# Landing Page



## Welcome to the landing page of

## Living with Drones's calls-to-action document

We have put together a list of ways in which to remain engaged in whatever way/capacity you can. This is a work-in-progress and we welcome your additions and suggestions through comments. Just click on any of the document tabs on the left of your screen to explore and add to the different actions.

We base this request for your continued participation through a thoughtful approach that includes the following:

- Inform yourself
- Consider your location (social, cultural, class, identity, etc.) in connection to this story
- Consider the most appropriate and doable way for you to engage further. This is based on your circumstances, access, responsibilities, location, profession, etc.
- Act in a way that demonstrates your capacity to participate in a democratic society

Here are a few things you can reflect on, do and/or support.

## We thank you very much for all your support and care.

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# Petitions and Campaigns



## Petitions and Campaigns (UK)

**Demand that the UK government suspends arms transfers to Israel** Amnesty International has found sufficient basis to conclude that Israeli authorities committed, and continue to commit genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. All states, including the UK Government, must immediately halt arms transfers and other forms of military assistance to all parties.

## Explore the petition and sign here to support it:

https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/suspend-arms-transfers-now

Call on Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Foreign Secretary David Lammy to take action for children in the occupied Palestinian territory: The UK has a responsibility to uphold children's rights and international humanitarian law and should use their power and influence to secure an immediate, definitive ceasefire – as the only way to end the death and destruction in Gaza, ensure humanitarian assistance reaches those who need it, and ensure the safe release of all hostages.

## Add your name to the Save the Children petition:

https://act.savethechildren.org.uk/a/gaza-petition-labour-gov

**Contact elected reps.** (Write to MPs and demand that the government take a stronger stance on ending violence, lifting the blockade, holding perpetrators of war crimes accountable). <a href="https://humantiproject.org/email-templates/">https://humantiproject.org/email-templates/</a> regularly post templates you can use.

**BDS**: With alarming increases in Israeli use of drones and with drone technology developed by Israeli companies being sold as 'battle tested' in Gaza to almost 50 countries, it is urgent that we increase anti-militarist boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) actions.

### Explore the campaign and learn how to support:

https://www.bdsmovement.net/

<u>Palestine Solidarity Campaign</u> - petitions, protests, resources and factsheets.



### The Netherlands

## Sign and share the campaign by Amnesty International:

"Lift the blockade on Gaza and stop the genocide." It urges states to press for the unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid and end collective punishment via blockade.

https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/lift-the-blockade-on-gaza-and-stop-the-genocide

## Stay alert to and circulate campaigns

From organizations like PAX (Netherlands) which calls for the Dutch government to implement arms export bans to Israel, sanction responsible Israeli officials, stop complicity in violations of international humanitarian law.

https://paxforpeace.nl/news/un-commission-genocide-in-gaza

**Sign and share PAX's petition** urging the Dutch government to implement a complete arms embargo on Israel and stop all forms of military support that enable violations of international humanitarian law.

https://paxvoorvrede.nl/nieuws/volledig-wapenembargo-nu/

Sign or support the urgent call asking **Tilburg University** to **observe BDS principles** and **suspend all academic ties with Israeli universities**, including Hebrew University, in response to ongoing violations of international law in Gaza.

https://universonline.nl/nieuws/2025/10/02/urgent-letter-tilburg-university-must-suspend-all-ties-with-israeli-universities/

Support or volunteer with **Terre des Hommes Netherlands** which is part of a Dutch-led humanitarian response in Gaza (via the Dutch Relief Alliance).

https://int.terredeshommes.nl/projects/humanitarian-aid-for-gaza

Support or follow the legal action by a coalition of Dutch & Palestinian NGOs suing the Dutch state for **failing to prevent genocide** in Gaza and violations of international humanitarian law.

https://law4palestine.org/dutch-and-palestinian-ngos-take-legal-action-against-dutch-government-overgenocide-in-gaza-and-international-law-violations/



Continue to stay informed and engaged through civil society networks and humanitarian initiatives: Oxfam Novib continues to provide essential aid and advocate for justice in Palestine through long-term development programs.

https://www.oxfamnovib.nl/ons-werk-in-palestina

Getuigen van Gaza ("Witnesses of Gaza") shares testimonies and public events to raise awareness of the ongoing crisis. At the same time, *Plant een Olijfboom* ("Plant an Olive Tree") enables symbolic and practical support for Palestinian farmers and land rights.

https://getuigenvangamegen.nl/

https://www.planteenolijfboom.nl/

In Belgium, organizations such as *Droit pour Gaza*, *Association Belgo-Palestinienne*, and *SOS Gaza* coordinate public actions, advocacy, and relief campaigns in solidarity with Palestinians.

https://droitpourgaza.be/right-for-gaza/

https://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be/#

https://sosgaza.be/

## **Legal Cases**



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## Legal and human rights groups take UK government to High Court over arms exports to Israel:

On December 6, 2023, Palestinian human rights organization Al-Haq and UK-based Global Legal Action Network (GLAN) initiated legal action against the UK government, challenging its arms exports to Israel. They argue that these exports violate UK export control laws and international humanitarian law, especially in light of Israel's military actions in Gaza and settlement activities in the West Bank. The case has been filed in the UK High Court, seeking a judicial review of the government's decision to continue these exports despite evidence suggesting their use in actions against Palestinian civilians..

Learn more here: https://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/22299.html

UN, ICC and ICJ statements and actions re. Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories in 2023/24::

https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10131/

## Journalistic Best Practices



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☐ Centre/amplify/collaborate with Palestinian voices & diversify sources (move beyond official spokespeople, incorporate perspectives from grassroots activists, medical professionals, educators, and residents on the ground)
☐ Reach out to journalists on the ground who are covering the day-to-day story and have eye-witness accounts
☐ Highlight individual experiences, not just statistics or abstract geopolitical narratives
☐ Contextualize the history, geography, periods of violence and war based on the roots of the crisis
<ul> <li>□ Consult resources like</li> <li>- AMEJA's Media Guide for Reporting on Palestine and Israel</li> <li>- CJR: Urgent Ideas for Defending Press Freedom in Gaza</li> </ul>
☐ Challenge misinformation, verify all sources, including "official" military accounts
☐ Beware of disinformation and how it spreads through media platforms and messaging services. Fact check your "sources"
☐ Look at underreported aspects: healthcare crisis, environmental damage, psychological distress and trauma etc.
☐ Push for accountability in media coverage and of political actors
☐ Advocate within your newsroom for more ethical, accurate and contextualized coverage
☐ Reflect on your own positionality and be conscious of how your background, location, or organizational perspective might shape reporting



# Media Literacy



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Challenge media bias: Write letters to editors, engage with journalists, demand balanced/ethical reporting
Beware of disinformation and how it spreads through media platforms and messaging services.
Diversify your news sources and follow the work of journalists on the ground in Gaza
Support journalists who have been unfairly targeted for their coverage of Gaza
Support independent news outlets that are doing responsible reporting
Amplify Palestinian voices on social media and in your work by sharing first-hand accounts from journalists, activists, and residents on the ground

# Resources for Further Learning



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#### Decolonize Palestine

"The drone wars," David Rohde (Reuters, Jan. 26, 2012)

"Living Under Drones: Death, Injury and Trauma to Civilians from US Drone Practices in Pakistan," James Cavallaro, Stephan Sonnenberg, Sarah Knuckey (International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, 2012)

"The Sound of Terror," Nasser Hussain (Boston Review, Oct. 16, 2013)

"Waiting for the Bomb to Drop," Paul Saint-Amour (The New York Times, Aug. 3, 2015)

The Drone Eats with Me: A Gaza Diary, Atef Abu Saif (2016)

Don't Look Left: A Diary of Genocide, Atef Abu Saif (2024)

Sonic Warfare: Sound, Affect, and the Ecology of Fear, Steve Goodman (2012)

Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control, Medea Benjamin (2013)

"Elbit Systems profits surge due to increased demand from Israel military in Gaza and Hezbollah conflict" (Middle East Monitor, 2024)

"I dream of a quiet, drone-free Gaza," Fatma Al Zahraa Sehwail (Al Jazeera, Jan. 21, 2025)

"Targeted & Assassinated": Gaza Soup Kitchen Chef Mahmoud Almadhoun Killed by Israeli Drone (Democracy Now, Dec. 02, 2024)

More Info: Elbit Systems and Canada Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME)

<u>Drone Wars UK Multimedia Reports</u> – interactive case studies and documentaries by a UK-based organization that examines and challenges the use of armed drones and other lethal military technology.

<u>Drones in the Formation, Development, and Militarization of Israel</u> World Peace Foundation (2022) <u>Killer</u> <u>Drones</u> War on Want Org. (2015)

<u>Traumatic amputations caused by drone attacks in the local population in Gaza: a retrospective cross-sectional study</u>, Heszlein-Lossius, Hanne et al. (The Lancet Planetary Health, Volume 3, Issue 1 2019)

<u>Lethal use of armed drones and the 'war on terror': legality under international law</u>. Kontodimos A. (Master's thesis, University of Tilburg, 2017)

Precisely Wrong: Gaza Civilians Killed by Israeli Drone-Launched Missiles Human Rights Watch, (2009).

Sleepless in Gaza: Israeli drone war on the Gaza Strip Dr. Atef Abu Saif (2014)

Dreaming with drones: Palestine under the shadow of unseen war Aroosa Kanwal (2022)

<u>'Precise' Strikes: Fractured Bodies, Fractured Lives – An update on Israel's drone wars</u> Drone Wars (2019) <u>Gaza: Life beneath the drones</u> Corporate Watch (2014)

Investigating the Relationship Between Drone Warfare and Civilian Casualties in Gaza, Dr. Ann Rogers (2014)

A Hazard to Human Rights: Autonomous Weapons Systems and Digital Decision-Making Human Rights Watch, (2025)



The true cost of peace: Rebalancing world military spending for a sustainable and peaceful future UN Peace & Security, (2025)

Pull the Plug on the Political Economy Enabling Israel's Crimes: What States and Companies Must do to Stop Fueling Israel's Genocide, Apartheid and Unlawful Amnesty International (2025)

Palestine, Joe Sacco (1993)

Footnotes in Gaza, Joe Sacco (2009)

War on Gaza, Joe Sacco (2024)

The Question of Palestine, Edward Said (1992)

The Hundred Years' War on Palestine, Rashid Khalidi (2020)

My People Shall Live, Leila Khaled, (1971)

This Time We Went Too Far': Truth and Consequences of the Gaza Invasion, Norman Finkelstein, 2011

My Life in the PLO: The Inside Story of the Palestinian Struggle, Shafiq al Hout and Jean Said Makdisi (2019)

Towers of Ivory and Steel: How Israeli Universities Deny Palestinian Freedom, Maya Wind (2024)

<u>Poetry of Resistance in Occupied Palestine</u>, translated by Sulafa Hijjawi (Baghdad, Ministry of Culture and Guidance, 1968)

Rifga, Mohammed El-Kurd (2021)

How AI tells Israel who to bomb | VOX (2024)

Israel's hovering drones: Palestinians subjected to anguish of surveillance | Al Jazeera (2024)

"The humanitarian situation in Gaza," Prof Nizam Mamode testimony | UK Parliament: International

Development Committee (2024)

How Israel tests military tech on Palestinians: The Palestine Laboratory E1 | Al Jazeera (2025)

How is Israel's military tech marketed abroad?: The Palestine Laboratory E2 | Al Jazeera (2025)

Death from Above: How Israeli Drones are Killing Journalists in Gaza | Forbidden Stories (2024)

Occupied: The Podcast – Stories from Gaza and the West Bank

The Palestine Lab Series - Al Jazeera investigative podcast, 2024–2025

Israel intensifies use of quadcopters on Palestinians in Gaza - TRT, 2025

Israel's hovering drones: Palestinians subjected to anguish of surveillance - Al Jazeera English, 2024

## The Palestinian Diary Narrative

The Eyes of Gaza: A Diary of Resilience by Plestia Alaqad

Don't Look Left: A Diary of Genocide by Atef Abu Saif

Voices of Resistance: Diaries of Genocide ft. Nahil Mohana, Sondos Sabra, Ala'a Obaid, Batool Abu Akleen, etc.

Diary of Gaza Surgeons: A witness of the Genocide by International Medical Professions Association

#### **Documentaries**



Settlers, Louis Theroux

No Other Land, Basel Adra and Yuval Abraham

How to Survive a War Zone, Jamie Roberts and Yousef Hammash

Jenin, Jenin, Mohammad Bakri

Along the Green Line, Guardian - Along the Green Line | The Guardian

A State of Passion, Muna Khalidi and Carol Mansour

Put Your Soul on Your Hand and Walk, Sepideh Farsi

From Ground Zero: Stories from Gaza

Where Olive Trees Weep, Maurizio Benazzo & Zaya Benazzo

#### **Films**

All That's Left of You, Cherien Dabis The Voice of Hind Rajab, Kaouther Ben Hania The Teacher, Farah Nalbusi

### **Fiction books**

Enter Ghost, Isabella Hammad I Saw Ramallah, Mourid Barghouti

# Fundraising Support



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<u>Palestinian Students & Scholars At Risk (PSSAR)</u>: Donate, volunteer, and/or support as an educator/professor

We Are Not Numbers: support emerging writers from Palestine, Get Involved: Subscribe to newsletters, donate, and other CTAs.

**Gaza kitchens:** Fund a kitchen is a free platform to help you locate food kitchens, community projects, medical support and other initiatives across Palestine - <a href="https://humantiproject.org/kitchens/">https://humantiproject.org/kitchens/</a>

Water is Life Gaza: https://www.waterislifegaza.org/

**Sulala Animal Rescue:** Supporting pets and stray animals in Gaza - <a href="https://www.instagram.com/sulalaanimalrescue/">https://www.instagram.com/sulalaanimalrescue/</a>.

**Techmed Gaza:** Psychological support for children and adults in Gaza using VR - https://chuffed.org/project/116133-techmed-gaza.

Not sure if this is allowed in this document too, but there are lots of families in Gaza who have personal GoFundMe or Chuffed links. Most people in Gaza don't currently have an income and can't afford basic necessities to survive, so donating directly to them means they can get some food from the markets, medicine, and other essentials.

Some examples of families I have verified (please delete if not allowed):

<u>Fundraiser by Maggie Cox : Rebuilding Abdullah's Life After Losing Everything</u>
<u>Help Ahmed Feed and Shelter His Family in Gaza | Chuffed | Non-profit charity and social enterprise fundraising</u>

Fundraiser by Vanessa Carter: Help Ahmed Provide Food and Care for Gaza's Animals

Fundraiser by Jessica Caglio: Help İman and her family in Gaza

Fundraiser by Elizabeth Claydon: Urgently Help Ahmad's Family Survive the Genocide in Gaza

\*SaveMohammedsFamily - Fundraiser by Vanessa Titus on \*spotfund

## More on stitched!



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stitched! shows employ oral storytelling and decolonial theatrical techniques, merging them with community-based journalism. Our storywork aims to disrupt traditional journalistic approaches (seeing journalism as aligned to the control of (what/whose) knowledge in partnership with colonial enterprises). We do this by centring the voices of story-sharers (not sources) and through the creation of the role of community gatherer, a journalist who engages with the audience and involves them in questions of role and responsibility, action and direction.

If you wish to support **stitched! studio's** efforts at bringing this show to more audiences, e-transfers can be sent to <u>stitchedlive@gmail.com</u>. We ask that you kindly name this e-transfer "Living with Drones."

If you would like to receive a tax receipt, you can donate directly through Toronto Metropolitan University. Head to the <u>Creative School's donation page</u>. Under **Designate my Gift**, click on **Other Initiatives** and then select **stitched** from the dropdown menu. This will ensure that your gift comes directly to us.

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