



Stop the genocide!

CeasefireMV is a group of islanders who demand an immediate, permanent ceasefire and an end to the Israeli state's war of annihilation against the Palestinian people. We reject the lie that equates criticism of Israel with antisemitism.

Anyone who agrees with the above is welcome to join us.

Opposition to genocide does not imply support for whatever crimes were committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023. We deplore mass murder, abduction, war crimes and atrocities, without regard to who the perpetrators are or what justification they claim.

The Israeli military is committing genocide against the people of Gaza. They have killed over 40,000 civilians, the majority women and children. This figure is extremely conservative; a more realistic number, according to a scientific study published in *The Lancet* in July 2024, is over 186,000, or 8% of the prewar population, when we take into account indirect deaths due to “destroyed health-care infrastructure; severe shortages of food, water, and shelter; the population's inability to flee to safe places; and the loss of funding to UNRWA, one of the very few humanitarian organisations still active in the Gaza Strip.”

Israeli forces have destroyed infrastructure, schools, hospitals, universities, and housing. Israel's intentional and targeted starvation campaign against the Palestinian people has resulted in famine across all of Gaza, according to a recent statement by 10 independent UN experts.

The United States is providing the weapons of genocide to Israel. The US government has given billions of dollars in military aid to Israel, including a \$15 billion package in April 2024. US-made munitions were used in the deadly Israeli strike on a displacement camp in Rafah in May 2024, where refugees were incinerated in their tents.

Genocide is not self-defense. International law does not recognize revenge as a defense to genocide, no matter how heinous the October 7 attack may have been. Even if one accepts the proposition that Israel has a right to hunt down and kill every last Hamas militant, there is no justification for killing tens of thousands of civilian noncombatants.

We are happy to discuss these issues with anyone who disagrees with us and is willing to engage in civil conversation. For further information, see our website at www.ceasefiremv.org.

