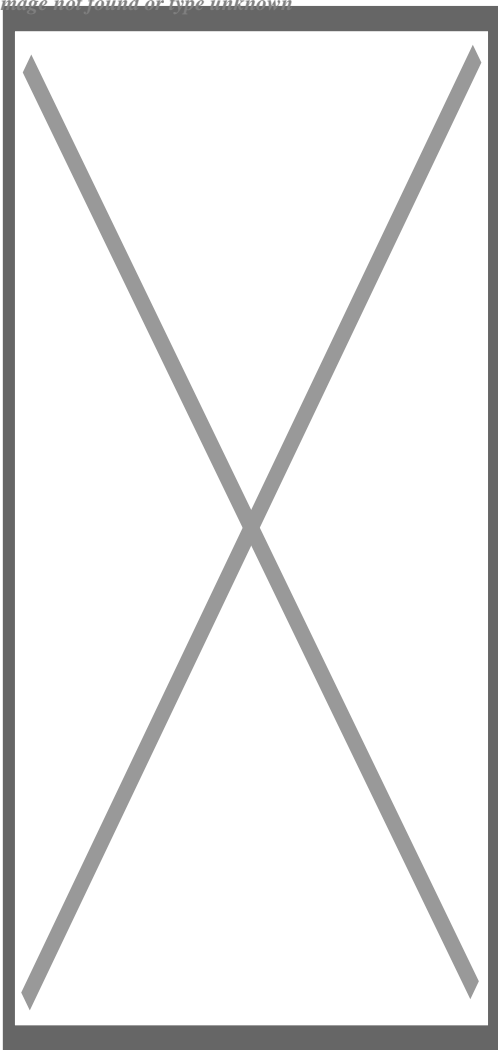


Former CIA analyst says Gaza war will end at once if U.S. cuts off Israel's military aid

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Washington, December 17 (RHC)-- A former analyst with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, says the Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip will end immediately if Washington stops the flow of weapons to the occupying regime.

Speaking to Press TV, Larry Johnson condemned the United States for “enabling” Israel to kill civilians during its bloody war on the besieged Gaza Strip. “If it (the U.S.) halted the shipment of ammunition, bombs and artillery rounds and told Israel we are going to cut off your economic aid, the war will stop,” he said.

However, he added, a suspension of arms transfer to Israel “is not a feasible option” politically because of the influence of the Israeli lobby in the United States, AIPAC, and the support the regime enjoys among the Democrats and the Republicans.

Washington, a staunch ally of Israel, provides over \$3 billion in military aid to the regime annually. And the United States has offered unconditional support for Israel since October 7, when the occupation forces began the brutal, genocidal war on Gaza following a historic operation by the Palestinian Hamas resistance group.

Israel reportedly dropped more than 22,000 US-supplied bombs on Gaza in the first six weeks of its bloody war on the Palestinian territory. Since the start of the offensive, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 18,608 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 50,594 others.

Johnson said that Palestinians are “headed towards being extinguished” in Gaza as Israel is targeting and destroying hospitals and schools, as well as critical infrastructure for sewage and water in the besieged territory. “They (the Israelis) are making it (Gaza) deliberately unlivable and the world is sort of figuratively sitting on its hands even though it is voting to condemn Israel,” he noted, referring to Tuesday’s high vote for a UN General Assembly resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

The expert also said that the heated rhetoric against Israel should be accompanied by actual measures such as cutting off the oil supply to the occupied territories. As long as Israel is not facing any economic consequences for its actions, it will continue its murderous policy against the Palestinians without any regard for their lives, he predicted.

“The only thing that is going to stop that (the war) is tangible action by countries that control the ports..., the oil and things that Israel needs,” he said.

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