g. food, water, and medicine) as illegal and morally indefensible.* (Ashour et al., 26.05.2025)

Besides Famine, Gaza comprehends the largest cohort of child amputees in modern time. *Beyond physical injuries, the psychological trauma of seeing their houses being destroyed and families being killed will leave permanent scars. The legacy of such destruction will be felt for generations to come.* (Editorial, The Lancet, 24.05.2025).

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<sup>6</sup> "Tim Rieser is a senior foreign policy aide to Senator [Patrick Leahy](#). He is one "of the most powerful staffers in Congress presiding over U.S. foreign policy and U.S. foreign assistance."(Tim Rieser, Wikipedia, 10 April 2025).

<sup>7</sup> "The Leahy Laws or Leahy amendments "are U.S. [human rights](#) laws that prohibit the U.S. [Department of State](#) and [Department of Defense](#) from providing military assistance to foreign security force units that violate human rights with [impunity](#). It is named after its principal sponsor, Senator [Patrick Leahy](#) (D-Vermont)." (...) "While the Leahy Act should apply uniformly to all countries, experts say US has created a set of procedures — through what is known as the Israel Leahy Review Forum (ILRF) — that favor Israel". (Leahy Law, Wikipedia, 10 April 2025).

### Annex 3 Letter to US Ambassador and UK Ambassador to USA (Peter Mandelson)

For the US Ambassador to the UK, you must fill in a form [here](#). Alternatively, and more effectively, put a letter in the post. Mandelson can be messaged on Linked In <https://www.linkedin.com/in/peter-mandelson/> Other social media links [here](#). Email him at House of Lords don't forget to use his all important title.. [mandelsonp@parliament.uk](mailto:mandelsonp@parliament.uk)

Dear Ambassador Stephens,

As you are no doubt aware, one of the United States most important allies, Israel is busy committing war crimes & crimes against humanity in Gaza. To date the IDF have killed over 60,839 people. More than 17,400 of those killed are children.

Israel, with the support of the US has created so called Aid centres where staff are paid to shoot to kill desperate unarmed people, including children who are simply trying to gather a small ration to keep themselves & their families alive. Since March when Israel decided, with likely support from the US, to break the ceasefire agreement a full blockade of the Gaza strip has ensured the remaining population of Gaza would be slowly and surely starved to death. This is now unfolding on our TV screens, yours as well as mine. Surely this is something we all need to be appalled by and ashamed of in 2025, the man-made starvation of an entire population.

There are perhaps only 2 people in the world who can end this insane disaster which has repercussions across the globe, Donald Trump & Benjamin Netanyahu.

I quote from the letter that 600 retired Israeli security officials recently wrote to President Trump: *It is our professional judgement that Hamas no longer poses a strategic threat to Israel... Your credibility with the vast majority of Israelis augments your ability to steer Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu and his government in the right direction: End the war, return the hostages, stop the suffering, they wrote.*

I wish to add my appeal to those retired Israeli security officials. Please do something positive to ensure the US stops colluding with Israeli and its crimes against humanity before it is too late.

Yours sincerely