

Calling for a Ceasefire: Israel-Palestine Briefing

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Webinar Chat Contents

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Primary links shared in the chat can be found here: <https://www.fcnl.org/CeasefireToolkit>

18:34:56 From Justin Hurdle To Everyone:

Amelia opened with a passage from "The Book of Tiny Prayer: Daily Meditations from the Plague Year" by Micah Bucey

18:45:32 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

most of the messaging I'm getting is asking me to take a side. in vegas on 10/12/23 there was a divided demonstration on two sides of the street. so what if all the christians & jews started reading the quran & all the muslims started reading the bible. but nobody wants to do that. everyone wants to stick with what they know AND STAY ON A SIDE

18:46:47 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

yes it is. our country is being run by a bunch of crooks who are greedy for money & truly do not care

18:48:40 From Meg To All Panelists:

For anyone who is interested in signing, Tikkun, a network of spiritual progressives thoughtfully created this form / statement for solidarity between Israeli's and Palestinians:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFYB04zIHRfVfTGMypDF-a7RUNBRhfKnXVDP6ymEcUo3kWrg/viewform>

18:49:10 From Interfaith Power & Light Guest To All Panelists:

a two state solution , share the land

18:49:39 From Meg To Everyone:

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18:51:09 From barrylheath To Everyone:

Yes I have signed it and they want more signatures. They have submitted this statement to the New York Times to be published in the editorial section.

18:52:55 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

<https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/quaker-statement-10-17-23.pdf>

18:52:58 From Arianne Young To Everyone:

Thank you. Downloaded and will sign and share with others.

18:53:05 From Ramsey To Everyone:

With respect, it might not be helpful to mis-characterise the situation that has been festering and steadily worsening for the last 75 years as a religious conflict. This is essentially a colonisation project in flagrant violation of UN Security Council resolutions (242 and 338)

18:53:32 From Barryl Heath To Everyone:

Agreed

18:54:00 From Ruth Pauly To Everyone:

Agreed.

18:54:20 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

agreed

18:56:18 From Meg To Everyone:

Thank you to everyone signing it.

18:56:25 From Ramsey To Everyone:

The Palestinian – Israeli Conflict has been going on too far for too long. Further military action will not bring peace.

Quaker Peacebuilding Perspectives group (peacebuildingperspectives@gmail.com) is calling for urgent action to arrive at a lasting resolution to the conflict, achieving peace that addresses the legitimate rights and needs of all parties.

Immediate ceasefire and humanitarian access are necessary but should not be a precondition to seeking a lasting resolution.

18:57:05 From Meg To Everyone:

Agreed

18:57:19 From Jane Bordzol To Everyone:

Agreed

18:57:21 From Noah To All Panelists:

It is clearly a settler-colonial project. This is not a religious conflict. Anyone who cares about human rights should not ignore the injustice and oppression the Palestinian people have been enduring for 75 years.

18:57:36 From Phil To All Panelists:

Most certainly

19:01:26 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

this is a very beautiful meeting. I am hanging on your every word & feeling hope

19:01:48 From Claire Reutter To Everyone:

What ben says

19:02:02 From Micah MacColl Nicholson (She/They) To Everyone:

Thank you for using your voice ❤️

19:02:08 From Nathan Ruggles, nathanruggles.org To Everyone:

@Ramsey: Agreed!

19:02:14 From Mark Meinke To Everyone:

Friend speaks my mind

19:02:43 From DeAnn To Everyone:



19:02:50 From Ramsey To Everyone:

Is it really adequate to only be calling for a ceasefire?????

19:03:12 From Micki Jackson To All Panelists:

Odeliya — your words are powerful. I wish everyone in the world could hear you. I know...that sounds so simplistic, but I mean it. Thank you so much~

19:04:13 From regina To All Panelists:

Congress passed resolution supporting Israel today vote was over 400 didn't see final number.,

19:05:55 From Joyce Ajlouny To Everyone:

Several other AFSC resources can be found on AFSC's landing page <https://afsc.org/topics/gaza-israel> including 5 Things to Know, How to talk to Your Friends, Action Alerts, and Appeal for humanitarian assistance.

19:06:12 From Suzanne To Everyone:

please share the process of a cease fire

19:06:43 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

Urge Congress to call for a ceasefire: <https://fcnq.quorum.us/campaign/51886>

19:07:06 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

they all want war money. they're crooks. sorry for saying it like it is

19:07:31 From Noah To All Panelists:

We need to say things as it is

19:08:18 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

Toolkit with ways you can take action: <https://www.fcnl.org/CeasefireToolkit>

19:08:19 From Arianne Young To Everyone:

thank you Amelia for that link

19:09:30 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

This is the sign on letter Hassan is talking about: https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/IoPT_Ceasefire_NGO_Letter_Oct162023.pdf

19:09:42 From David Brunk To Everyone:

The Netanyahu attitude is acceptable to israelis because they were dehumanized by the genocide against them in WW2.

19:10:08 From MFM Children's RE Zoom Account To All Panelists:

I'm having trouble accessing these links with the computer that I am on. Can they be shared later in an email?

19:10:13 From Ramsey To Everyone:

ceasefire and humanitarian aid will just return the situation to how it was before 7 October - back to "containment; stalling; "keeping a lid on things"

IS THIS THE REALLY THE BEST WE CAN DO???

ARE WE CONTENT TO LET THE OCCUPATION CONTINUE ?????

19:10:24 From David Brunk To Everyone:

Now they are dehumanizeing palestinians whic h will only lead to more inhumanity.

19:10:24 From John S. Sonin To Everyone:

Israel wants settlements, the threat of Ground War had many Northern 'Strip' people leave for the south, if a self-consumed/evil intending NetanYAHOO enabled Oct 7, with intent to scare Israeli's proving Hamas aggression, into support for complete Gaza decimation by providing geographic, Israeli homeland expansion, shouldn't we purge the NetanYAHOO before seeking the "real" PEACE that need be attained?

19:10:32 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

We will share these links and a link to the recording in a follow up email to everyone who registered

19:10:42 From Barbara Kelly To All Panelists:

There's lots of background, but overview is I've gotten Lions Clubs' glasses to Haiti and Lesvos and can get them to Gaza and Israel as well. Can you help me get them there?

19:10:44 From MFM Children's RE Zoom Account To All Panelists:

Thanks.

19:10:54 From marci hodge To All Panelists:



19:11:04 From Karen Putney she/her Tampa To Everyone:

Were we ever a nation that would stand between and pour our best resources into "a U.S. effort to play a leadership role in bringing about an end to the violence and offering some hope" (Zogby)? The binary blindness of our American myth of good vs evil constantly impel us to pick-a-side and supply the fuel for continued immolation of innocents of those countries involved.

19:11:29 From Interfaith Power & Light Guest To All Panelists:

both sides need to get along , an eye for a eye makes the world blind

19:11:34 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

Link to the email action: <https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/51886>

19:12:00 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

Legislative leave behind: <https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/Middle-East-Legislative-Ask-Oct-2023.pdf>

19:12:14 From Arianne Young To Everyone:

Thank you so much for all this really helpful information and pdf's

19:12:23 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

We will send information about these follow up calls in the follow up email that will go out tonight

19:12:42 From Carol DiCaprio To All Panelists:

Please please please — is there ANY way we can support groups on the ground helping Gazans or is the situation too insane to be able to get support through?

19:12:52 From Jonathan Brown, Seattle (he/him) To All Panelists:

I am frustrated to hear political leaders calling for humanitarian aid but not calling for a ceasefire and end to blockade (water, electricity, etc.) and bombings that are exacerbating the need for and degrading access for humanitarian aid. It seems like an extraordinary example of willful cognitive dissonance.

19:12:57 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

All our advocacy resources on this topic are available here: <https://www.fcnl.org/CeasefireToolkit>

19:13:13 From Brian Blackmore (he/him) - AFSC To Everyone:

AFSC invites Friends to Meeting for Worship with attention to peace in Palestine and Israel this Friday, October 27th at 11:00am ET/8:00am PT. This is the link to join us on zoom: <https://afsc-org.zoom.us/j/85831333364?pwd=VEtPTUZuYk5hTHV2OGs1VzRkY0ZKUT09&ms=EMA24EM1016FR&emci=470e4c2b-3d68-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=a1ae3f05-526c-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=1335442#success>

19:13:20 From john day To All Panelists:

Unable to copy links from chat

19:14:47 From Helen G To Everyone:

Ceasefire

19:15:12 From Justin Hurdle To john day and All Panelists:

Hi John - thank you for the note. Sorry about that. Most of the links being posted will be in follow-up email sent out later this evening.

19:17:08 From Gretchen To Everyone:

Salaams! Exactly, if Gazans leave to Egypt, they'll never be allowed right of return. Such a long, brutal apartheid occupation.

19:17:47 From Ramsey To Everyone:

Great to see this understanding from Odeliya

19:19:04 From Mary Comfort Ferrell To Everyone:

If truth is the first casualty in war, empathy is the second.

-Alex Kingsbury and Alexander Stockton, New York Times October 25,2023

19:19:13 From Ramsey To Everyone:

The only way to really end attacks on Israelis, disarm Hamas and eliminate the reason / excuse / fuel for its existence is to END THE OCCUPATION

19:19:56 From Jim Carpenter To Everyone:

Are pickets and sit ins at congressional offices calling for end to genocide useful or are calls to members more useful? Is threatening to run candidates against Biden useful?

19:20:01 From John S. Sonin To Everyone:

Hamas is strictly an out-growth of Israeli blockades!

19:20:37 From Ramsey To Everyone:

Agreed @John S. Sonin

19:20:46 From Joyce Ajlouny To Everyone:

Van Hollen is my Senator... I have called him multiple times.

19:20:47 From Phil To All Panelists:

"The propagandist's purpose
is to make one set of people
forget that certain other
sets of people are human."
A. Huxley

19:21:53 From Noah To All Panelists:

END OCCUPATION. END APARTHEID. END OPPRESSION

19:22:00 From Gretchen To Everyone:

Van Hollen's aide told me he was in full support of Israel. I said that breaks my heart. I'm in MD 6th

19:22:02 From Sara Avery To Everyone:

The FCNL Colorado Advocacy Team met with Senator Bennet's staff yesterday and centered the ceasefire ask, and we'll be doing the same with a meeting Rep. Caraveo's staff later this week.

19:22:13 From Marilyn G. living on unceded Nisenan land To Everyone:

How ironic that the more insecure each/all sides feel the more the actual insecurity increases.

19:22:16 From Bennett Rutledge, Centennial. CO To Everyone:

Arguably this conflict started at the Battle of Jericho, in Moses' time.

19:22:33 From Amy Antonucci, NH To Everyone:

If we are on an FCNL Advocacy Team should we try to schedule lobby visits on this issue?

19:22:40 From Leslie Morpeth To Everyone:

When are the office hours?

19:22:52 From Mariam Malik To All Panelists:

We should also push that if Netanyahu is telling Palestinians in Gaza to leave, which they can't do because of the military blockade, then they can come into Israel. If Netanyahu cares about civilian life.

19:22:57 From marci hodge To All Panelists:

Yes

19:23:06 From Hassan El-Tayyab To Everyone:

The office hours at 1pm on Friday and 3pm on Monday.

19:23:10 From Tsultrim PA Susquahannock lands To All Panelists:

I would like to view this video recording again. How can I watch it and share it with others??

19:23:59 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

We will share a link to the video recording of the call to everyone who registered for this event.

19:24:01 From Amy Sommers To Everyone:

For those on Twitter, you can go to @FCNL's tweets and amplify some of the pithy/moving quotes from today's session - adding your calls for ceasefire

19:24:09 From Mrs. Hussain To All Panelists:

Any time I hear the Israeli side news they have use extreme hatred language, like superlative hateful words, but infact they are very much well equipped with heavy defense. Why is there so much hate in their voice ?

19:24:25 From Carol DiCaprio To All Panelists:

There are some real gems in the chat. Can you please save it and send it to all participants?

19:24:28 From Jonathan Brown, Seattle (he/him) To All Panelists:

<https://www.murphy.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/murphy-leads-33-senators-to-call-for-providing-humanitarian-aid-to-address-emergency-needs-in-gaza>

19:25:25 From Carol Holmes 1(Video), she - Idaho To Everyone:

Eastern time?

19:25:30 From Ben G Adams (he/him) To Everyone:

yes, beautiful, thank you. these are awful times. but I feel hope

19:26:13 From LaVida Davis To Everyone:

Yes, Eastern standard time

19:26:35 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

We'll be sending these resources and a link to the recording to everyone who registered for this call.
You should be receiving that in your inboxes later tonight

19:26:36 From Barb Platt To Everyone:

We are still on eastern daylight time, not standard yet.

19:27:14 From Gail Lelyveld To Everyone:

we are on standard time!

19:27:46 From Victory Ross (she/her), Seneca land To All Panelists:

Amen/Amein/Ameen!!! Ase!!! Thank you so very much!!!! 🙏🌹💙❤️🎵👉🌟❤️🌈

19:27:47 From Pam Gilchrist, Santa Fe To Everyone:

a coalition of groups - 200 or so folks from Norther NM - rallied and delivered your stated demands to the local offices our congress people

19:27:56 From Tsultrim PA Susquahannock lands To All Panelists:

Great, thanks for sending us link for recording and other resources.

19:28:03 From regina To All Panelists:

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2023/10/21/18859767.php> Pictures of a street mural at sf federal bldg at Palestine protest last sat

19:28:32 From Gretchen To Everyone:

Alhamdulillah, CEASEFIRE

19:28:44 From Jonathan Brown, Seattle (he/him) To All Panelists:

Thank you FCNL and AFSC!

19:28:53 From Arianne Young To Everyone:

Holding everyone in the Light 🕊️

19:28:59 From Victory Ross (she/her), Seneca land To Everyone:

Amen and deep gratitude!! Si se puede!!! Juntos!!!

19:29:03 From Maia (she/her) To All Panelists:

Thank you everyone.

19:29:13 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

To send the email to your members of Congress: <https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/51886>

19:29:13 From Heidi Van Ert To All Panelists:

Tell the story; speak from the heart; see that of God in others; call for action!

19:29:18 From Dave Wells (he/him, Tempe) To Everyone:

Drop by means without an appointment?

19:29:19 From Jeannie Economos, Farmworker Association of Florida To Everyone:

Is there someplace that you could recommend for us to donate toward any relief efforts?

19:29:23 From Sara Avery To Everyone:

Thank you all so much for this incredibly moving call for action.

19:29:29 From Suzanne Gregg To Everyone:

Namaste.

19:29:30 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

Advocacy toolkit: <https://www.fcnl.org/CeasefireToolkit>

19:29:33 From Tsultrim PA Susquahannock lands To All Panelists:

Please include in the resources a fact sheet/talking points. Thanks

19:29:34 From Connie Hunter To Everyone:

Thank you for putting this powerful webinar together. It gives me hope to know that there are so many others calling for a ceasefire.

19:29:48 From Leni Skarin To All Panelists:

CEASEFIRE NOW - It's the only First step that will work

19:29:54 From LaVida Davis To Everyone:

Drop by does mean without an appointment

19:29:54 From Lauren Brownlee To Everyone:

As a Quaker, I'm grateful that Friends organizations have spoken with one voice on ceasefire and just peace. As an FCNL staff member, I could not be more honored to work with Hassan and Odeliya. As an ASFC governor, I'm so grateful for the strength of AFSC's, and Joyce's, leadership. Thanks to all of you for your powerful voices and actions. And thanks for helping all of us know that our voices and actions matter.

19:29:55 From Justin Hurdle To Everyone:

Anyone can drop-by their congressional offices. No appointment necessary!

Look at the email later this evening for our Toolkit

19:29:57 From Heidi Van Ert To All Panelists:

Deepest gratitude to all who spoke and to all who are here listening deeply

19:30:00 From Martha To All Panelists:

Will this call be recorded and can it be shared?

19:30:04 From Marilyn G. living on unceded Nisenan land To Everyone:

Thank you to each and every one of you!

19:30:07 From Gretchen To Everyone:

Thank each of you for your stories, encouragement & hope ❤️ 🙏

19:30:12 From Ramsey To Everyone:

Do we lack determination to speak truth to power and CALL FOR ENDING THE OCCUPATION?
CALLING FOR CEASEFIRE CANNOT BE ADEQUATE

19:30:14 From Terry Irish To Everyone:

Thank you so much for going to Betty McCollum's office. She's my representative. I've contacted her . I was disappointed that she had not co-sponsored the resolution.

19:30:15 From Steve Whinfield - New Haven To All Panelists:

<https://www.fcnl.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/Middle-East-Legislative-Ask-Oct-2023.pdf>

19:30:16 From Pat Omidian To Everyone:

Oh my gosh, thank you. I worked for AFSC in Afghanistan and during that time we (my Afghan colleague and I traveled to the Amman office. We were to go to the Westbank and could not get permission. But we met with the staff at that time. My heart is with you all

19:30:21 From Gretchen To Everyone:

Free Palestine 🇵🇸

19:30:22 From Laurie McPherson, she/her, Nacotchtank & Piscatawa To Everyone:

Thank you for your powerful testimonies. 🙏

19:30:24 From Ann Barnhart (she/her) To Everyone:

Thank you all!

19:30:29 From Anne B, NY To All Panelists:

I can't save the chat. I want to. There are a lot of links here

19:30:34 From Brian Blackmore (he/him) - AFSC To Everyone:

AFSC's Emergency Humanitarian Relief Fund can be found here:

<https://secure.afsc.org/a/gazaer?ms=WEB24LP001PI>

19:30:39 From Andrea Turner To Everyone:

Thank you so much.

19:30:44 From Amelia Kegan (she, her) To Everyone:

www.fcnl.org/annualmeeting

19:31:00 From Steve Whinfield - New Haven To All Panelists:

FCNL doing its job. What a gift!!!

19:31:01 From Keya Kressler To Everyone:

Thank you! This was much needed and very hopeful.

19:31:12 From Carol Holmes 1(Video), she - Idaho To Everyone:

Deeply moved by your personal commitment and stories. Thank you 🙏

19:31:14 From John S. Sonin To Everyone:

Thanks everyone!! Let's keep quakin'!