

*U.S. journalist says only way to  
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New York, August 18 (RHC)-- The only way to end the ongoing Israeli genocidal war on Gaza is for the U.S. to halt its weapons shipments to the regime, says a U.S.-based Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, author and activist.

In a post on X, formerly Twitter, Chris Hedges said there is “only one way” to end the genocidal war that has claimed more than 40,000 lives and it is “not through bilateral negotiations.”

“Israel has amply demonstrated, including with the assassination of the lead Hamas negotiator, Ismail Haniyeh, that it has no interest in a permanent ceasefire,” he wrote.

“The only way for Israel’s genocide of the Palestinians to be halted is for the U.S. to end all weapons shipments to Israel. And the only way this will take place is if enough Americans make clear they have no intention of supporting any presidential ticket or any political party that fuels this genocide.”

Hedges, who worked as a foreign correspondent for The New York Times, National Public Radio and other prominent news organizations for nearly two decades, has been very critical of the U.S. complicity in the Israeli genocidal war against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

According to the latest data shared by the Palestinian Health Ministry, the death toll from the genocidal war has risen to 40,099 with at least 92,600 injured. Thousands more continue to be trapped under the rubble, most likely presumed dead.

“If we do not hold fast to moral imperatives, we are doomed. Evil will triumph. It means there is no right and wrong. It means anything, including mass murder, is permissible,” Hedges wrote on X.

Chris Hedges said the protests outside the Democratic National Convention at the United Center in Chicago “demand an end to the genocide and U.S. aid to Israel.”

“Hope lies in the streets,” he stated, referring to the growing number of anti-genocide protests. “A moral stance always has a cost. If there is no cost, it is not moral. It is merely conventional belief...”

He hastened to add that the question is not whether resistance is practical, but whether it is right. “We are enjoined to love our neighbor, not our tribe. We must have faith that the good draws to it the good, even if the empirical evidence around us is bleak,” Hedges wrote.

“The good is always embodied in action. It must be seen. It does not matter if the wider society is censorious. We are called to defy — through acts of civil disobedience and noncompliance — the laws of the state, when these laws, as they often do, conflict with moral law.”

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist urged people to “stand” for Palestine “no matter the cost.” “If we fail to take this stand, whether against the abuses of militarized police, the inhumanity of our vast prison system or the genocide in Gaza, we become the crucifiers.”

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