



US Campaign to
End the Israeli Occupation

"We aim to change those US policies that both sustain Israel's 40-year occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and deny equal rights for all."

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Press Release: US Campaign Condemns Biased Congressional Resolution on Gaza; Calls on Congress to Cut Off Military Aid to Israel

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Washington, DC (March 5)—The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation condemned today a one-sided, biased Congressional resolution concerning the situation in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian Gaza Strip and called on Congress to cut off military aid to Israel for its ongoing violations of the U.S. Arms Export Control and Foreign Assistance Acts.

The US Campaign is a national coalition of more than 250 organizations working to change U.S. policy toward Israel/Palestine to support human rights, international law, and equality for all.

The House of Representatives passed today by a vote of 404-1 [H.Res.951](#), condemning Palestinian rocket fire into Israel. The biased, one-sided resolution fails to mention Israel's far more deadly attacks on Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, which have killed at least 117 Palestinians, more than half of whom were civilians and 22 of whom were children, since last Wednesday. In the same period of time, Palestinian rocket fire killed one Israeli civilian. The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation condemns all attacks on civilians.

In addition, the resolution fails to mention Israel's ongoing illegal collective punishment of the residents of the Gaza Strip who are denied access to supplies of electricity, food, medicine, and clean water by Israel's siege.

Concurrently, the US Campaign is collecting endorsements for a sign-on letter to the Appropriations Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs calling on the subcommittees to cut off military aid to Israel for its ongoing violations of the U.S. Arms Export Control and Foreign Assistance Acts. President Bush has requested \$2.55 billion in military aid for Israel in FY2009 as the first installment of a ten-year memorandum of understanding to increase military aid to Israel by 25%, totaling \$30 billion over the next decade.

To date, 20 national organizations, including the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Jewish Voice for Peace, the Green Party of the United States, and United for Peace and Justice, and nearly 200 local organizations from 34 states plus the District of Columbia and groups of U.S. citizens abroad have endorsed the letter. To view the letter and up-to-date list of endorsing organizations, please [click here](#).

"It is unconscionably biased and one-sided for the House of Representatives to pass a resolution condemning Palestinian rocket fire into Israel, while turning a blind eye to Israel's far deadlier attacks on Palestinian civilians with weapons provided by the United States and paid for with our taxpayer dollars. The United States should be condemning Israel's human rights abuses and war crimes against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip. Congress needs to apply U.S. law by sanctioning Israel and cutting off military aid to it as a result of its egregious human rights abuses," stated Josh Ruebner, National Advocacy Director of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.

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