



[Since the Gaza Ceasefire Israel Has Killed Over 200 Civilians Including Entire Families](#)

In the weeks since the Gaza ceasefire went into effect on October 10th, Israel has continuously violated the agreement – carrying out attacks which have killed over 200 civilians including entire families, keeping the Rafah crossing closed, and maintaining restrictions on humanitarian aid. Israel has fabricated claims to try and justify its attacks and repeated violations of the ceasefire. Earlier this week on Tuesday and Wednesday alone, Israeli strikes killed more than 100 people, which included dozens of children. Contrary to the terms of the agreement, Israel has not only continued its aerial and artillery bombardment, but it has also not allowed the agreed-upon 600 trucks of humanitarian aid to enter Gaza daily. Instead, it has been documented that only about 15% of the humanitarian aid called for in the agreement has actually been permitted to enter Gaza. In yet another violation of the deal, Israel stated that it would keep the critical Rafah crossing with Egypt closed, despite the fact that it serves as an important humanitarian lifeline for the Gaza Strip and was therefore set to be reopened three days after the ceasefire was implemented under the stipulations of the agreement.

For those that have been closely monitoring what has transpired over the preceding weeks, it is clear that Israel's actions follow a familiar and often-used pattern of manufacturing a pretext for resuming attacks and spinning the narrative to try and place blame on others for continued hostilities. This is precisely why so many conveyed serious doubts regarding Israel's willingness – or lack thereof – to comply with the terms of the ceasefire agreement. As has unfolded, fair-minded observers warned that Israel would likely seek to establish a pretense for undermining the ceasefire and continuing to carry out attacks. Analysts have outlined that Israel is deliberately attempting to obstruct a ceasefire deal that it was unwillingly pressured into by the United States. As such, the manner in which U.S. officials respond to this is key. President Trump and others buying into the Israeli narrative for the attacks is regrettable given the multitude of ways in which Israel has violated the ceasefire and its evident underlying motivations and efforts to do so. Through their defense of and response to the Israeli strikes, U.S. officials are giving Israel the cover to commit ceasefire violations at will.

Israel's strikes which killed over 100 people on Tuesday and Wednesday targeted the courtyard of the Al-Shifa Hospital, residential areas, and tents for displaced civilians. One of the pretexts that Israel has used to try and justify its attacks is the claim that Hamas is intentionally delaying the return of the remaining deceased Israeli hostages. However, even humanitarian groups and U.S. officials have acknowledged that the massive destruction caused by Israel's bombardment of Gaza has made it extremely difficult to locate and retrieve bodies that are buried under tons of rubble. Additionally, Israel has further obstructed this recovery process by blocking the entry of the heavy machinery and humanitarian search teams needed to carry this out in the first place. Meanwhile, Israel has repeatedly carried out attacks, hindered the amount of humanitarian aid entering Gaza, and continued to block the Rafah border crossing – all three of which are blatant violations of the ceasefire agreement. It has also continued to demolish large swaths of city infrastructure within the more than 50% of the Gaza Strip that remains under its military control.

Like previous ceasefire agreements in Gaza and ones elsewhere involving Israel (such as Lebanon), analysts have pointed out the one-sided aspect of it which has allowed Israel to violate the deal on a daily basis with a lack of accountability. As human rights advocates and legal experts have drawn attention to, Israel has a history of

violating ceasefire agreements without significant enough international scrutiny or consequences being enacted against this type of behavior. It is lamentable that Israel has been allowed to systematically violate multiple aspects of the ceasefire agreement. Those with leverage over Israel's conduct – namely the United States – should instead be ensuring its full compliance with the deal in order to maximize any chance of sustainable and lasting peace.