

“CEASEFIRES” AND ISRAEL’S YELLOW LINE: A POLITICS OF PARTITION, GENOCIDE, AND COLONIAL EXPANSION



**RESIST U.S. LED WAR
PRIMER-2ND EDITION**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

Since the first edition of this primer was released, Israel and the United States have continued to escalate their wars of aggression against the people of West Asia.

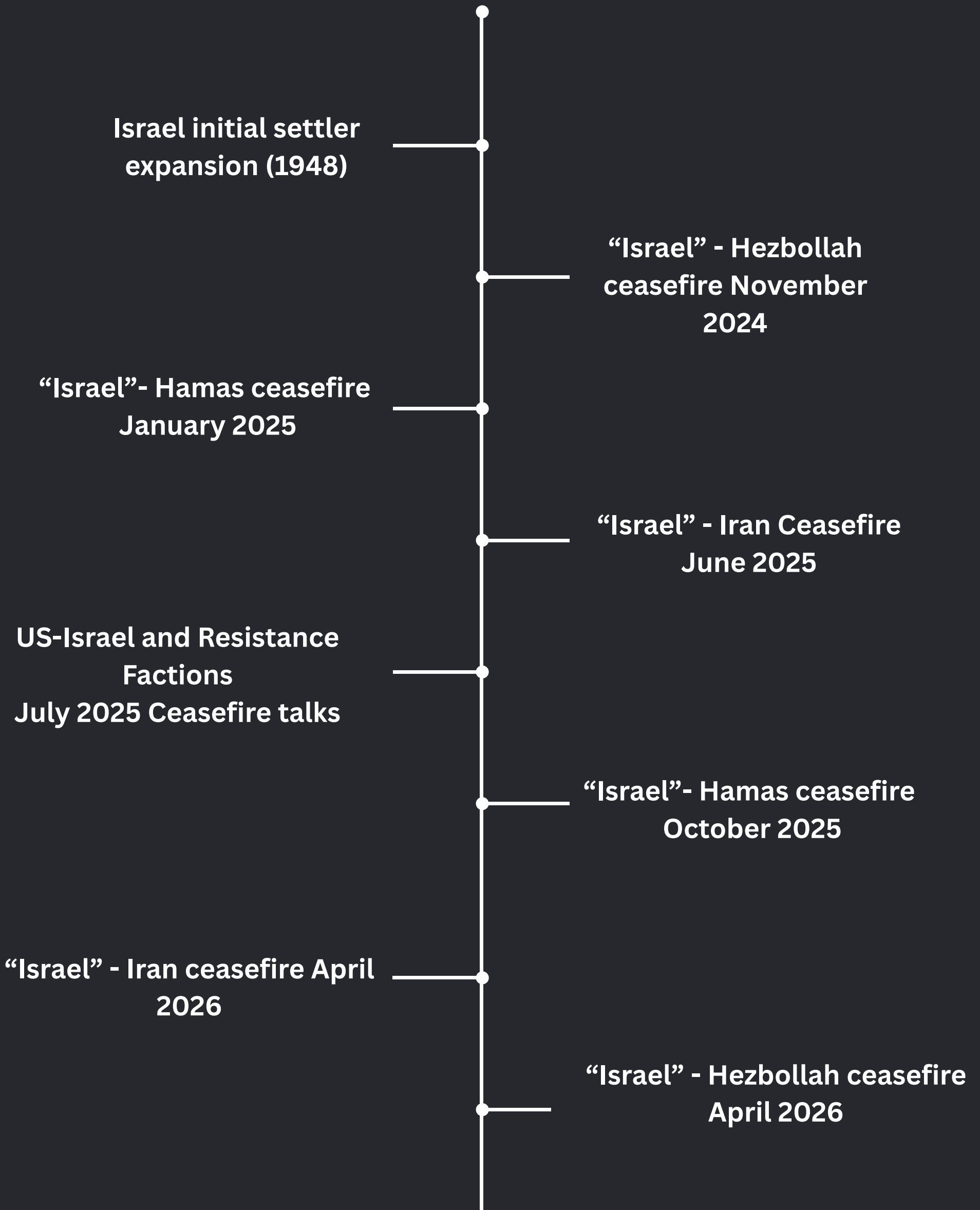
In Palestine, the October 2025 ceasefire has been violated by Israel almost daily. Israel's expansionist aims have been stated even more clearly, as its "yellow line" remains on Palestinian land and illegal settlements are approved at record speed.

In Lebanon, a new war was imposed on its people by Israel, beginning on 2 March 2026 after the previous ceasefire had been violated thousands of times by the Zionist entity. This war has taken the lives of thousands of Lebanese and displaced millions. A subsequent ceasefire in April served as an excuse for further incursions into Lebanese territory.

Similarly the U.S. and Israel started a devastating war on Iran, destroying civilian infrastructure indiscriminately, and trying to finally take down the biggest threat to its hegemony in West Asia.

The second edition continues to explore how Israel and the U.S. exploit the concept of a ceasefire to further their imperialist and expansionist aims, as well as how the people of Iran, Lebanon, and Palestine have fought courageously against the forces of imperialist domination. It also examines how these peoples use ceasefires as a tactic toward the ultimate objective of national liberation and expelling the forces of imperialism and Zionism from their region, as the only path to genuine peace.

THIS PRIMER WILL COVER



Ever since the Resistance emerged across the lands of West Asia in response to imperialist, colonial, and reactionary forces such as the United States, Israel, France, Saudi Arabia, and regional puppet regimes, these forces have exploited the extreme crisis created by the siege and occupation of the land, as well as starvation policies and continued bombings in the region, to call for the total disarmament of the Axis of Resistance as a pathway to "peace."

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Lebanese cabinet approves 'objectives' of US plan to disarm Hezbollah

Group warns US-driven plans bow to interests of Israel, which continues to carry out near-daily violations of truce.

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Arab states call on Hamas to disarm and relinquish power in unprecedented move

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Board of Peace won't hold Israel to truce terms if Hamas doesn't okay disarmament offer

Trump's Board of Peace Gives Hamas Disarmament Deadline

While the U.S., the Zionists, and Arab reactionary regimes consistently blame the resistance for failed ceasefire talks, these same forces use the failed ceasefires to justify the full military takeover and occupation of Palestine. "Israel's" true intent regarding ceasefires is clear: the Zionists have always been the ones to undermine efforts for a just peace in the region. They seek total domination of West Asia, not peace.



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SINCE 1948, ISRAEL HAS USED CEASEFIRES TO EXPAND ITS OCCUPATION

“Israel” has never upheld ceasefires. It has provoked wars through overwhelming violence to impose ceasefire lines that it never intends to respect.

The 1947 UN partition plan imposed unilaterally on the people of Palestine drew borders for an “Israeli state” that Zionist armed gangs immediately violated and seized more land through the Nakba. A 1967 ceasefire allowed “Israel” to occupy the West Bank and Gaza, effectively expanding its borders even further.



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ZIONIST EXPANSION INTO SYRIA

After the 1967 ceasefire between "Israel" and Syria, "Israel" would militarily occupy the land it stole in the Golan Heights.

The recent ceasefire between "Israel" and Syria did nothing to address the additional Syrian land that "Israel" stole around Mt. Hermon in late 2024. The Zionists have always sought to expand the borders of "Israel" and violated every ceasefire of each military aggression they started to achieve this.



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A NOTE ON THE RESISTANCE TACTICS AROUND CEASEFIRES

The **resistance harbors no illusions about “Israel’s” intentions to violate ceasefires**, given the settler-colonial nature of Zionism. Yet these agreements and negotiations remain a crucial part of the long struggle for liberation. Periods of reduced violence are strategically used to reorganize, restrengthen, and secure the release of Palestinian prisoners from Zionist jails as part of negotiated deals.

Freed Palestinian prisoners arrive at Khan Yunis,
Gaza after ceasefire deal, October 13, 2025.



As the Prisoner's Media Office noted during the exchange that happened in January 2025 as part of the ceasefire, when hundreds of Palestinian prisoners were liberated:

"The honorable exchange taking place today is a **living expression of the strength of our national project**, which views the liberation of detainees as a unifying national achievement and a right that will not be compromised, regardless of the sacrifices.

These moments have come as the fruit of the sacrifices of our people in all arenas and the persistence of the resistance in fulfilling its promise to our detainees and people. The current exchange deal, "Flood of the Free," **represents a milestone in our struggle and an added victory to the long march of liberation**, affirming that the will for freedom is stronger than all the jailer's chains."



"ISRAEL" - HEZBOLLAH CEASEFIRE NOVEMBER 2024

A November 27, 2024 ceasefire was supposed to end "violent attacks," but **"Israel" continued sporadic strikes on Lebanon.** Under the initial terms of the agreement that brought about a ceasefire between "Israel" and Hezbollah in November, the former was to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon by January 26. But "Israel" refused to pull back its military, and the deadline was pushed to February 18. Even after the February deadline "Israel" breached the agreement once again and kept troops in five "strategic" locations in the Lebanese southern border.

Claiming that it is targeting Hezbollah, "Israel" continued to bomb Lebanon. **Eight months after the ceasefire, the IOF admitted to having committed around 500 airstrikes since the truce came into effect in November 2024,** reportedly killing more than 230 Hezbollah fighters, destroying thousands of rockets, 90 launchers, 20 headquarters, five weapons production sites, training camps, and other infrastructure, and killing 80 civilians.





"ISRAEL"- HAMAS CEASEFIRE

JANUARY 2025

One month after the Ceasefire went into effect, the **"Israeli" occupation had violated the ceasefire agreement more than 350 times**, an average of 10 violations per day.

By **March, "Israel" had committed 962 violations**, reaching an average of 23 violations a day.

Blaming Hamas for violating the ceasefire, the zionist entity relaunched its all-out genocidal campaign in March 2025. Then "Israel" declared most of Gaza a no-go zone, forcing expulsions amid attacks and blocking all humanitarian aid, once again exposing its settler colonial nature. By July 2026, over **87 per cent of the Gaza Strip was within the "Israeli"-militarized zone, under displacement orders, or both.**



"ISRAEL" - IRAN CEASEFIRE JUNE 2025

On June 13th 2025 **"Israel" provoked a war of aggression that Iran had no role in starting**, and once again showed itself to be the most dangerous entity in the region and the most utterly fascist and genocidal force in the world today.

While "Israel" had some initial success with precise strikes, it did not reach its main objectives in the war: destroying Iran's nuclear energy program and weakening national unity towards a regime change. Meanwhile, Iran's missile attacks broke through "Israel's" defenses, breaking the myth of the Iron Dome's invincibility.

After suffering serious hits, "Israel" begged Donald Trump to negotiate a ceasefire on its behalf and **relied on its imperialist master to back it up as the US directly intervened in the war**. While "Israel" broke the ceasefire for two days, it was forced to stop as Iran proved to have missile parity with the occupation.



US-ISRAEL AND RESISTANCE FACTIONS

JULY 2025 CEASEFIRE TALKS

In July 2025, ceasefire negotiations between "Israel," the U.S., and Palestinian resistance factions mediated by Qatar and Egypt faced a major setback when the U.S. withdrew its negotiating team from the table. The decision came after Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, publicly accused Hamas of showing a "lack of desire to reach a ceasefire." Hamas, however, denied these claims, reiterating its commitment to the talks and stating it was "keen to continue negotiations in a way that overcomes obstacles and achieves a lasting ceasefire agreement."

The proposed 60-day truce included several key provisions: a phased "Israeli" military withdrawal from Gaza (moving from west to east), a halt to aerial bombardments, unrestricted entry of food and humanitarian aid, and a prisoner exchange deal. Despite great flexibility by the Palestinian resistance, "Israel" proved to only be interested in the total and complete surrender of the Palestinian people, insisting that its primary war objective, the complete dismantling of Hamas, had not yet been achieved and therefore any kind of ceasefire deal was not worth it.



Steve Witkoff, United States Special Envoy to the Middle East, and Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister of "Israel shake hands during a meeting July 31, 2025" about Gaza aid and Ceasefire

"ISRAEL"- HAMAS CEASEFIRE

OCTOBER 2025

While large-scale aerial bombings have stopped, the occupation persists, along with other forms of destruction, killings, and the denial of humanitarian aid.

Israel justifies attacks on homes by claiming they are "military objectives," but provides no evidence. Between 1 January and 30 September 2025, Israeli authorities demolished 1,288 structures in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), a sharp increase from the same period in 2024, displacing over 1,400 people. Demolitions have continued with major operations in the Jordan Valley and Tulkarm in February and March 2026.

Also following the late 2025 ceasefire, Israel has dramatically accelerated the approval and expansion of illegal settlements, authorizing 19 new settlements in December and another 34 in April 2026. These actions, targeting areas like Sanur, constitute the de facto annexation of sovereign Palestinian territory,

"ISRAEL" - IRAN CEASEFIRE APRIL 2026

Iran was able to impose its demands on the imperialist beast that had underestimated its military capability and strategic thinking.

The U.S. and Israel chose to pursue a path of military destruction and massacres. Yet all the military might of the U.S. has proven ineffective in defeating the steadfastness of the people, who continue to bravely give their lives to defend their land and nation.

Iran's ability to impose this ceasefire and its demands was only possible because it developed indigenous technology capable of resisting imperialist war and emerging victorious. Built by the masses of Iranians, these defense systems have transformed the country into a formidable threat to imperialist hegemony—capable of downing and combating even the so-called "invincible" F-35s.

This is similar to why the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance are able to demand the release of prisoners and secure terms within their ceasefire agreements when exchanging hostages.

It is clear to Iran that this war will not be the last that the U.S. and Israel launch against their nation. For that reason, Iran is using the ceasefire as a period for tactical regrouping and reconstruction.

"ISRAEL" - HEZBOLLAH CEASEFIRE APRIL 2026

After thousands of Zionist violations of the ceasefire signed between Lebanon and Israel in November 2024 and direct attempts at continued occupation of south Lebanon by Israel, Hezbollah conducted operations to defend Lebanese land and in support of Iran, which had been under heavy bombardment by the U.S. and the Zionists since February 28, 2026.

Israel used these operations as an excuse to effectively return to its policy of total annihilation against the Lebanese people. Through "evacuation orders," bombardment, and attempts at ground invasion, the Israeli military has expanded its assault to more Beirut neighborhoods, as well as a much larger portion of southern and eastern Lebanon. As a result, over 2,500 people have been killed and thousands more injured in Israeli attacks across Lebanon since March 2, 2026. The strikes have also displaced over 1.2 million people.

The Israeli military also ordered the forced evacuation of residents from nearly the entire southern suburb of Beirut, as well as from everywhere south of the Al-Zahrani River. The area that Israel is attempting to forcibly expel of all residents now covers over 20% of Lebanon's territory.



“ISRAEL” - HEZBOLLAH CEASEFIRE APRIL 2026

Despite a US-brokered ceasefire, Israeli forces have not only maintained but expanded their presence in southern Lebanon, establishing a buffer zone that extends 5 to 10 kilometers deep into Lebanese territory. As of late April 2026, Israeli troops continue to occupy this strip, using tanks and bulldozers to demolish homes and infrastructure.

Israel's new 'Yellow Line' in Lebanon

Israeli forces say they have established a “Yellow Line” in southern Lebanon, similar to an Israeli military measure in the besieged Gaza Strip.



"ISRAEL" - HEZBOLLAH CEASEFIRE APRIL 2026

Despite claims that Hezbollah's capabilities were annihilated after the 2024 war, the Lebanese resistance group has claimed to destroy nearly 100 Merkava tanks in southern Lebanon, many taken down by low-cost drones that have inflicted millions of dollars in losses on the occupying army.

Israel has been unable to push further into Lebanon precisely because of resistance efforts to contain the Zionist forces, using an arsenal capable of striking deep into northern occupied Palestine.

While the Lebanese government seeks to capitulate in negotiations with the Zionist regime and its chief backer, the U.S., the resistance continues to valiantly defend Lebanese land.



CEASEFIRES, WARS OF LIBERATION, AND THE FIGHT FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE

“Israel” did not start its genocide in 2023, nor did the fight for Palestinian liberation begin in the same year. Wars are not only campaigns of violence, but wideranging political and social phenomena in which violence is used to achieve political and economic interests of not only states but whole peoples and classes. Whether those interests stand for the people and the masses that make them up, or for the narrow ranks of the minority ruling classes, defines if it is a war for domination or a war for liberation.

A ceasefire is a momentary pause in direct fighting, but it is not a fundamental solution to the political and economic roots of conflict. In fact, a pause in direct fighting may open up other fronts for the ruling power to use other forms of oppression and exploitation to uphold their rule.



Therefore, ceasefires are no alternative to fundamentally changing the root causes of oppression and exploitation, and fighting will keep happening until these are addressed. However, they are necessary when they give pause to the horrors of wars of aggression and allows the people time to heal and regain their strength for the fights ahead until full liberation and just and lasting peace.

“Israel” is waging a war of genocide and annihilation for the benefit of the imperialist ruling elite. Palestine is waging a war of liberation for the benefit of its entire people to live on their historic land. How either approaches the question of ceasefires reflects the irreconcilable differences between the types of war that they are waging.



The Palestinian, Lebanese, Iranian, Syrian and all oppressed peoples of the world have the right to fight for their self-determination and a just peace in the region, free of Zionist-US domination and any foreign interference.





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