

## The Ruthless Bombings of Rafah

Israel continues its bombing campaign on Palestine now bombing the city of Rafah.

In present day Israel is targeting Palestine with unrelenting missile strikes in order to gain control over the Gaza strip. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been going on since the 19th century but has gotten much worse over the past few months. After World War 2 happened the [United Nations created Resolution 181](#) that split Israel and Palestine into two separate states resulting in the Arab-Israeli war. The Arab-Israeli war alone displaced 750,000 Palestinians, since then Palestine just keeps losing more of their land to Israel and can't do much to get it back as Israel has more countries backing them up. On October 7th, 2023 a militant organization known as Hamas conducted an attack on Israel that caused a huge retaliation from Israel, as of February 10, 2024, at least 28,064 Palestinians have been killed by Israel with no sign of easing off being seen.



[Palestinian land](#) lost to Israel over the years

The most recent mass killing event in Palestine was February 12th when Israel sent [military strikes over to Rafah](#). The death toll is at least 67 civilians but other sources are claiming there to be over 100 deaths. Israel's purpose for this attack was to try to get Israeli hostages to be released with [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stating](#) that "only the continuation of military pressure, until complete victory, will result in the release of all our hostages." Citizens have nowhere to go and even if they do there's a huge chance that they will be separated from their families. The cities are in shambles with limited food, water, and electricity being shut off according to the [Gaza Health Ministry](#). Citizens have started taking animal feed turning it into food and digging into the ground to access water pipes to get a source of water north of Gaza with malnutrition going above 15% the [UN has stated](#). A spokesperson of an Israeli military agency has claimed that this is false and there is "no starvation in Gaza. Period."



[The City of Rafah](#) after the bombings.

People have been crying for ceasefires for months now but all that has been given was a [temporary ceasefire](#) that only lasted mere days and in that time Israel expected millions of civilians to somehow evacuate the Gaza Strip which was nearly impossible. Once the ceasefire was over the killing began again. [President Biden says](#) “There has to be a temporary ceasefire” even after vocalizing his support for Israel and sending billions of dollars to Israel to aid them. A lot of this [money was given](#) so they could strengthen their military and defense system while they already have one of the most secure air defense system in the world. While Israel got the \$14.3 billion dollars all to themselves, Palestine had to split \$9.15 billion dollars with Israel and Ukraine.



[Israel's defense system](#) “The Iron Dome”

Regardless of the “terrorists” staying in Palestine, the Israeli government cannot keep killing innocent civilians. Even before the October 7th attacks that Hamas conducted on Israel, Palestinians were dying at a much higher rate from the conflict than Israelis. According to the deaths [recorded by](#) the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs from

1/1/2008 - 8/20/2023 fatalities in Palestine were 6,395 while Israeli fatalities were 319 which is roughly 20 times less. While countries may not be able to go over to Palestine and physically help out, they can hold Israel accountable for their blatant violations of [Common Article 3](#) of the 1949 Geneva Convention which states that people who have no part in the hostilities shall be killed, Which ironically enough was ratified by Israel who goes against this almost every time they launch one of their attacks. This war will not be over until Israel gets what they want which unfortunately will not happen without more casualties and displacement of civilians. Even though Hamas is what Israel claims their target is, their main goal since 1949 has been to gain land back that was not theirs to begin with.