



Hamas sheds light on Biden's ceasefire proposal

President Joe Biden made a public announcement on May 31, 2024, on a proposal for a temporary ceasefire to halt Israel's horrendous genocide in Gaza since last October, resulting in, as of June 1, the massacre of over 36,000 Palestinians and the wounding of over 82,000 more by the Zionist, apartheid state.

Biden's proposal — to date not supported by the white supremacist regime headed by war criminal Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — would be carried out in three phases: The first phase would be a six-week ceasefire and the return of women, children and other Israelis held in Gaza; the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel; withdrawal of Israeli troops from populated areas of Gaza; and for Israel to release 600 trucks of humanitarian aid to be carried into Gaza daily.

The second phase would be a permanent ceasefire leading to a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, along with the release of all remaining Israelis held in Gaza. The third phase would be a 3-5 year period of internationally funded reconstruction of Gaza and the establishment of a non-Hamas Palestinian government.

This is the same "Genocide Joe" who has consistently sent the Israeli regime billions of dollars worth of weapons, which the Zionist state has used to ethnically cleanse the people of Gaza, which will lead to the displacement of over

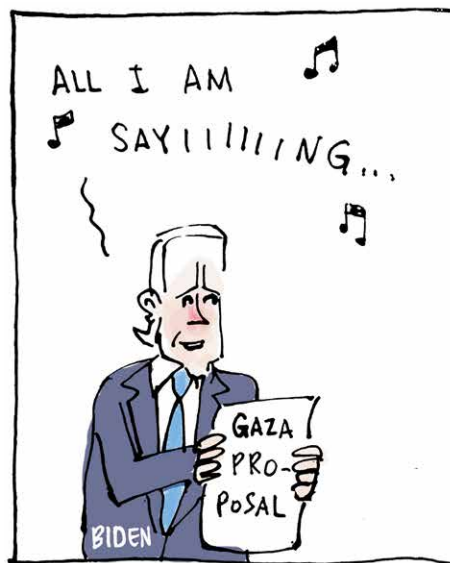
2 million people who now face a growing famine. Could it be that Biden, in making this proposal, is attempting to portray himself as a proponent of peace, because he is so fearful of losing mass support in the U.S., amongst students, workers and people of color, including Arabs and Muslims, for defending what he calls Israel's "right to defend itself," a loss of support that puts at risk his showing in the upcoming elections?

This is the same Biden who has publicly denied labeling what has happened in Gaza as a genocide. This is the same Biden who has sanctioned an invitation to actually bring Netanyahu to Washington, D.C. to speak before a joint session of Congress. This is the same Biden who may be next in line to face individual charges of war crimes by the International Criminal Court.

What has been the response of Hamas to this latest ceasefire announcement by Biden? Senior Hamas leader Osama Hamdan made the following response in Al-Jazeera on June 1, 2024, as published by Resistance Network News.

Response from Hamas

The effort exerted by our brother mediators in Egypt and Qatar aimed to achieve a ceasefire, end the "israeli" aggression on Gaza, and withdraw the forces. We had a clear position and responded positively to these efforts and mediation. We accepted the final proposal presented by



the mediators, which had U.S. approval. The U.S. side failed to oblige the "israeli" side and convince them to agree to the [early May] paper, leading to the collapse of all these efforts that were built.

Today, Biden announced ideas that we viewed positively. We said these ideas are not enough; we need a complete agreement because the details from the "israeli" side have always been a source of constant crisis, whether in the ceasefire and the "israeli" desire for it not to be permanent, or in the withdrawal and the "israeli" attempt to remain in specific locations in Gaza, or even in the [prisoner] exchange process.

The statement and the call from the U.S. president to reach an agreement is positive, but agreements cannot be

achieved through mere hopes. We need clear texts that achieve what we want and what we have said, and that the "israelis" accept openly and explicitly, not in an evasive manner, or in a way that allows them to evade any commitment.

Principles alone are not enough to reach an agreement. They are a roadmap, but not the picture we can agree upon. We want a complete ceasefire; this was proposed by President Biden, but how? What is the timing and mechanism? We want a complete withdrawal from Gaza. This must be specified within clearly defined steps. We also want comprehensive shelter and relief for Gaza, reconstruction, and an end to the siege. We want a fair exchange deal. All these details must be

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Flood Brooklyn for Palestine

By Toni Arenstein
Brooklyn, New York

Thousands of activists took to the streets on May 31 in a demonstration, organized by Within Our Lifetime under the slogan "Flood Brooklyn for Palestine — for Rafah, Khan Younis, Jabalia, Nablus,

Jenin, Tulkaren and Al Quds." Because of the ongoing and increasing tent massacres, the genocide only worsens in Gaza, so WOL called for an escalation of the struggle here in New York City. The action started with a rally at Barclays Center followed by a march through the streets to the Brooklyn Museum, where many

people had already de-occupied, calling for the museum to disclose and divest from the Zionist project.

The New York Police Department continued with its ongoing brutality, particularly focused on Palestinian women who were thrown to the ground, punched and had their hijabs pulled off. Once again the cops brutalized and arrested WOL chair Nerdeen Kiswani.

Despite the almost daily demonstrations in New York City, the movement to free Palestine is not slowing down; it is only increasing. In fact, one day after this demonstration in Brooklyn, a new encampment at Columbia University was started and was called "Revolt for



Brooklyn, New York, May 31, 2024

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Cleveland Queers for Palestine

Thousands of people marched in Cleveland's annual "Pride in the CLE" parade on June 1. While a majority of the march contingents were corporate-based or church-based, several groups marched under the banner of "Queer solidarity with Palestine."

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agreed upon.

I expected President Biden to adopt the paper that was presented to Hamas at the beginning of last May as a paper from the mediators, which was approved by his mediator in the negotiation, CIA Director William Burns. The statement reflects a serious attempt by the mediators to reach an agreement. We need to see precisely what is being proposed and what the "israeli" position truly is.

'There is no initiative'

We have not received anything specific yet, and we are not about to return to square one for negotiations. There is a proposal presented to the mediators.

I believe the statement can be a prelude to re-presenting the same proposal to the "israeli" side, and that the "israelis" will accept it. There is no initiative; President Biden spoke about ideas. General ideas do not mean reaching an understanding. It is a general framework, and many details have been discussed over the past four months. The talk about the mediators' desire to reach an agreement is good and acceptable.

Hamas did not hesitate and made the decision when it agreed to the paper presented by the mediators. The role now is for the mediators to pressure the "israeli" side to accept the same proposal, which I believe achieved what President Biden proposed in principle. Hamas

announced its acceptance of what the mediators presented, and "israel" did not agree. They announced their rejection.

The side that has been intransigent over the past months is the "israeli" side, which met Hamas's acceptance and the mediators' efforts with an invasion of Rafah and the occupation of the Philadelphia Route and Rafah Crossing.

The "israeli" side needs to explicitly and clearly announce its commitment to reaching an agreement that achieves a comprehensive ceasefire, a complete withdrawal from Gaza, unrestricted entry of relief for sheltering and aiding the displaced, reconstruction of Gaza, lifting the siege, and achieving a fair prisoner exchange deal.

What Netanyahu wrote on X confirms that the intransigence is "israeli," and that the efforts of the intermediaries were always thwarted by the "israeli" side. We are not insisting on conditions but on a proposal presented by the mediators, and we accepted it.

I believe the pressure should be directed towards the "israeli" side, which has thwarted all efforts so far. President Biden's statements have so far been met with "israeli" rejection. The Palestinian resistance remains committed to its stance. It made the decision, while Netanyahu continues to obstruct all efforts, refuses to accept the ceasefire, and disrupts them.

The Hamas statement has been lightly edited.



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A pesar de la lluvia torrencial, miles de personas protestan en Manhattan contra la masacre israelí de palestinos desplazados en el campo de Rafah, 27 de mayo de 2024.

Se confirma la masacre de Rafah

Israel rechaza la orden de la CIJ de detener el genocidio

El mortífero ataque aéreo israelí del 26 de mayo contra palestinos que vivían en tiendas de campaña en Rafah causó la muerte de casi 50 personas, muchas de las cuales fueron quemadas vivas o decapitadas. Esta masacre subraya el desafío del régimen israelí a la sentencia de la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) del 24 de mayo por la que Israel debe suspender su campaña militar en Rafah, en el sur de Gaza.

La masacre de Rafah muestra que los belicistas de Israel también desobedecen los cargos que la Corte Penal Internacional (CPI) presentó anteriormente contra el primer ministro israelí, Benjamin Netanyahu, y el ministro de Defensa, Yoav Galant, por el genocidio que han ordenado contra el pueblo de Gaza.

Un ataque aéreo contra una población civil que vive en tiendas de campaña es un crimen atroz más en la actual guerra genocida de Israel contra los palestinos de Gaza.

El Estado paria israelí ha optado por mostrar de nuevo su arrogancia y desprecio por las instituciones internacionales. Sin embargo, la novedad desde el pasado mes de octubre es que estas instituciones de las Naciones Unidas han acusado finalmente a funcionarios israelíes y al propio Estado israelí de graves crímenes de guerra.

No se hagan ilusiones respecto a estos

tribunales. Ni la CIJ ni la CPI pueden por sí solas detener el genocidio ni arrestar a los dirigentes israelíes. No tienen ningún aparato para hacer cumplir sus decisiones. Sin embargo, que los tribunales hayan dictado estas sentencias indica un cambio en la actitud del mundo hacia Israel.

La CIJ, también llamada Corte Mundial, se creó en 1945 cuando se estaba creando la ONU y Estados Unidos dominaba económica y militarmente el mundo; la CIJ dirime disputas generales entre naciones, que todos los miembros de la ONU reconocen.

En 2001, el Estatuto de Roma, ratificado por 124 países, pero no por Estados Unidos, Israel, India, China o Rusia, estableció la CPI. La CPI puede investigar y acusar a individuos de crímenes como genocidio, crímenes contra la humanidad, crímenes de guerra y agresión, como los cargos presentados contra Netanyahu y Galant. Hasta la fecha, casi todos los casos de este tipo se han presentado contra dirigentes políticos de África o de otros Estados menos poderosos o ricos.

La CPI también acusó a tres dirigentes de Hamás de crímenes de guerra en relación con los sucesos del 7 de octubre. Esta acusación carece de fundamento, ya que el levantamiento del 7 de octubre fue la respuesta legítima de una población colo-

nial a 76 años de opresión, lo que constituye un derecho en virtud de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas. Las acusaciones son, por tanto, una farsa, ya que Hamás, junto con otras fuerzas de resistencia, tenía derecho a levantarse en armas contra la ocupación.

A pesar de estos cargos espurios contra dirigentes de Hamás, que funcionarios del gobierno israelí puedan enfrentarse a arrestos en las capitales del mundo es una derrota inesperada, no sólo para los intereses imperialistas israelíes, sino también para los estadounidenses.

Que estos casos se decidieran en los dos tribunales internacionales es importante no porque resuelvan la agresión israelí -ni castiguen al imperialismo estadounidense por respaldar y armar esta agresión- sino como síntoma de que la ira de las masas mundiales contra el régimen israelí ha alcanzado nuevos niveles. La ira popular contra Israel es tan fuerte y generalizada que ha empujado a los gobiernos a reaccionar.

Recordemos que el verano pasado Israel estuvo a punto de normalizar sus relaciones con Arabia Saudí. Ahora, masas de personas salen a la calle y ocupan universidades en solidaridad con Palestina. En lugar de reconocer a Israel y normalizar las relaciones, las naciones han interrumpido sus relaciones con Israel

para protestar por el genocidio en Gaza. Jordania, Bahrein, Turquía, Colombia, Honduras, Chile, Belice, Sudáfrica y Chad han retirado a sus embajadores en Israel o han roto totalmente sus relaciones.

El 27 de mayo, las fuerzas de ocupación israelíes mataron a dos soldados egipcios en la frontera de Rafah, otro crimen que podría desencadenar una reacción masiva entre las decenas de millones de egipcios que se solidarizan con Palestina.

Los regímenes imperialistas, a menudo aliados a largo plazo de Israel, incluso los que siguen armando a Israel como el de Francia, han criticado la política israelí de atacar Rafah. España, Noruega e Irlanda han reconocido el Estado palestino.

A pesar de sus deficiencias, las declaraciones de los tribunales son síntomas de la creciente solidaridad mundial con la lucha palestina. Señalan una apertura para que los antiimperialistas ayuden a construir un movimiento aún más masivo por la liberación de Palestina.

Los tribunales no resolverán la lucha de liberación palestina, pero el movimiento puede utilizar cualquier verdad que aporten al mundo para movilizarse por la libertad de Palestina y desacreditar al criminal Estado israelí y a sus patrocinadores imperialistas estadounidenses. □

U.C. strike demands amnesty for encampment activists

By Martha Grevatt

For the past two weeks, members of United Auto Workers Local 4811 have been on strike against the University of California system. The union, which represents 48,000 student workers, has accused the UC administration of Unfair Labor Practices (ULP) in its repression of pro-Palestine encampments.

Unionized academic researchers, graduate teaching assistants and post-doctoral scholars are among the encampment participants who have been arrested, beaten and subjected to academic discipline.

The 2,000 student-workers at UC Santa Cruz began the strike on May 20 and were joined by UAW members at UC Davis and UC Los Angeles on May 28, bringing the total number on strike to 14,000. UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine were hit with pickets June 3. More campuses will likely join the rolling strike if its key demand, amnesty for academic workers arrested or facing school discipline for participating in protests is not met.

Officially the strike is a ULP strike, and picket line slogans pushed by the Local 4811 leadership are focused on the issues of free speech and union rights. However, many rank-and-file members are initiating chants in solidarity with Palestine. The genocide in Gaza is driving this historic strike.

In advance of the strike, the UCLA Rank and File put out a list of "expanded strike demands," including "Cops off campus."

Participants in the UCLA encampment witnessed the Los Angeles Police Department cops look aside as right-wing Zionist vigilantes viciously assaulted them on April 30.

The next day the LAPD forcibly shut down the encampment and arrested 210 Palestine supporters. The UAW Local 4811 leadership declined to incorporate "Cops off campus" as a strike demand.

Calls to shut down all campuses

Many rank-and-file union members disagree with their leadership on using the rolling strike strategy in a university system. There is strong support for shutting down the entire UC system all at

once, a tactic favored by the UCLA Rank and File group.

UAW Labor for Palestine, which has members involved in the strike, stated on May 26 that it "affirms the strike action UAW

4811 leadership has taken thus far and stands in solidarity with workers who are prepared to take immediate action across UC in pursuit of an end to genocide and a free Palestine." (laborforpalestine.net)

The Students for Justice in Palestine chapters at all UC universities jointly



issued a call for "a strike at all University of California campuses." (Students for Justice in Palestine Instagram)

The United All Workers for Democracy caucus said in a May 29 statement: "We

are inspired that our UAW siblings are engaging in collective strike action, both to stand in solidarity with UC organizers fighting for Palestine liberation and to defend their own freedoms, and their colleagues' and students' freedoms, to speak out on campus." (uawd.org) □

'River to the sea' walk in Seattle

A 25-mile "From the River to the Sea" walk for Gaza was held May 26 in Seattle. Hundreds marched the distance with signs and banners as Gazans fight against genocide perpetrated by Israel using U.S.-supplied weapons.

Participants denounced the brutal assault and bombings of Rafah and the rest of Gaza and Palestine, chanting and singing most of the way. Along the route, many people joined those who walked the entire distance.

The demonstration started at a park near Sea-Tac airport and marched all the way through downtown Seattle to the Salish Sea (aka Puget Sound) in the north end. One march organizer said: "A march of this

length serves as an opportunity to build a physical connection with Gaza ... and to honor the millions of Palestinians who have been displaced from their homeland."

Halfway along the way, the marchers stopped along the Duwamish River at the Longhouse of the Duwamish Tribe, the First People of Seattle, who served participants lunch. From there, the protest swelled to over 500 people who marched through downtown.

The demonstration then walked through the Folklife Festival at the Seattle Center, where they rallied and gathered major attention. They then traveled all the way to the finish at the Salish Sea.

The action was extremely well



organized by Palestinian organizations such as Samidoun, Falestinayat and Students United for Palestinian Equality and Return (SUPER), with major help from the Duwamish Tribe, and also Jewish Voice for Peace, among many others. Free Palestine!

— Report and photo by Jim McMahan