THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA

Over the past six months, the Israeli military has killed over 32,000 Palestinians in Gaza, including over 12,000 children, with weapons provided by the United States. Over 75% of Gaza’s 2.2 million people are internally displaced and 70% of homes and other structures have been destroyed.

Israel is restricting the entry of life-saving food, water, and medical supplies into Gaza. On Jan. 26, the International Court of Justice stated that Israel must “take immediate and effective measures to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance.”

Yet, humanitarian aid workers delivering vital assistance continue to be attacked and killed at unprecedented rates. The blockade and killing of humanitarian aid workers are causing widespread famine and starvation in Gaza.

WHY A CEASE-FIRE IS NEEDED NOW

Without an immediate cease-fire, thousands more people will be killed, not only in bombings and during ground invasions, but also from disease, malnutrition, and starvation—results of the Israeli blockade.

AFSC mourns with those who have lost loved ones and all who are suffering, including the families of the over 32,000 Palestinians killed, and the 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals killed and taken into captivity by Hamas.

Bombing Gaza is not the answer and will only lead to more deaths and destruction. Yet, as the death toll in Gaza grows, Congress and the Biden administration continue to provide Israel with billions of dollars in new military financing.

Please do what is right and help end the violence today.

WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT

✓ An immediate and permanent cease-fire now
✓ Unrestricted humanitarian access to Gaza
✓ Support for the release of all held captive and in prison
✓ Funding for care, not killing: NO tax dollars for war crimes

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