

Cease-Fire Now

LA Jews for Peace calls for an immediate end of hostilities between Israel and Hamas. The death toll is now over 124 – all Palestinians (names on reverse). We call on the U.S. government to facilitate a full cease-fire, now.

The war now raging between the Israeli government and Hamas was instigated by forces intent on undermining the recent Palestinian government of reconciliation. The government of reconciliation would have been only a tiny step towards peace, but that was too much for the Israeli government and its patron, the US government, represented today by the Westwood Federal Building.

- The two Palestinians who abducted and killed the three Israeli teens did not represent Hamas – they are freelance extremists who acted on their own. They correctly counted on Israel reacting with military force.
- Israel PM Netanyahu had no evidence when he immediately blamed Hamas for the abduction, giving Israel an excuse to crackdown on the West Bank and bomb Gaza – knowing that would lead to escalation when Palestinians attacked Israel with rockets in retaliation.
- Netanyahu knew the teens were dead the day after they went missing, but withheld that information to give the Israeli army an excuse to rampage through the West Bank, break into and trashing 2,000+ Palestinian homes and institutions (including stealing \$3 MM in U.S. dollars), arresting 600+ Palestinians, and demolished the homes of the two suspects without any evidence or due process. And due to that government incitement, 1,000s of hate-filled Israeli citizens poured into the streets, seeking revenge, destruction, and violence that resulted in the burning alive of a kidnapped Palestinian teen. These Israeli actions incited Hamas to retaliate with more rockets.

LA Jews for Peace calls on the Obama Administration to follow its public statements and quickly facilitate a cease-fire. The U.S. must release Jordan's draft cease-fire resolution in the U.N. Security Council as is – the U.S. must not weaken the resolution with a press statement calling for de-escalation.

The United States should take notice that Israel is attacking Palestinians using American supplied weapons like F-16 jets and Apache helicopters. Israel has publically stated that its goal is to destroy Hamas – an operation that clearly violates the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act and the U.S. Arms Export Control Act, two laws that restrict American supplied weapons to self-defense and humanitarian purposes.

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