



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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Dear Representative Paul,

On behalf of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, I want to thank you for voting no today on H.Res.951, a one-sided resolution on the situation in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian Gaza Strip.

H.Res.951 condemns Palestinian rocket fire into Israel and expresses sympathy with Israeli civilians subjected to it. However, the resolution fails to mention that since last Wednesday, Israel has killed at least 117 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, more than half of whom were civilians and at least 22 of whom were children. In the same time period, one Israeli civilian was killed by Palestinian rocket fire.

The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation condemns all attacks against innocent civilians and believes that Congressional resolutions dealing with civilian casualties in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict acknowledge Israel's far deadlier attacks against civilians, especially considering that Israel uses U.S. weapons paid for with U.S. taxes to enforce its illegal military occupation and siege on the Palestinian territories, in violation of the U.S. Arms Export Control and Foreign Assistance Acts.

Over the past week, most Palestinian casualties resulted from Israeli air strikes. Israel's Air Force has an arsenal of Boeing F-15's and Lockheed Martin F-16's fighter jets; Boeing Apache and Cobra Bell attack helicopters; and Hughes, Raytheon, General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin air-to-surface missiles, all of which were provided to Israel through Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and subject to the restrictions of the Arms Export Control Act.

Congress must investigate Israel's misuse of U.S. weapons to kill innocent Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip over the past week. Congress must also ensure that the United States cut off future arms transfers to Israel as required by the Foreign Assistance Act in consequence of Israel's "consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights".

The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation is collecting organizational endorsements for a sign-on letter to the Appropriations Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs calling for such a cut off of military aid to Israel. To date, more than 200 organizations have signed the letter, which can be viewed on-line at: <http://endtheoccupation.org/modinput4.php?modin=118>

Thank you again very much for your vote on H.Res.951.

Sincerely,

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