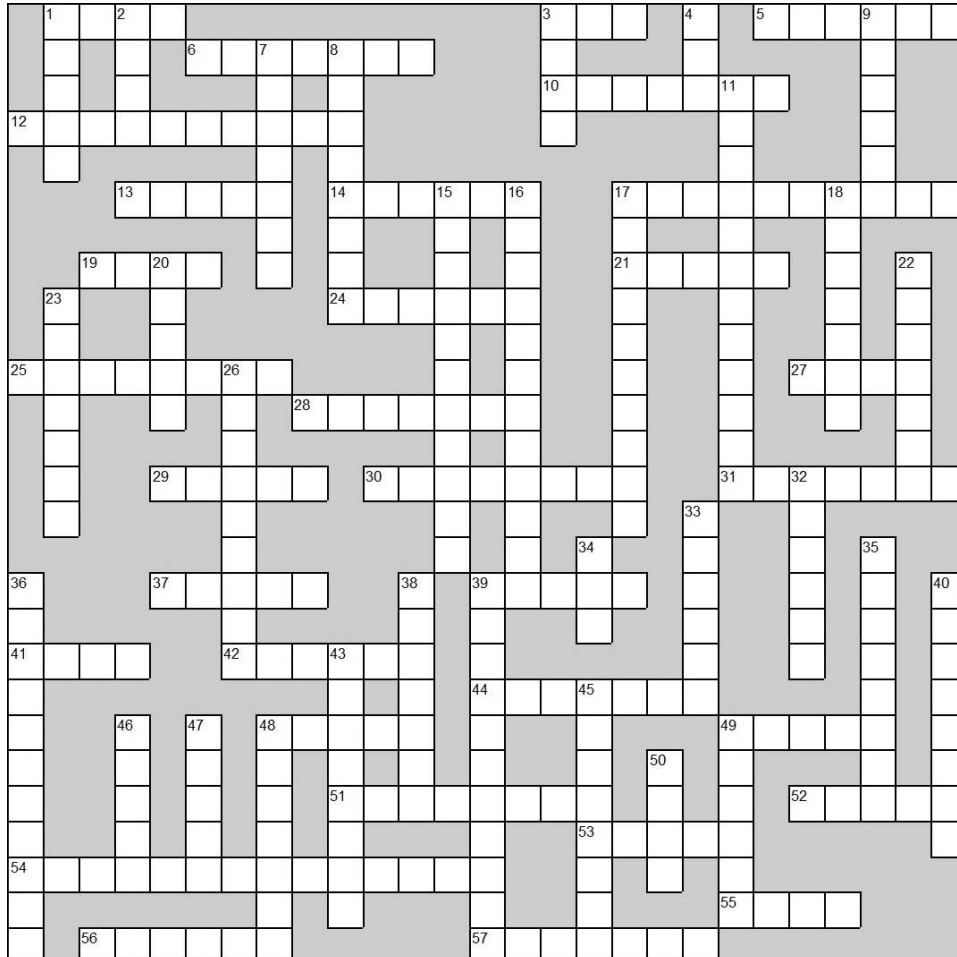


# When Will We Ever Learn?

## A Crossword Puzzle on the War On Gaza

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**Across:**

- 1 Islam is often projected as a violent religion, either due to bias or misinformation. Perhaps Islam is unique among world religions, however, in that it specifically states rules of war. These rules were given by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Do not kill children and women.

Do not kill elderly and sick persons.

Do not head into war hoping for a conflict.

Do not kill monks and those in places of worship.

Exercise patience, even during war.

Do not destroy villages and towns, nor damage cultivated fields and gardens

Do not practice treachery, not cut down or burn fruitful trees

Do not slaughter animals except for food

Do not destroy an inhabited place.

Do not steal, nor be cowardly.

Free the captives, feed the hungry, and pay a visit to the sick.

Do not burn \_\_\_\_\_, nor scatter them.

What honeyed words!

- 3 Maybe I'm only dreamin', maybe I'm just a fool,  
But I don't remember learnin' how to hate in Sunday school.  
Somewhere along the way I strayed; I never looked back again.  
Ah, but I still find a comfort now and then.

And the storm comes a-rumblin' in, and I cannot lay me down.

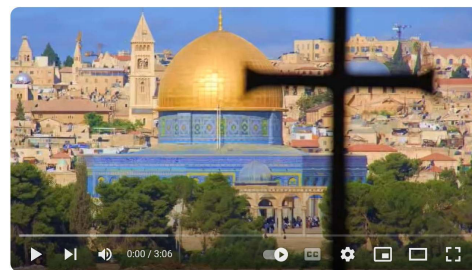
The drums are drummin' again, and I cannot stand the sound.

But I believe there'll come a day when the lion and the lamb

Will \_\_\_\_\_ down in peace together in Jerusalem.

–“Jerusalem,” by Joan Baez

(The link on the right is for Joan Baez's recording of the entire song.)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTQmilVRJf0>

- 5 UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese said, “On the day Israel bombed a foreign embassy in a third country, it also killed World Central Kitchen humanitarian workers. Israel is crossing every possible red line, still with full impunity. Sanctions now. Indictments now. ... Knowing how Israel operates, my assessment is that Israeli forces intentionally killed WCK workers so that donors would pull out and civilians in Gaza could continue to be starved quietly. Israel knows Western countries and most Arab countries won't move a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Palestinians.” – quoted by Ameen Izzadeen at <https://www.dailymirror.lk/opinion/Attack-on-Iran-Amid-lies-and-deception-Gaza-war-may-escalate-into-a-regional-conflict/172-280213>
- 7 According to a brief by the Israel Policy Forum, an American Jewish organization, the establishment of illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied West Bank, thus securing dominance over the territory and ultimately annexing the region, has been driven by messianic \_\_\_\_\_ ideology, which impels Jews to claim the entire stretch from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea as the Land of Israel, thereby completely erasing Palestine.
- 10 The War on Gaza was initially confined to Israel and its occupied Palestinian territory. Responding to Houthi attacks, in support for Palestine, on ships connected to Israel in the Red Sea, the United States and its allies carried out several attacks on rebel sites in Yemen. Israel, in its attempt to neutralize Hezbollah, is repeatedly sending rockets into Southern Lebanon and bombed a residential building in Beirut. On April 1, 2024, Israel bombed the Iranian Consulate in Damascus, Syria, killing two Iranian generals and five officers. The widening of the conflict threatens the world with the specter of a \_\_\_\_\_ war. Don't forget that Israel has the bomb, and the United States believes that Iran does, too.

12 “Since January, people in northern Gaza are surviving on an average of 245 calories a day—less than a can of beans. This is just 12 percent of the recommended daily 2,100 calories needed per person.” This is from an Oxfam report, describing the \_\_\_\_\_ in northern Gaza, where about 300,000 Palestinians are believed to be trapped.

<https://www.oxfamamerica.org/explore/stories/six-months-into-gaza-conflict-malnutrition-and-famine-emerging/>

13 “War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of \_\_\_\_\_.” –Thomas Mann

14 “If Jesus were to be born today, he would be born under the rubble in Gaza,” intoned Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac on December 23, 2023, as he stood beside the nativity manger, where baby Jesus, draped in a Palestinian *keffiyeh*, lay amid rocks, at the pulpit of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem.

<https://time.com/6550851/bethlehem-christmas-sermon-nativity-rubble/>



Screenshot

17 “Israeli forces unlawfully attacked a residential building in Gaza on October 31, 2023, absent any apparent military target, killing at least 106 \_\_\_\_\_, including 54 children.” –Human Rights Watch

19 On April 8, 2024 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) began two days of hearings to consider Nicaragua’s request that emergency measures be imposed on Germany over its support for Israel’s war on Gaza. Germany is the second largest supplier of \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel. Of course, the United States is the first.

21 “Come you masters of war. You that build all the guns.  
You that build death planes. You that build big bombs.  
You that hide behind walls. You that hide behind desks.  
I think you will find when your death takes its toll.  
All the \_\_\_\_\_ you made will never buy back your soul.”

–“Masters of War,” by Bob Dylan

(The link on the right is for Bob Dylan’s recording of the entire song.)

Image: Genius Lyrics



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4uMQRQzVmc>

24 “The situation on the ground looks desperate, whether it’s the physical structures – just seeing apartments block after apartment block, destroyed rubble on the ground, concrete, blown up cars, people fleeing their homes, or whether it’s just the look on people’s faces, just the \_\_\_\_\_, the stress, as if sorrow and sadness have taken root here in Gaza.” –James Elder, the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) spokesperson who has joined the aid effort in the besieged enclave. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/11/1144022>

25 “The first \_\_\_\_\_ when war comes is truth.” –Hiram Johnson

27 Having been first forced to evacuate their homes in Northern Gaza, then ordered to move from Central Gaza to the south, and, finally, shoved into tents in impossibly crowded refugee camps in Rafah, as the Israeli Defense Forces prepare their assault on the city, more than one million Palestinians have no further place to \_\_\_\_\_.

28 In “Say Their Names” gatherings outside the US Embassy in Jerusalem and the branch in Tel Aviv on April 5, 2024, Israeli and American Jews solemnly read the names of some of the 33,000 Palestinians killed since the war began on October 7, 2023. “Joe Biden and Benjamin Netanyahu, we are standing in direct sight of the U.S. Embassy because we hold you and your governments directly responsible for the 33,000 Palestinians who have perished in the Gaza Strip and for the starvation policy and engineered famine taking hold even as we speak,” the organizer Erez Bleicher declared in Tel Aviv. “The United States supplies the guns, and Israel pulls the trigger.” The vigil joined the \_\_\_\_\_ movement around the world in which millions of activists have participated, demanding an end to the genocide in Gaza.

[https://truthout.org/articles/\\*ers-mark-6-months-of-gaza-genocide-with-vigils-in-tel-aviv-and-jerusalem/](https://truthout.org/articles/*ers-mark-6-months-of-gaza-genocide-with-vigils-in-tel-aviv-and-jerusalem/)

29 The largest relief agency active in Gaza, a branch of the United Nations, with a staff of more than 13,000, 176 of whom have been killed by the Israeli bombardment, \_\_\_\_\_ is running out of funds because many donors, led by the United States, stopped supporting their work after Israel, without any evidence whatsoever, accused 12 members of being involved in the October 7 attack.

30 “The most shocking fact about war is that its victims and its instruments are individual human beings and that these individual beings are condemned by the monstrous conventions of politics to murder or be murdered in \_\_\_\_\_ not their own.” –Aldous Huxley

31 More than 200 ancient sites have been damaged or destroyed in Israeli raids since the Oct. 7, 2023, including \_\_\_\_\_, churches, historical homes, universities, archives, and the archeological site of Anthedon Harbour, Gaza’s first known seaport. These before and after images show the destruction of the Great Omari Mosque, the most famous in Gaza, and one of the oldest in the region.



Ali Jadallah/Anadolu/Getty Images

37 In response to Israel’s propaganda that its respect for gay rights and its tolerance toward the LGBTQ activists, as opposed to the intolerance of the Arab world, justifies its attack on Gaza, the LGBTQ community has declared, “There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in genocide!”

39 Although \_\_\_\_\_, wanting to be seen as pro-Palestinian, thus ensuring access to Arab oil, recognized the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1974 and the State of Palestine in 1988, the current government has attempted to forge a closer relationship with the United States and, thus, with Israel. This also conveniently feeds into the BJP’s Islamophobia, characterizing Muslims and Palestinians as one and the same: backward, problematic, and uncivilized. <[https://thediplomat.com/2023/11/\\*-once-was-a-strong-ally-of-palestine-what-changed/](https://thediplomat.com/2023/11/*-once-was-a-strong-ally-of-palestine-what-changed/)>

41 In a horrifying incident on February 29, 2024, at least 112 Palestinians were killed and more than 750 wounded as much-needed food aid was being distributed in Gaza. As people gathered in large groups around the trucks, Israeli troops opened fire, and the people scattered. After the first round of shooting stopped, they returned to the trucks, only for the soldiers to open fire once more, and the tanks advanced. An Israeli spokesman initially insisted that the troops were only trying to protect themselves and that the victims were part of an unruly mob which did not get out of the way of the tanks, but hospital workers confirmed that many of those killed had been \_\_\_\_\_. No Israelis were harmed.

42 “They [Israel’s army of unrepentant enablers and apologists] are, of course, hard at work trying, as they are conditioned to do, to find an explanation, an excuse, a rationale to absolve Israel of responsibility for the crimes against humanity that it has committed with impunity in Gaza and beyond.

“In their \_\_\_\_\_ calculus, Israel is never to blame, never responsible, never the perpetrator, never guilty. To admit that Israel is to blame, responsible, the perpetrator or guilty, would mean, in effect, admitting their guilt too.”  
– Andrew Mitrovica <<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2024/2/29/israels-killing-rage>>

44 In addition to virtually all trees having been razed, heavy bombardment of populated areas has contaminated soil and groundwater in the long term – both through the munitions themselves and as collapsed buildings release hazardous materials such as asbestos, industrial chemicals and fuel into the surrounding air, soil, and groundwater, making the entire Strip uninhabitable for years to come. The scale and long-term impact of the destruction in Gaza have led to calls for it to be classed as \_\_\_\_\_ which covers damage done to the environment by deliberate or negligent actions.

48 On November 8, 2023, a US military \_\_\_\_\_, an MQ-9 Reaper, the mainstay of the American military’s aerial surveillance fleet, was shot down off the coast of Yemen. The Pentagon would not say if the aircraft was armed, where it was flying from, or other details.

49 “Viewing confrontation as something frightful and treating non-confrontation, its opposite, as a \_\_\_\_\_, seek peace at all times this is the advice of the Buddhas.” –Cariya Pitaka

51 On April 1, 2024, the Israeli military withdrew after a two-week raid, leaving behind scenes of devastation. Hundreds of people returned to the area and reported finding bodies strewn everywhere. One witness described a scene of “total destruction.” He said that several buildings had been burned down and that he had counted six bodies in the area, including two in the courtyard. Another resident said, “The situation is indescribable. The occupation destroyed all sense of life here.” He explained that army bulldozers had ploughed over a makeshift cemetery inside the compound, where there were still patients, medical workers, and displaced people sheltering. The site, which the military had previously raided in November, was Al-Shifa \_\_\_\_\_, the largest medical facility in Gaza.



Dawoud Abu Alkas/Reuters

- 52 “Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and \_\_\_\_\_. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.” –William Faulkner
- 53 In a shocking development, a coalition of Israeli settler groups, reportedly funded by the apartheid state, has convened to discuss a “practical” plan to build the first settlements in Gaza. With an advertisement which proclaims, “A house on the beach is not a \_\_\_\_\_!”  
<[https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20231218-as-genocide-unfolds-israel-settlers-plan-\\*-beach-house-in-gaza/](https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20231218-as-genocide-unfolds-israel-settlers-plan-*-beach-house-in-gaza/)>
- 54 According to a new report released by the World Bank and the United Nations, more than a million people in Gaza are without homes; eighty-four percent of health facilities have been damaged or destroyed; the water and sanitation system has nearly collapsed; and the education system has completely broken down. At an estimated cost of 18.5 billion dollars—an amount equal to 97 percent of the combined GDP of the West Bank and Gaza in 2022, damage to Gaza’s \_\_\_\_\_ is catastrophic.
- 55 Despite its own description of the 2000-pound bombs, which are capable of leveling city blocks and leaving craters in the earth 40 feet across, and with which, on October 31, 2023, Israel had attacked Gaza’s Jabalia refugee camp, a strike which killed more than 100 people and which U.N. officials decried as a “disproportionate attack that could amount to war crimes,” *The New York Times* ignored the transfer of these weapons to Israel in March. This led the journalist, Normal Solomon, to remark, “It’s a safe bet that the new transfer of 2,000-pound bombs to Israel would \_\_\_\_\_ more newsworthy to the editors of *The New York Times* if the lives of their loved ones were at stake.”  
<<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/latest-huge-transfer-of-2000-pound-bombs-from-u-s-to-israel-not-newsworthy-to-the-new-york-times/>>
- 56 Representing the deepest connection to their origin, heritage, and identity, especially important for the diaspora, the most significant aspect of life for Palestinians and one of their strongest cultural features to have survived the effects of conflict, occupation, and displacement, something in which they take deep pride in its reputation and honor, is the \_\_\_\_\_, extending to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even distant cousins.
- 57 Israel justifies its complete destruction of Gaza, the killing of 33,000 people, and the injuring of more than 75,000 as collateral damage in its attempt to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ in which Hamas is allegedly hiding.

#### Down:

- 1 “Delivering into hell!” That is how Tess Ingram of UNICEF described a woman giving \_\_\_\_\_ in Gaza.
- 2 During the war in Gaza, President Joe Biden has taken a consistently pro-Israel line. He traveled to Israel after the October 7 attack, provided Israel with huge quantities of munitions, refused to call for a ceasefire, and vetoed UN ceasefire resolutions. However, while Biden has pushed Israel behind the scenes for food and medical aid to civilians, Trump wouldn’t lift a finger in defense of Gazan civilians – he wants to ban them from entering the United States. Israel knows this and longs for Trump. In a Wall Street Journal interview with the Wall Street Journal, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir stated, “Instead of giving us his full backing, Biden is busy with giving humanitarian aid and fuel [to Gaza], which goes to Hamas. If Trump was in power, the U.S. conduct would be completely different.”

Biden is a traditional pro-Israel American centrist, while Trump has openly and publicly aligned himself with the Israeli right wing. Trump's ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, accused Biden of "hampering the war effort." Trump has completely rejected the two-state solution and moved the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Without question, "Trump would be the most pro-Israel president \_\_\_\_."

(Summary of "Biden has been bad for Palestinians. Trump would be worse." by Zack Beauchamp

<https://www.vox.com/policy/24072983/biden-trump-palestinians-israel-gaza-policy-different>>

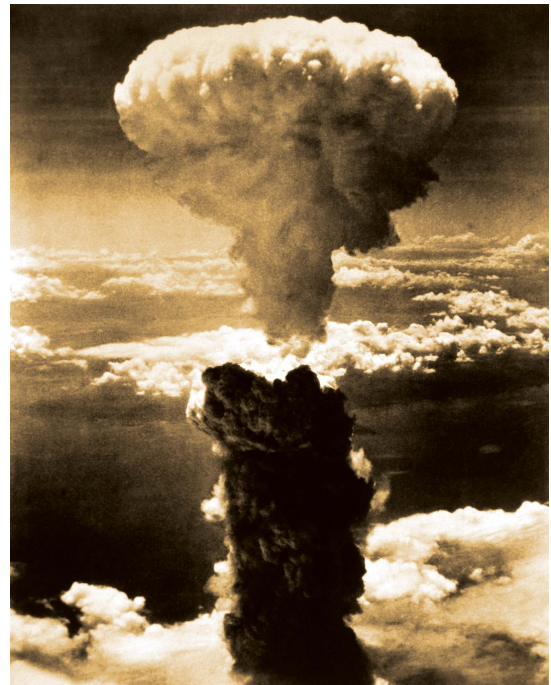
3 In all of the forms of Palestinian popular culture—the songs they sing, the stories they tell, and the art they love—Palestinian refugees recall their ancestral homes, and attachment to \_\_\_\_ looms large.

4 The [Mid]eastern world it is explodin'—  
Violence flarin', bullets loadin'.  
You're old enough to kill, but not for votin'.  
You don't believe in war but what's that gun you're totin'?  
**And even the Jordan River has bodies floatin'.**

Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say?  
Can't you feel the fears I'm feelin' today?  
If the button is pushed, there's no runnin' away.  
There'll be no one to save with the world in a grave.  
Take a look around you, boy. It's bound to scare you, boy!

Yeah, my blood's so mad, feels like coagulatin'.  
I'm sitting here just contemplatin'.  
I can't twist the truth; it knows no regulation.  
A handful of senators don't pass legislation,  
And marches alone can't bring integration,  
When human respect is disintegratin'.  
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'.

And you tell me  
Over and over and over again, my friend,  
Ah, you don't believe  
We're on the \_\_\_\_ of destruction!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPIcwjFB1PY>>

(Selected lyrics, adapted. from the song by P. F. Sloan

The link is for Barry McGuire's 1965 recording of the entire song.)

6 **Buddhism:** Do not hurt others in any way that you would find hurtful for them to do to you.

**Hinduism:** It is your duty not to do anything to others that you would not want them to do to you.

**Islam:** You are not a believer until you wish for another person that which he wishes for himself.

**Christianity:** Act toward others in the same way that you want them to act toward you.

**Judaism:** Do not do others anything that you feel is harmful to you. This is the entire Law.



Reuters

Certainly, this includes "Thou shalt not kill!" Does anyone remember the \_\_\_\_ Rule?

8 Honoring the national tree of Palestine, which is the main source of livelihood for Palestinians and their symbol of life and hope, UNESCO has designated an area in the Central Highlands between Nablus and Hebron a World Heritage site, "Palestine: Land of \_\_\_\_ and Vines—Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir"

9 "There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing \_\_\_\_ people." –Howard Zinn

- 11 Republican members of Congress have introduced legislation that conflates prejudice toward Jews with criticism of Zionism and the state of Israel and would effectively ban pro-Palestine demonstrations. The bill, embraced by the Biden administration, would deny federal funding to academic institutions that “authorize Anti-Semitic events” and, catering to what the Israeli government and its supporters have been pushing in the United States and elsewhere, cites a definition of \_\_\_\_\_, first drafted in Europe, where many states and institutions have adopted it, leading to dozens of human rights violations, that conflates prejudice toward Jews with criticism of Zionism and the state of Israel. <[https://theintercept.com/2023/06/06/\\*-definition-israel-palestine/](https://theintercept.com/2023/06/06/*-definition-israel-palestine/)>
- 15 Dismissing the more than 100 civilians killed, an Israeli spokesman proudly declared, “Tonight we eliminated the murderous terrorist Ibrahim Biari,” as justification for the horrific air attack on Jabalia, which sheltered 116,011 Palestinians, the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in Gaza. (2 words)
- 16 Israel’s use of white phosphorus, which has the potential to cause civilian harm due to severe burns and its lingering long-term effects on survivors, in densely populated areas of Gaza, violates the requirement under international \_\_\_\_\_ law that parties to the conflict take all feasible precautions to avoid civilian injury and loss of life.
- 17 “The two most powerful nations of the world had been squared off against each other, each with its finger on the button. You’d have thought that war was inevitable. But both sides showed that if the desire to avoid war is strong enough, even the most pressing dispute can be solved by \_\_\_\_\_.” –Nikita Khrushchev
- 18 Two days after the war began, Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, called for more destruction on top of the massive number of airstrikes Israel had already launched and, referring to Hamas fighters, declared, “We are fighting human \_\_\_\_\_, and we act accordingly.”
- 20 “Israel’s Gaza Campaign Is the Gravest \_\_\_\_\_ Crisis of Our Time” –Ven, Bhikkhu Bodhi, a senior American Buddhist monk of Jewish ethnicity <[https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/gaza-\\*-crisis-of-our-time](https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/gaza-*-crisis-of-our-time)>
- 22 As early as December, WHO warned that infectious \_\_\_\_\_ outbreaks in Gaza might ultimately kill more people than Israel’s offensive. Today, virtually ALL hospitals in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged to the point that they can no longer provide essential health services.
- 23 “It is against United States law to provide \_\_\_\_\_ to forces who block United States humanitarian assistance, and that is exactly what is happening right now.” –Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, speech in US Congress, March 23, 2024
- 26 “Israel and the U.S. have overlapping Empires – one in the Middle East and the other globally – with deep common purposes. Here are some examples of how these empires operate in tandem.
- “Both Empires violate international laws with impunity. The U.S. sends special forces, drones, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, anywhere and anytime it wants – especially the case of Iraq and Afghanistan. National boundaries and sovereignty mean nothing. Similarly, Israel completely dominates the Middle East militarily, bombing, sabotaging, and killing whomever it wants in neighboring countries. It has attacked Lebanon and Syria routinely with its air force, artillery, and invaded Lebanon on the ground, prompting feeble responses it always labels ‘\_\_\_\_\_.’” –Ralph Nader, “The Mutually Reinforcing American and Israeli Empires”
- <<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/israel-and-u-s>>
- 32 At the end of March 2024, *The Washington Post* reported that, despite growing worldwide calls for an arms embargo, the Biden administration approved the transfer of billions of dollars worth of new weapons shipments to Israel, including warplanes and 2,000-pound bombs, which the *New York Times*, in December, had described as “one of the most destructive munitions in Western military arsenals”—a weapon that “unleashes a blast wave and metal fragments thousands of feet in every direction.” These weapons, are almost never deployed by Western militaries in densely populated locations due to the risk of civilian casualties. In that December article, *The New York Times* reported, however, that “Israel used these munitions in the area it designated safe for civilians at least 200 times,” and that those 2,000-pound bombs were “a pervasive threat to civilians seeking \_\_\_\_\_ across south Gaza.”
- <<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/latest-huge-transfer-of-2000-pound-bombs-from-u-s-to-israel-not-newsworthy-to-the-new-york-times/>>

- 33 “I’ve just returned from Al-Arish on the Egyptian-Gaza border with the Foreign Affairs Committee, where we saw hundreds and hundreds of lorry loads of food and aid waiting for permission to get into Gaza. So, lets be very clear about the language here. The people of Gaza are not starving, the people of Gaza are being starved. ... Does he (the Prime Minister) also accept that starving a civilian population to death is a war crime?”  
–Brendan O’Hara, Scottish National Party MP, March 20, 2024, describing the manmade \_\_\_\_\_ in Gaza and calling on the UK to stop selling weapons to Israel. <<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1123996738938661>>
- 34 Even before seven World Central Kitchen workers were killed in a drone attack in Gaza by Israeli Defense Forces on April 2, 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ agencies’ efforts to get humanitarian assistance to where it is most needed had been severely hampered by a combination of logistical obstacles, a breakdown of public order, and lengthy bureaucracy imposed by Israel. The number of aid trucks entering the territory by land has been far below the 500 a day that entered before the war.
- 35 “The war on Palestine opens a stark faultline where more people see what many people around the world have always known: the power systems that dominate our daily lives — capitalism, colonialism, and imperialism — require immense \_\_\_\_\_ and brutality to keep going.” –Stephanie Guilloud, “To Fight Global Fascism, We Must Confront Zionism” <<https://truthout.org/articles/to-fight-global-fascism-we-must-confront-zionism/>>
- 36 According to data from the UN’s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the World Health Organization and the Palestinian government, as of March 28, 2024, Israeli attacks had damaged or destroyed more than half of Gaza’s homes—360,000 \_\_\_\_\_ units.
- 38 White phosphorus, a chemical substance which ignites when exposed to oxygen, creating intense heat of 815 °C (1500 °F), produces light and a thick smoke used for military purposes, but it also inflicts horrific injuries when it comes in contact with people. Israeli forces have used white phosphorus in military operations in Lebanon and Gaza. White phosphorus is dispersed in artillery shells, bombs, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 39 “The essential act of war is destruction, not necessarily of human lives, but the products of human labor. War is a way of shattering to pieces, or pouring into the stratosphere, or sinking in the depths of the sea, materials which might otherwise be used to make the masses too comfortable, and hence, in the long run, too \_\_\_\_\_.”  
–George Orwell, *1984*
- 40 It is widely believed that, if the Biden administration does not stop arms sales to Israel and force that rogue nation to adhere to the Geneva Conventions on international humanitarian law and to abide by UN Security Council Resolutions, the United States will also be guilty of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 43 For fundamentalist Jews, complete control of Jerusalem, which would entail the eradication of Palestine and the Palestinians, the ultimate objective of the War in Gaza, would enable the building of the Third Temple on the Dome of the Rock, currently the site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which would usher in the Apocalypse, described in the Book of Daniel to entail the resurrection of the righteous who will live in eternal bliss. (Other books offer different interpretations of the Apocalypse.) On the other hand, for some Evangelical Christians, who strongly support this radical Zionism, the erection of the Temple would enable the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the End Times in which devout Christians would be welcomed into heaven, and the Jews who did not convert would be condemned to hell. One has to wonder how these two conflicting beliefs can be reconciled and whether either \_\_\_\_\_ is true.
- 45 "The U.S. cannot partner with a country that is starving \_\_\_\_\_. No more money for Netanyahu." –Sen. Bernie Sanders on X
- 46 One of the objectives in studying nonviolent strategy is to become \_\_\_\_\_, more loving, and more committed to the practices of justice and peace.  
<<https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/syllabus-nonviolent-theory-and-practice-f13.pdf>>
- 47 With the incessant bombing, the omnipresent Israeli tanks, and the drones circling overhead, “life in Gaza is a numbers game these days, where you try to calculate the odds of surviving even the most mundane \_\_\_\_\_.”  
<<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2023-11-05/gaza-diary-what-life-is-like-under-daily-airstrikes-blackouts-scarcity>>



- 48 “Israel’s plan is to \_\_\_\_\_ Gaza and make it unliveable and lifeless,” said Husam Zomlot, the Palestinian ambassador to Britain. “Israel’s goal has always been to make it impossible for our people to return to their land.” <<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/02/01/world/middleeast/Israel-gaza-war-demolish.html>>
- 49 Wanton destruction, undeniable genocide, an ever-widening war, the threat of nuclear war, impending global ecocide, blatant violation of every humanitarian law, complete disregard of international responsibility! All of this makes one wonder why the world doesn’t, in the words of the Genie in Disney’s movie “Aladdin,” “Wake up and smell the \_\_\_\_\_.”
- 50 On February 25, 2024, Aaron Bushnell, a 25-year-old serviceman of the United States Air Force, set himself on fire outside the front gate of the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C. Immediately prior to the live-streamed act, Bushnell declared “I am an active-duty member of the United States Air Force, and I will no longer be complicit in genocide,” and called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As he died in flames, he repeatedly shouted "\_\_\_\_\_Palestine!"



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## NOTE

In any website URL, where \* appears, it represents the word in the puzzle for that clue,