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Trump Indicates Intent to Escalate Ethnic Cleansing in Gaza



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policy, it is a crime against humanity.

“Much of the destruction in Gaza reflects a calculated Israeli policy to make parts of the strip unlivable,” said [Lama Fakih](#), Middle East and North Africa director at Human Rights Watch. “Standing beside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose government was responsible for this policy and is wanted for atrocity crimes by the International Criminal Court, President Donald Trump suggested displacing Palestinians on an even larger scale and ‘taking over’ Gaza as potential US policy in light of the destruction in Gaza. It would move the US from being complicit in [war crimes](#) to direct perpetration of atrocities.”

Since October 2023, Israeli authorities have caused the massive, deliberate forced displacement of Palestinian civilians in Gaza, many of them multiple times over, and senior Israeli officials have [declared their intent](#) to displace the Palestinian population of Gaza.

Human Rights Watch has [found](#) that there is no plausible justification for the forced displacement and that it has been intentional, as well as widespread and systematic and part of state policy, amounting to [war crimes](#) and [crimes against humanity](#), and at least in parts of Gaza, ethnic cleansing.

Israeli authorities have also [deliberately inflicted](#) conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of part of the Palestinian population in Gaza, including by deliberately depriving them of food, water, and other objects necessary for their survival, amounting to the crime against humanity of extermination and acts of genocide.

The Biden administration’s provision of arms to Israel, which have repeatedly been used to carry out apparent [war crimes](#), has made the US complicit in their [unlawful use](#).

Trump’s statements on Gaza [have been widely rejected](#), not just by neighboring countries, such as [Egypt and Jordan](#), but by many other governments, including [Germany, Australia, Ireland, the United](#)

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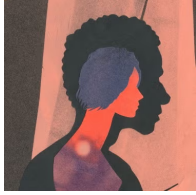
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