

Enclosure of Gaza as a “Prison Territory”: High Tech Surveillance Wall to Separate Gaza from Israel

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From the outset, Israel’s project was to enclose Gaza.

1.85 million Palestinians imprisoned in the Gaza Strip “Prison enclosure”. An act of genocide and the “international community” remains silent.

In the wake of the April-May 2018 Gaza massacre, the unfolding consensus among Western leaders is that “Israel has the Right to defend itself”.

IDF snipers will shoot anybody who approaches the Surveillance Wall.

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Israeli 2017 media reports confirm the construction of a new high tech 65 km security and surveillance wall equipped with cameras and sensors “to separate Gaza from Israel” thereby reinforcing the enclosure of Gaza as a de facto “prison territory” with a population of more than 1.85 million.

This initiative constitutes the latest stage of a process started in 1994 with the establishment of the so-called Israel Gaza security barrier. As we recall the barrier was in part torn down during the Second Intifada in 2000 and was then rebuilt.

There has been virtually no coverage or analysis of this latest project. “The ambitious project, budgeted to cost 3 billion shekhels (\$850 million), will see an integrated wire fence, 6 to eight metres high, equipped with sensors and cameras built above the ground, over the 65-kilometre Gazan border, while heavy concrete slabs strengthened with iron rods will be built dozens of metres underground.”



The existing Gaza-Israel Wall

Rafah Crossing and the Gaza-Egypt Wall

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The Israel and Egypt – Gaza Strip barrier is a separation barrier first constructed by Israel in 1994 between the Gaza Strip and Israel. An addition to the barrier was finished in 2005 to separate the Gaza Strip and Egypt.

The fence runs along the entire land border of the Gaza Strip. It is made up of wire fencing with posts, sensors and buffer zones on lands bordering Israel, and concrete and steel walls on lands bordering Egypt.



Screenshot Rafah Wall

[The Jerusalem Post](#) (June 23, 2017) heralds the newly proposed 65 km Gaza Fence and underground wall as “the biggest and most complex engineering projects Israel has undertaken and is unique even on a global scale”:

This underground wall will be equipped with sensors produced by the Israeli defense manufacturer Elbit Systems ...

Above ground, a six to eight meter integrated wire fence armed with sensors and cameras will be erected. Observation, control and command centers will be built along its length and the entire barrier, above and below ground, will be linked online to a command center located in a rear military base in the vicinity.

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observation towers, control and command centers will be built along the length of the wall, above and below ground, linked to a command center situated in a nearby military base.

Israeli construction and engineering firms will spearhead the project, with support from similar Chinese, Australian, French and South Korean firms. More than 1,000 engineers, construction workers and project management personnel from Israel and abroad, but excluding Palestinians, have been engaged for the work.

Tenders for the project, called for by the Israel Defense Ministry in collaboration with the Israel Defense Forces were awarded last month.

The social and economic impacts of this newly designed wall are devastating.

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Remember the Warsaw Ghetto? Is it comparable?

Warsaw Ghetto



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Brick wall of the Warsaw Ghetto dividing the [Iron-Gate Square](#), with view of bombed out [Lubomirski Palace](#) (left) on the "Aryan" side of the city, May 24, 1941.

Also known as [German: Ghetto Warschau](#)

Location [Warsaw: Muranów](#), [Powązki](#), [Nowolipki](#), [Śródmieście Północne](#), [Mirów](#)
([German-occupied Poland](#))

Date [October 1940 to May 1943](#)

Incident type [Imprisonment](#), [mass shootings](#), [forced labor](#), [starvation](#), [mass deportations to Treblinka](#) and [labour camps in the Lublin Reservation](#)

400,000 Jews imprisoned in the Warsaw Ghetto, the largest Nazi ghetto in Poland.

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