

“Controlled Demolition” of the State of Palestine.

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“Israel's controlled demolitions are razing Gaza neighbourhoods,” headlined the New York Times. Israeli ground forces undermine and blow up schools, mosques, and residential neighbourhoods, in a systematic demolition of buildings and infrastructure. This confirms that the war aims to make Gaza uninhabitable, making the “relocation”, i.e. deportation, of the Palestinian population inevitable, with the consequent cancellation of the Palestinian Territory of Gaza and at the same time that of the West Bank, definitively burying the possibility that the Palestinians have their sovereign state, as decided by the United Nations 77 years ago.

An official United Nations report, sent from Gaza thus described the situation:

“Thousands continue to arrive in Rafah, in desperate situations, from different parts of Gaza. They build makeshift shelters with whatever materials they can get their hands on. I saw men and children digging for bricks to hold up tents made from plastic bags. This is a huge humanitarian disaster. The communication blackout continued for the sixth day, increasing confusion and fear.

Some released Palestinians described being beaten, humiliated, subjected to ill-treatment and what equated to torture. They reported being blindfolded for long periods. Some men have been released – but only in their underwear, with nothing else on to protect them from the cold. What they say confirms reports our Office has gathered on the large-scale detention of Palestinians. The families of the detainees – believed to number in the thousands – are given no information on the fate or whereabouts of their loved ones.”

Israel's war in Gaza has so far caused the deaths of over 25,000 people, 70% women and children. Thousands more remained buried under the rubble. Over 60,000 were injured: Most are dying as Israeli forces destroy hospitals or leave them without electricity or medicine. Added to these is an unquantified, but certainly very high, number of deaths caused by hunger and cold in refugee camps.

In this situation, in which Israel is accused of genocide at the UN International Court of Justice, Italy, in the wake of the United States, has suspended funding to the United Nations Agency for the Relief of Palestinians in Gaza, accused without any evidence from the Israeli secret services of complicity in the Hamas attack on 7 October.

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