

From Downing Street to Whitehall: London's Resistance to the Gaza Holocaust: The Police Force in a Fascist Country Reacts

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What Is Happening in Rafah

What these insidious legal statements imply is that **the ICC has de facto given "its stamp of approval" to Israel's "Justified Vengeance" against the People of Palestine**, which is currently ongoing. The atrocities committed against Palestinians are beyond description:

"burnt alive after Israeli forces bombed tents"



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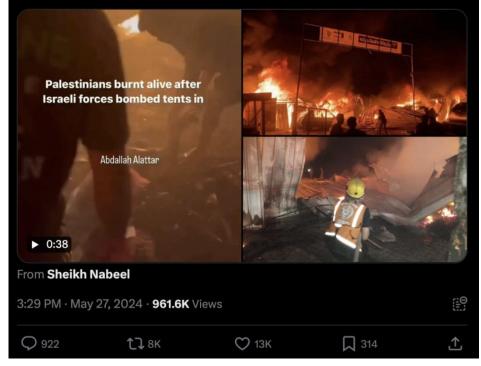
Refah'ta Müslümanlar diri diri yakılmış.ALLAH'a zikri, o çağrıyı duyuyor musunuz?

Artık,Müslüman ülkeler, orduları ile bu şeytan askerlerine Cihad açmaz ise, bu ateş, tüm diğer ülkelerde yaşayan herkesi yakar.

Helak HÂK katındandır.

#RafahOnFire

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Michel Chossudovsky, in solidarity with Palestine.

See: When The Lie becomes the Truth: "Israel is the Victim of Palestinian Aggression". According to the ICC, "There is No Genocide".

Outright Fraud: The Criminalization of International Law

The London Protest Movement. In Solidarity with Palestine

I returned late last night from an impromptu rally outside Downing Street.

A truly heart-warming record turn out at short notice, the protesters began streaming in well before 6pm, the official start. Inflamed by the horrendous assault in Rafah the people turned out in full force. I think it's worth writing about because it was very inspiring.

We all know how governments ignore demonstrations. (The millions turning out against the invasion of Iraq achieved nothing and it's still a very sore point).

This Palestine protest was different to recent ones. I suppose because the area was small it appeared more powerful. (I've never seen Whitehall so jammed packed with protesting bodies) And there was a palpable sense of urgency that the slaughter had to stop.



I arrived fairly early and was soon crammed in.

There was no pushing or shoving but I had to weave my way out and managed to cross the road, directly in front of Downing Street gates. The police had kept the left lane free for the traffic. Manned by PC's who all looked about 16, they struggled to contain the numbers. They carefully threaded ribbon along the perimeter to hold back the crowd from the traffic lane. The traffic had to be free, the masses had to be herded. But they lost the battle. The

flood gates had been opened, people streamed along the traffic lane and they had to close Whitehall. The PC's scuttled away, and the people claimed the whole area. The speakers on the stadium tried hard to be heard above the chanting but when they had finished the disciplined drummers set the mood of cheerful defiance. The chants took on a powerful rhythm.



We are the people.

We won't be silent.

Stop the bombing.

Now, Now, Now, Now.

Even I who doesn't often join in the chanting when marching, felt sufficiently moved to sing along with a full voice!



And that was just one of a number of uplifting slogans accompanied by drum beats that soared over the area in cheerful but steely defiance. The atmosphere was wonderful. The crowd was one solid mass and when the rains came we all remained steadfast. Then the signal came to sit down. Now this is what I've always thought we should do, especially during the million people march for Iraq. But it's when I remember that I'm now 75, not 25. No longer so agile. But many did.

And at half past eight the police could no longer tolerate the enormous peaceful, noisy gathering. They attacked. A long solid line of cops smashed through the protesters and I was hurled to one side and tumbled into the laps of sitting protesters. I must have hurt some of them but they were more concerned for me. I guess I looked old in their eyes and they were shocked at the brutality. But sadly, it's no longer shocking. They were fearful that we'd never go home and had to show off their brutal force. But we do go home. One day soon, we won't. We'll all sit down and refuse to leave.

But the people of Gaza continue to suffer and how shameful that we can't put an end to it. The attack on Rafah hits the height of depravity. Words fail.

We were kettled after that and the drumming and the defiance grew angry. But still no violence from the protesters.

Then a mother wailed that she'd lost her small son George. The crowd was so dense she just couldn't locate him. Immediately the word went round to stop drumming, to stop chanting and to call George's name. After a while he was found and the crowd reacted with a jubilant cry. The police looked on passively.

They then forced us up Whitehall and when I could, I slipped through the police line. It began to turn very ugly. And so unnecessary. Pure provocation.

On a separate issue:

This damned election is surely designed to distract us. Distract us from the slaughter of the Palestinians, from the creep towards their war with Russia, to distract us from the dreadful Pandemic Treaty —everything.

The powers above pulling the government strings have probably decided that Starmer must be installed to hasten the tyranny being imposed on us. If there is any doubt the electorate will comply then of course, the election will be rigged.

However, perhaps we can try at least to thwart their plan and maybe we could do that not by spoiling our ballot paper but by voting for an Independent candidate. There is a nationwide campaign on the go to place an Independent in every constituency.

Notable figures like **Jeremy Corbyn** is standing as an Independent in his constituency, **Andrew Feinstein** is standing in Keir Starmer's constituency but ordinary people backed up with full support are being placed in various regions. They may not win of course, but it would surely send out a message that the people won't be fooled by voting for the uniparty.

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