

# Video: Israel Destroys Gaza to Control World's Most Important Shipping Lane? The Ben Gurion Canal Linking the Eastern Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aqaba

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## Global Research Introduction

Incisive and carefully documented geopolitical analysis by Richard Medhurst pertaining to the building of the Ben Gurion Canal linking the Eastern Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aqaba.

The Ben Gurion Canal Project was initially a "secret" (classified) U.S. project formulated in 1963 by the [Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory](#) LLNG, a strategic think tank (focussing on nuclear radiation) on contract with the U.S Department of Energy. The LLNG project was formulated in response to the nationalization of the Suez Canal in July 1956 by President Gamal Abdel Nasser (1956-1970). Its intent was to bypass the Suez Canal.

According to the "classified" document prepared by the LLNG (1963) quoted by [Business Insider](#), July 2023, a strategic plan was envisaged:

"to blast an alternative Suez Canal through Israel using 520 nuclear bombs".

The plan consisted in using 520 buried nuclear explosions "to help in the excavation process through the hills in the Negev Desert. The document was declassified in 1993". I have not been able to consult the "declassified" LLNG document.

The declassified document is acknowledged in Richard Medhurst's video.



This U.S. plan, first negotiated with Israel in the 1960s is of utmost relevance to unfolding events in Palestine.

It's objective is to achieve [US-Israeli Maritime Dominance](#) against the people of the Middle East. In the context of a broader US-led Middle East War, the Ben Gurion Canal Project is part of America's hegemonic military agenda. It is consistent with Netanyahu's "Plan to Wipe Palestine Off the Map":

The Ben Gurion Canal will give Israel in particular and other friendly nations the freedom from blackmail arising out of access to the Suez Canal.

Arab states have been leveraging the Red Sea to pressure Israel and in response, Israel has decided to gain more control of the Red Sea. These African countries have cultural and economic affinities with the Arab states. One of the main military benefits for Israel is that it gives Israel the strategic options as the Ben Gurion Canal will totally take away the importance of Suez for the US military if needed in the aid for Israel.

Israel aims to push Egypt further into a corner by eliminating Suez in the global trade and energy corridor and becoming a global trade and energy logistics center.

Experts are of the opinion that this situation will shake the strategic-energy balance of China's Belt and Road Project initiative in the Mediterranean, along with the Strait of Hormuz, which is the transfer point of 30 percent of the world's energy. The Ben Gurion

Canal would have the solid backing of the West. ([Eurasia Review](#), November 7, 2023, emphasis added)

President Biden is broadly supportive of the Israeli led genocide. Visibly what is at stake is a U.S. hegemonic project which seeks the expulsion of Palestinians from their homeland and the appropriation of all Palestinian lands.

According to Yvonne Ridley:

“The only thing stopping the newly-revised [Ben Gurion Canal] project from being revived and rubber-stamped is the presence of the Palestinians in Gaza. As far as Netanyahu is concerned they are standing in the way of the project” ([Yvonne Ridley](#), November 10, 2023, emphasis added)

While the project is contemplated by US-Israel as outlined by Richard Medhurst, the validity of the LLNG 1963 plan is doubtful to say the least.

What is revealed in Medhurst’s video is the U.S. military-intelligence strategy to use Israel as a “hub” in the Middle East with a view to securing the hegemonic control over strategic international waterways.

In solidarity with the People of Palestine

Michel Chossudovsky, Global Research, November 10, 2023

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According the Richard Medhurst:

“It will begin at the port city of Eilat and finish right next through, if not directly through, Gaza”

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