

EDITORIAL

The world is immersed in a denial of evidence and the only freedom that matters is that of the markets

El mundo está sumergido en la negación de la evidencia y la única libertad que importa es la de los mercados

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Denial and concealment of systematic human rights violations are part of Israel's cover-up strategy - including the flagrant violation of the right to health, which has not been spared.

We have become witnesses to the plight of Palestinians in Gaza, a historic land today ravaged by bombs, tanks and bulldozers, and where more than 60,000 Palestinians have died at the hands of Israeli troops (many of them children and women).

Gaza is today a new Ghetto

- In Gaza, death lurks around every corner. The occupier acts with omnipotent power over life and death; arbitrariness imposes itself by making civilians escape from one side to the other for no apparent reason, exterminating entire families.
- Today, the Israelis have carried out an express policy of starving the population, controlling the minimum entry of food.
- Israel has banned all access to humanitarian aid, after almost two years of constant interruptions and decades of minimal supply.
- Added to this is Israel's destruction and cutting off of the water supply, which constitutes another war crime and crime against humanity.
- The lack of access to medical care -- not even for children, the elderly, the wounded or the

sick -- is due to the chronic lack of supplies and the destruction of health facilities, in addition to the deportation, imprisonment and murder of doctors and health personnel.

- This supremacism has also taken hold in the West Bank.
- The situation has crossed all the limits of what we have understood as humanity - all the more so when those who exercise this devastating policy are descendants of a people who experienced it first-hand during the Second World War.

The use of missiles, airplanes and state-of-the-art weapons technology does not allow us to speak of a war, but of a genocidal extermination faced by the desperate resistance of the victims.

We are witnessing actions that are increasingly seen as an attempt to drive out of the territory all the already martyred inhabitants, carrying out a real ethnic cleansing.

Yesterday and today, tens of thousands of faces are marked by pain and catastrophe. And, sadly, time and again, the international powers either support the oppressor or are complicit in inaction.

The responsibility for the ongoing murders falls first and foremost on those who are carrying it out, but indirectly it also falls indirectly on all humanity, on the peoples of the allied nations and



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on their governments, which to this day have taken no real action to stop this crime.

The Palestinians who heroically resisted will remain in the memory of the struggle for human dignity.

History will condemn Israel and its accomplices as genocidal and war criminals.

We can only hope that this just and necessary recognition will not come too late, and that the governments of the world and international justice will put an end to their current passivity, stop the genocide and ethnic cleansing, and allow the Palestinian people to finally have the justice and peace they deserve. *Social Medicine* cannot remain silent when it is necessary to stand with the oppressed, and never with the oppressors; thus, this editorial.

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