

We Stand with Palestine

Speak Out. Take Action. Demand Justice

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It has been 663 days, and the genocide of Palestinians by Israel continues, with the support, protection, resources and complicity of the USA, UK and EU. The world remains unable and unwilling to take action to end the unmitigated horrors inflicted on the Palestinian people.

Instead, we have collectively looked on, as the entire population of Gaza is being forcibly starved, displaced and murdered *en masse*; Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem are killed, have their lives uprooted and homes destroyed; as international law has been ripped to shreds; international institutions and authorities flagrantly hollowed out and attacked; and the media reports biased information calling a genocide and forced starvation a “conflict” and “famine”, blatantly favouring the racist, genocidal Israeli regime.

At ISI, we sit with the great discomfort that throughout our existence, we have failed to consistently stand in solidarity with the millions of Palestinians who were made stateless through the violence of the *Nakba*, which led to the establishment of the state of Israel. As we noted in a previous [joint civil society statement](#):

The ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory, including Gaza, denies Palestinians their collective national rights and the right to self-determination. This has left millions of Palestinians stateless for more than 70 years, making it the most protracted and largest situation of statelessness globally.

As an organisation dedicated to human rights, committed to supporting stateless people, and invested in multilateralism, the genocide is a relentless attack on everything we stand for. Israel has stripped Palestinians of their humanity. This profound injustice has tested global conscience in the most severe way, and ultimately, we have collectively failed to find more effective and forceful ways to stand against the genocide and everything it represents.

Palestinians in Gaza are trapped, being forcibly starved and are at complete breaking point. There is simply no more food. We have reached the point of no return. Even if food were made available today, it would not be enough to save many lives. For those enduring prolonged starvation, their bodies might not be able to process nourishment, and eating could, in some cases, accelerate death. As seen in other genocides/human rights violations where starvation was used as a weapon of war, survival at this stage often requires urgent and specialised medical intervention, and even then, it is not always enough.

Since the Israeli government unilaterally shattered the latest agreed ceasefire, on average, over 100 Palestinians are being killed every day. Many killings are carried out at the deathtraps of the so-called ‘Gaza humanitarian corridors’, where Palestinians, driven by intentional starvation, are pushed into environments that offer no safety – only the impossible prospect of either being murdered slowly by starvation or by drones and gunfire. Meanwhile the population continues to be forcibly moved across the Strip at the arbitrary whims of the Israeli military, treated as pawns in a systematic and deathly genocidal campaign.

None of this is necessary, none of it is inevitable. To expect a murderous, genocidal regime to course correct of its own volition is ignorance. Expecting the most powerful states in the world, that are fuelling the genocide despite growing domestic opposition, to abide by international law, is wishful thinking. We must collectively mobilise an upsurge of civic action, pushing leaders of states who see value in international law to sanction and punish perpetrators, including those complicit, and intervene to protect and provide those in Gaza with the medical care, food, water, and shelter they so desperately need. We must ensure that Palestinians *everywhere*, know that our complicit governments, including Britain and The Netherlands, do not speak for the people, and we will not rest until justice is served. State recognition is a crucial step in challenging the condition of imposed statelessness, long used to deny Palestinians rights, protections and political agency. The UK's recent announcement that recognition will proceed *unless* Israel agrees to ceasefire must be rejected: recognition is not a privilege to be granted by the oppressor's permission; it is a right rooted in self-determination. We support calls for full and unconditional recognition of an independent Palestinian state, determined by Palestinians themselves, in fulfilment of their collective right to freedom and sovereignty.

These political failures compel us to reflect on our own role and responsibilities. We at ISI commit to finding different and more effective ways to respond to the genocide and fulfil our moral duty to stand with Palestinians. We commit to:

1. Using our position and platform to raise awareness; more meaningfully support Palestinian people; and draw attention to Palestine, highlighting the voices and efforts of Palestinians.
2. Encouraging our partners within the statelessness field to take stronger, more effective joint action.
3. Supporting Palestinian groups with their advocacy and legal interventions where it would be strategic and beneficial to bring our expertise on human rights, the right to nationality and statelessness and statehood, to bear.

As a first step towards fulfilling this pledge, we will organise a week of awareness, solidarity and action on Palestine, from 8 to 12 September 2025. During this week, ISI will pause all work that is not essential or urgent, to focus exclusively on initiatives that support the commitments above. We will organise activities for our team and the communities we are a part of, both locally and online, through which we give expression to our solidarity with Palestine.

We invite Palestinian human rights groups to reach out to us, should you see a useful way in which we can support your endeavours in the face of genocide, the ongoing demand for state recognition and self-determination and the immense challenges that lie ahead. We call on our allies and partners across the statelessness community to join us, out of a shared belief that in the struggle for justice, we are stronger together.

FREE PALESTINE.

The ISI team.

*If you have any questions or would like to explore collaboration, feel free to reach out to our team at **solidarity[at]institutesi[dot]org***

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