

# *Notorious Israeli minister calls for permanent occupation of Gaza Strip*

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Tel Aviv, August 11 (RHC)-- Notorious Israeli minister Itamar Ben-Gvir has called for the permanent occupation of the Gaza Strip, saying Israel must stop all humanitarian aid to the besieged territory.

Ben-Gvir took to X on Sunday to say that the regime must “crush” Palestinian resistance movement Hamas and “stomp on its head until it completely surrenders.” “The transfer of all humanitarian aid and fuel should be stopped until all [captives] held by Hamas are released,” he wrote.

Israeli authorities must “encourage immigration and occupy the territories of the Gaza Strip in order to keep them in our hands permanently,” he added.

The remarks come against the backdrop of Israel’s bombardment of a school in Gaza, which killed more than 100 people on Saturday, and days after Israeli finance minister Bezalel Smotrich said he believes blocking humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip is “justified and moral” even if it causes two million civilians to die of hunger in the coastal Palestinian territory.

“We can’t, in the current global reality, manage a war. Nobody will let us cause two million civilians to die of hunger even though it might be justified and moral until our captives are returned,” Smotrich said on Monday.

Bezalel Smotrich has said that the deaths of two million Palestinians in the blockaded Gaza Strip from hunger might be “justified and moral.”

Israel launched the war on Gaza on October 7 after Palestinian resistance groups carried out a surprise retaliatory operation into the occupied territories.

The genocidal war has so far killed at least 39,790 Gazans, most of them women and children. More than 91,702 Palestinians have also sustained injuries.

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