

September 8

Hello all,

Thank you for joining us this week. Since Israel launched "Operation Summer Camps" on August 28th, we have witnessed the largest military attack on the northern West Bank in over two decades. This latest siege has destroyed homes and civilian infrastructure and left people without access to food, medical attention, and other basic necessities. The death toll as of Thursday, 9/5, reached 39, including eight children and two elderly people, according to the Health Ministry.

Meanwhile, the ongoing threat of a polio epidemic in Gaza looms. Despite talks of a humanitarian pause to allow children to get vaccinated, Israel has continued to attack designated "safe zones" where vaccine drives are taking place. Jewish Voice Peace Health Advisory council has put together a petition calling for a 7-Day ceasefire in Gaza in order to allow for the distribution of the polio vaccine, responding to the first confirmed case of Polio in Gaza in a 10-month old infant. While our ultimate demands remain nothing less than permanent ceasefire and a free Palestine, we recognize the dire humanitarian need to address this threat immediately.

In Denmark, climate activist Greta Thunberg was arrested at a pro-Palestine protest at the University of Copenhagen. We commend Thunberg for recognizing and vocalizing the interconnectedness of colonialism, imperialism, and the ruthless devastation of climate change. In the spirit of drawing attention to the interconnectedness of these systems, we have included resources in the Read/Watch/Listen section this week addressing other parts of the world in which US imperialist forces are acting (or attempting to act) to control governments and repress liberatory movements.

Thank you, as always, for continuing to bear witness and to participate in this ongoing struggle for justice.

Your Communications Team

Events/Actions

- Congressional Emails & Calls: Urgent, URGENT!!! Stop Biden's \$20 billion weapons sale to Israel <u>Call one of these senators</u>
- Read and sign petition from JVP HAC calling for an actual ceasefire to allow polio vaccination: https://www.jvphealth.org/polio
- Save the Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024. Vermont Palestine Conference. 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM,
 Old North End Community Center, 20 Allen Street Burlington, VT

- <u>Briefing on Defending Dissent</u> "In Context: Briefings on Israel-Palestine," a Just Vision series of online conversations providing crucial context for events unfolding in Israel-Palestine. Sept 17th 11am, Free
- <u>Emplaced Resistances in Occupied Palestine</u>: Stories of a Village, Its People, and Their Land with Suzanne Hassan Hammad, World Beyond War book club reading 4 weeks Oct 1-Oct 22 9am, \$75
- Recurring vigils happen weekly all over Vermont and NH

 the list is

 <u>HERE</u>.

News

- <u>Urgent health update: Consequences of war on Gaza and West Bank/East</u>
 <u>Jerusalem-September 7, 2024</u> from JVP Health Advisory Committee
- JVP National's The Wire: Every Life is Precious
- UN calls for full inquiry into West Bank shooting BBC News. The murder of American-Turkish activist Aysenur Eygi in the West Bank by the Israeli military is receiving only scant coverage from US mainstream media. However, it's still getting more coverage than the murders of individual Palestinians.
- Canada Is Ending Jewish National Fund's Charitable Status Jacobin
- Greta Thunberg Arrested at pro-Palestine Gaza protest in Denmark The New Arab
- Netanyahu's border proposal threatens Gaza ceasefire talks Al Jazeera
- Israel strikes Gaza amid polio vaccination drive The Electronic Intifada
- Inside the brutal siege of Jenin +972 Magazine
- Portland City Council votes to divest from companies tied to Israel 13WGME News

Read/Watch/Listen

- On Antisemitism Jewish Currents, On the Nose podcast episode
- Queers for Palestine and the Power of Pinkwashing with Matt Bernstein (episode of A Bit Fruity podcast with video on Youtube).
- Pentagon has been chasing the kingdom for \$15 million it owes for American assistance during the Saudi war in Yemen The Intercept

- With US imperialism behind the curtain, Bangladesh swears in new leader and interim government Socialist Action
- Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro Re-elected Despite US Backing His Rightist Would-be Coup Plotters Socialist Action
- The war on Palestine within U.S. education isn't just happening in colleges,but in K-12 schools as well Mondoweiss

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