



July 21

In groundbreaking news this week, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the UN court that hears cases on international conflicts, has ruled that Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories (West Bank and East Jerusalem) is illegal and other countries should not support it. This ruling is not easily enforceable but it will provide more justification for international pressure on Israel and its allies, just as the ICJ's preliminary ruling on the genocide in Gaza has done.

Though the US media has shifted to analyzing the US presidential race, Israel continues to devastate Gaza with US support. The bombing attacks have only intensified, including on UN schools where people are sheltering and on designated safe zones. Palestinians in Gaza are dying from this violence and also from famine, disease, and lack of medical care, while the US continues to send bombs to Israel and withhold funds from UNRWA.

One bright spot is that the newly elected government in the UK has restored its funding for UNRWA, the main humanitarian organization in Gaza. [“An unprecedented five independents defeated Labour candidates and became MPs, all bar Corbyn Muslim, all campaigning on a platform firmly centred on Gaza and Palestine.”](#) This demonstrates the importance of elections in shaping policy that directly influences people's lives. We continue to press for full restoration of US funding to UNRWA. It is important for us to continue to exert pressure both outside and inside our political system to stop the flow of US weapons to Israel and to end this genocide now.

This coming week, an important action will take place in D.C. on the day of Netanyahu's address to Congress. Please see more information below, including about Southern Vermont for Palestine's solidarity action for those who can't attend in person. This action includes readings from young people's testimonies of their experiences living in Gaza from the project [We Are Not Numbers](#).

Thank you!

Your Communications Team

TAKE ACTION

- [TAKE THE BUS TO DC](#) for an action on the day of Netanyahu's address to Congress on July 24. It will leave from Montpelier on Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:00pm and stop in Brattleboro VT at 10:00pm to pick up more passengers. The plan is to return to Brattleboro around 5:00 am and 7:00 am in Montpelier on Thursday, July 25th.
- JVP-DC will anchor a JVP/Jewish contingent; use and share this link jvp.org/july24contingent for people to get contingent location details by text

- [7/24 DIGITAL TOOLKIT](#) : To those who are not able to travel to Washington for the protest on Wednesday, July 24, Southern Vermont for Palestine is coordinating a statewide action to:
 - Oppose the Netanyahu presence in Congress and those who are facilitating it;
 - Show statewide solidarity with Gaza;
 - Stand against U.S. complicity in war crimes, including starvation and genocide in Gaza and the occupation of Palestine.
- Our demand is clear: Stop arming Israel. [Tell Congress](#) → **[ARMS EMBARGO NOW!](#)**
- [Contact VT and NH members of Congress](#) and tell them to boycott Netanyahu's speech on July 24. Bernie is the only one of our two delegations who has publicly said he refuses to attend. [A petition link you can sign is here.](#)
- [Oppose the Apartheid Road in Wadi Foquin](#)
Friends of Wadi Foquin is currently opposing an apartheid road which would destroy 1000 trees and confiscate land belonging to farmers in the West Bank village of Wadi Foquin. [Please sign on through this link, and circulate to members of your congregations and organizations.](#)
- Recurring vigils happen weekly all over Vermont and NH– the list is [HERE](#).
- [NH Vigils Calendar](#) from New Hampshire Peace Action

NEWS

- UN News: [Boost for UNRWA as UK decides to restore funding](#)
- Al Jazeera: [Israel bombs 6th UN-run school in Gaza in 10 days, kills dozens](#)
- Al Jazeera: [ICJ says Israel's presence in Palestinian territory is unlawful](#)
- Jewish Voice for Labour, UK: [Electoral victories for Gaza](#)
- JVP Health Advisory Council, [Urgent update, July 20](#)
- Common Dreams: [Media focuses on US election during a genocide](#)
- Aspen Daily News: [Former Israeli PM calls for Congress to disinvite Netanyahu](#)
- Truthout: [US Made Bulldozers Hide Bodies](#)
- Truthout: [230 Congressional Staffers Urge Lawmakers to Boycott Netanyahu Speech](#)

READ/WATCH/LISTEN

- [My house has been bombed four times, but it is still home](#) by Yusuf El-Mobayed
- [“We Must Not Forget Gaza.” says Sanders.](#) (Bernie’s July 12 press release)
- The Question of [Hamas and the Left](#)
- [Counting the Dead in Gaza](#), The Lancet
- Democratic Protests on Campus: [Modeling the Better World We Seek](#), Annelise Orleck, Dartmouth professor violently arrested during peaceful protest. The NYT solicited this piece, then refused to publish it.
- Academia University: [Bearing Witness to the Israel / Gaza War](#), Lee Mordechai, Professor Hebrew University, Jerusalem

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