

*Palestinian factions demand
cessation of Israeli aggression,
but Netanyahu refuses*



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at Nachalat Yitzhak cemetery in Tel Aviv on

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Ramallah, June 24 (RHC)-- Palestinian factions have demanded a cessation of Israeli aggression and the withdrawal of the regime's forces from the Gaza Strip. "The position of the resistance factions is clear and steadfast in demanding a complete cessation of aggression and a comprehensive withdrawal from the Gaza Strip," read a statement run by Palestinian media center on Monday.

In a statement on Telegram social media platform, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said, "Any agreement for a prisoner exchange deal will not happen without an end to the Zionists genocide war, a complete withdrawal from Gaza, lifting the blockade, and reconstruction."

"Any ceasefire must include a comprehensive halt to hostilities, a complete withdrawal of the occupation forces from the Strip, the return of all displaced persons to their homes, reconstruction, breaking the siege, and opening all crossings without conditions. It also reaffirms that the American position favors the occupation and its ceasefire efforts are dubious and suspicious," it added.

Americans claim to be pursuing a truce and captives deal between Israel and the Palestinian government in Gaza aimed to end the conflict. US President Joe Biden has even said that there is "every reason" to draw the conclusion that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is prolonging the war in Gaza for his own political gains.

In contrast to public demand, Netanyahu says there will be no Gaza ceasefire until Israelis' war objectives are achieved. The Israeli prime minister has stressed his plan is to continue the months-long genocidal war until the complete eradication of the ruling Palestinian Hamas resistance movement in Gaza.

However, giving in to international pressure, Netanyahu said he is ready for what he has referred to as a "partial deal" with the Palestinian Hamas.

Netanyahu announced after the prisoner swap was done, the genocidal war would be resumed until the total annihilation of Hamas. The Hamas resistance movement denounced the announcement saying it's in opposition to a proposal suggested by the Biden administration for a three-phase ceasefire deal.

The proposal by Washington includes a permanent end to the aggression in exchange for the release of all Israeli captives held in Gaza, the Hamas resistance movement said, adding, that the decision by the Israeli prime minister is in clear rejection of the ceasefire resolution adopted by the United Nations.

"War criminal Netanyahu unequivocally confirms he does not want to stop the war due to narrow calculations and rejects Biden's proposal contrary to American claims," the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PLFP) said in its statement on Telegram social media platform.

The PLFP affirms that Netanyahu's declaration "that he does not want to stop the war, and that he seeks a partial agreement followed by renewed hostilities" is a clear confirmation that he does not want to halt the war. He rejects Biden's proposal specifically, contrary to American claims.

This stance articulated by Netanyahu proves he is the primary obstacle to a ceasefire agreement and suggests there is an American-"Israeli" game to impose a ceasefire and prisoner exchange without guarantees, allowing the occupation to resume aggression.

Regarding Netanyahu's remarks about "the failure of plans for tribal management of Gaza, and his undisclosed alternative plans," the PLFP emphasizes that no Palestinian individual or entity agrees to play such a suspicious role. There is a national consensus to thwart this plan and determine the future of the Strip.

Netanyahu's statements confirm his relentless prolongation of the war for narrow political gains, even at the expense of Zionist prisoners, disregarding facts on the ground, appeals from Zionist prisoner families, or advice from Zionist political and military leaders confirming the inability to achieve any objectives in the Strip.

Netanyahu's statements confirm that Biden's card is nothing but a trap set for the resistance factions by the criminal American administration, the PLFP added.

Netanyahu's statements affirm that the Zionist enemy is desperate and confused, with few options to confront the resistance and its axis. All attempts by the entity to create alternatives in Gaza have failed, and any new attempts are destined to fail as well. They are mere illusions that will sink the entity and its leaders.

The PLFP also urged the international community to exert continuous pressure on the Israeli regime and its main backer, the United States, for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

"We call upon our Arab and Islamic peoples, all free people around the world, university students, and boycott movements to rise up and continue supporting and endorsing our people and their resistance. Expose the crimes of genocide, starvation, massacres, and slaughters committed by the Zionist-American enemy against our people in Gaza," it said in a statement posted on Telegram social media platform on Monday.

Since October, the Israelis' genocidal attacks on Gaza -- exacerbated by the blockade of clean water, food, and medicine -- have killed close to 40,000 Palestinians. Also, months of relentless Israeli attacks from land, air, and sea have reduced more than half of the buildings in the Gaza Strip to dust.

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