

Let's Not Stop Talking About Gaza. Civilization vs. Barbarism

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Let's not stop talking about Gaza. It should be the daily goal of any decent person, regardless of political affiliation or religious, philosophical, or ideological empathy. It's a matter of civilization versus barbarism, in the semiotic and conceptual sense, the former understood as respect for human life and the latter, barbarism, as contempt for it.

From a historical and political perspective, Gaza is perhaps the best example of how capitalism is facing its decadent phase, violating what humanity has ethically accumulated to date, under pressure to maintain high profit rates at all costs; in the case of Gaza, to secure control of significant gas and oil reserves in the northern oceanic part of that territorial strip.

It's about accepting once and for all that the world based on rules, on the predictability of human actions, has come to an end, revealing itself stark, "sincere" in the worst sense of the term, revealing that for its current stage of the capitalist system, what Marx said applies: what already happened during its original accumulation, when it came into the world dripping with blood and mud from every pore, from head to toe.

Therefore, the global north's tolerance of the martyrdom in Gaza creates a certain and perverse precedent for universal law, according to which, in order to maintain Western civilization, it's necessary to apply the greatest possible dose of barbarism to the rest of humanity.

Talking about the genocide against the Gazan population entails presenting updated data, which in itself is insufficient because it runs the risk of becoming permanently outdated and because it is just that: data, statistics, exact arithmetic. But every murder, every mutilation, or every crushing is a wound to the human species.

As of March, for example, the Zionists owe the rest of humanity more than 61,000 Palestinians murdered, around 17,500 of them minors; they owe 173 journalists and communicators, 120 academics, more than 326 health workers, and 224 humanitarian workers, including 179 UNRWA employees.

The Zionists claim around 112,000 wounded, including more than 8,500 infants, who have the most pediatric

amputations on record, estimated at over 1,000. Some 14,200 people are missing, probably buried in the rubble.

The bombings have forced the displacement of 1.9 million Palestinians, approximately 75% of the enclave's population, including 893,000 children, the largest eviction in contemporary history, a war crime, according to the UN. Following this destruction, a scorched earth policy is being applied, ready to build future Israeli settlements, or tourist facilities, according to the resort and golf course project of the White House tenant.

What typifies a humanitarian crisis in full swing; with 18 of 36 hospitals partially functioning, some 130,000 people simultaneously facing catastrophic starvation due to the blockade of approximately 116,000 tons of food (not including medicine and drinking water), which would be enough for one million people for approximately 120 days.

The crime in Gaza competes, for the worst of reasons, with conflagrations that occurred in larger spaces and demographics and lasted longer, such as World War II or the invasion of Vietnam, which now marks 50 years since its defeat.

The table shows the proportion of civilian deaths caused by these conflicts:

Conflict Percentage of Civilian Casualties Estimated Range

Gaza (2023-March 2025) - 61-80% 30,500-40,000 civilians (of 65,000 total)

World War II 60-67% 42-57 million civilians (of 70-85 million)

World War I 10-15% 1.5-3.3 million civilians (of 15-22 million)

Vietnam War 46-67% 2 million civilians (of 3.1 million)

These criminals have dropped 85,000 tons of bombs, including banned ones like white phosphorus, more than what was used during World War II, in addition to missiles and drones, mostly delivered by the US, which is likely running another colossal arms deal; the Zionist military budget of \$15 billion in 2024 was spent on some of this, with the projected increase to 65%, to \$46.5 billion in 2025.

Certainly, the media war, which often accompanies the shrapnel wars, has left Zionism as a great loser, and, to a lesser extent, still insufficiently reported, the elites of the aforementioned global north.

It's very difficult to calculate the number of millions of people who have protested this genocide, but what cannot be hidden is that on this issue, like probably few others, the dominant oligarchies in this world have been exposed, and what's perhaps particularly dangerous for them is that so many people are willing to confront them despite the repression, and for a reason that is not local, not for a specific demand, but out of solidarity with a just cause.

Things are changing forever. Crime will not go unpunished, and as Che Guevara said, humanity has said enough and has started to move onward.

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