

# How Much Environmental Damage Is Israel's War on Gaza Causing?

Israel's military onslaught has devastated built and natural environments in Gaza.

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Palestinians continue to suffer in Israel's brutal assault on Gaza – thousands killed and tens of thousands of others wounded.

One of the most intense bombing campaigns since World War II will leave not just a legacy of grief for Gaza's people, but one of lasting physical damage to the environment.

Sanitation and water treatment systems have been destroyed.

Thousands of Israeli and Western-supplied bombs pollute the air and ground.

The war is leaving a new layer of toxic chemicals in Gaza's soil, adding to those left behind after the many wars Israel has waged before.

Can Gaza recover?

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Guests:

Nada Majdalani – Palestinian director of EcoPeace Middle East, an organisation that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists

Marwan Bardawil – Head of Gaza Programme Coordination Unit of the Palestinian Water Authority

Hadeel Ikhmais – Director general of the Climate Change Section of the Palestinian Authority’s Environment Quality Authority



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