

STATEMENT ON THE RESUMPTION OF WAR IN GAZA

Tuesday 25 March 2025

JEWISH AUSTRALIANS DEMAND A FIRM AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

We, Jewish Australians, oppose the Israeli government's decision to break the hostage and ceasefire agreement negotiated in January 2025 and resume the horrific bombardment of Palestinians in Gaza.

On 2 March, when the second phase of the ceasefire should have started, the Israeli government prohibited all humanitarian aid from entering Gaza.

On 11 March Israel cut off Gaza's electricity supply, preventing the only water desalination plant there from functioning.

On 18 March, the Israeli military launched a wave of airstrikes in Gaza, massacring over 750 (and rising) Palestinians, including countless children. Survivors of Israel's assault face excruciating conditions, including having to endure amputations without anaesthesia. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering from famine, the destruction of healthcare systems, relentless aerial attacks, and are now being subjected to a new wave of violence.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stated that this latest attack on civilians in Gaza is "only the beginning". On March 23, Haaretz reported that Israel's Security Cabinet had approved the establishment of a "Voluntary Emigration Bureau for Gaza residents interested in relocating to third countries." It is becoming clear that the Netanyahu government is serious about implementing Trump's suggestion to ethnically cleanse Gaza of Palestinian people.

We reject any naive suggestion that the Netanyahu government has renewed fighting in order to bring back the Israeli hostages. The resumption of the bombardment of Gaza only endangers the lives of the hostages further, while ensuring death and destruction of Palestinians in Gaza.

We call on the Australian Government to immediately censure the Netanyahu government's resumption of war in the strongest terms and move to imposing sanctions on the state of Israel.

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