

# Here's why it's legal for the U.S. to take over Gaza and relocate its people

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Arsen Ostrovsky: Einstein's famous definition is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. And for many, many years, including since October 7, the international community at large has had the same failing strategy with respect to Gaza that essentially allows Hamas to remain in power, and that we know is simply unacceptable.

What President Trump has spoken about is the intention to create, essentially, a set of circumstances and conditions to allow Gazans to voluntarily choose to move to conditions that are better elsewhere.

I would actually go one step further and suggest that those that are perhaps in fact guilty here of violating international law are the ones that are insisting that the Gazans stay there. Because by doing so, including whilst Hamas is still in power, they're essentially calling for the Gazans to stay in an active war zone and essentially be continued to be used as human shields by Hamas.

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# **There is only 1 viable path for Gaza**

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We must assume Hamas in Gaza isn't resting on its laurels and has already begun rehabilitating its military capabilities.

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## **Conditions favor Israel, but don't**

# **guarantee Hamas flexibility**

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Hamas likely understands that Trump's declaration means a green light for Israel to control humanitarian aid distribution, keep it at the legally required minimum, and increase combat intensity in Gaza.

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## **What Israel needs right now**

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Israel's survival demands unwavering resolve. Post-Hamas strategy must address threats in Gaza, West Bank, and the north, while expanding normalization and fostering unity – all hinging on US policy.

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## **Biden is rewarding Hamas**

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Hamas assumes that a final American proposal will inevitably come at Israel's expense. The primary pressure to reach an agreement is already being applied to Israeli leadership. Hamas faces no consequences for prolonging the process, and as long as it holds hostages, it can always resume negotiations from where they left off.

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# **To End the War in Gaza, Pressure Hamas' Sponsors, Not Israel**

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If the US and international community truly want to advance an urgently-needed hostage deal, they must take a new approach. Rather than focusing pressure on Israel, they must place unyielding pressure on Hamas' state sponsors, especially Qatar, Turkey and Iran.

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## **Why is it taking so long to destroy Hamas?**

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Israel's long focus on Iran and the northern front has come at the expense of intelligence gathering and operational attention to Gaza.

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## **Terrorists for hostages: The agonizing dilemma**

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The high cost of terrorist release complicates the gain of hostage freedom.

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# **Don't rely on diplomatic efforts - prepare for defense and offense**

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Analysis: Iran's revenge motive, Hezbollah's role, Gaza concessions risks, and the deeper roots of conflict challenge diplomatic solutions.

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# **Sinwar replacing Haniyeh may help advance hostage negotiations and end the war**

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If Ismail Haniyeh represented a tougher stance in the deal negotiations compared to Sinwar's more pragmatic line, an obstacle has been removed, the author writes.