

# Report: 1,700 Millionaires Left Israeli-Occupied Territories Amid Gaza War

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – At least 1,700 millionaires left the Israeli-occupied territories last year due to deteriorating economic conditions in the wake of the Gaza war, Israeli media said on Tuesday.

Figures released by Henley & Partners firm, a British-based global leader in immigration services, and New World Wealth, a South-Africa-based data intelligence firm, showed that there were 22,600 millionaires living in Tel Aviv and Herzliya in central parts of the occupied territories in 2024, down from 24,300 in 2023.

“This means no fewer than 1,700 millionaires departed Israel over the past year,” Henley & Partners said.



Passengers are seen at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport.

While the report did not specify reasons for their departure, previous Israeli media reports suggested that many Israelis had left the occupied territories following the occupying regime's war on Gaza and

its repercussions on the economy and security in Israel.

Last year, global ratings agency Fitch downgraded the regime's credit score from A+ to A.

Over 50,800 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in a brutal Israeli onslaught since October 2023, most of them women and children.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants last November for Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former war minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The Zionist regime also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the enclave.

## Organization of American Historians Votes to Condemn Israeli 'Scholasticide' in Gaza

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The largest professional society for the teaching and study of American history has overwhelmingly passed a resolution condemning the Zionist regime's "scholasticide" in Gaza.

The prestigious Organization of American Historians (OAH), which publishes the Journal of American History, passed the resolution on Saturday, April 8, at an OAH business meeting in Chicago.

A decisive majority of 104 members voted for the motion - with only 25 opposing it.

The Israeli military has bombed and mostly destroyed all 12 universities in Gaza and hundreds of primary and secondary schools.

More than 200 heritage sites, including mosques, churches and libraries, have been destroyed.

In October, the Ministry of Education in Gaza reported that 400 teachers and other educational professionals had been killed, alongside more than 10,000 students.

The resolution, submitted by Historians for Peace and Democracy, argues that the Zionist regime's "scholasticide in Gaza has made it impossible to practice history and eradicated its practitioners".

It further "condemns the Israeli violence in Gaza that has resulted in the scholasticide," urges a permanent ceasefire and commits the OAH to forming a "volunteer committee to work with other organizations in rebuilding Gaza's educational infrastructure".

Maragret Power, a retired professor at Illinois Institute of Technology and co-chair of Historians for Peace

and Democracy, said that "opposing the ruthless genocide Israel has waged, and the U.S. government has financed, against the people of Gaza is a moral imperative".

"The OAH is the organization of historians that study U.S. history," she told Middle East Eye on Sunday.

"It and the American Historical Association (AHA) are the two most important organizations of historians in the U.S. Their members include the most important historians in the U.S. as well as some globally.

"Let's just say the Trump administration hates them both."

In January, the AHA also passed a resolution condemning the Zionist regime's "scholasticide" in Gaza.

But the resolution was later vetoed by the group's executive council, which said it "lies outside the scope

of the association's mission and purpose".

The OAH vote comes amid an unprecedented crackdown on displays of support for the Palestinians in American universities.

The State Department has cancelled visas for hundreds of people connected to campus pro-Palestine protests.

In an announcement on March 10, the Department of Education published a list of 60 universities that are "presently under investigation for Title VI violations relating to anti-Semitic harassment and discrimination".

In March, Columbia University became the first university to lose some federal funding when the Trump administration slashed \$400m in federal funds.

## President Aoun: Israeli Ceasefire Violations Threaten Stability in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanese President Joseph Aoun warned Tuesday that the Zionist regime's violations of a ceasefire agreement threaten stability in southern Lebanon.

Aoun met on Tuesday with Greek Defense Minister Nikos Dendias in Beirut, during which he briefed him on the situation in southern Lebanon and army deployment in the region, a presidency statement said.

Aoun said that the occupying regime's attacks, failure

to withdraw from five border outposts, and refusal to release Lebanese detainees "constitute clear violations of UN Security Council resolution 1701 and the terms of last November's ceasefire agreement and pose a threat to stability in the south."

Resolution 1701, passed in 2006, calls for a complete halt to hostilities between the Lebanese group Hezbollah and the Zionist regime and the establishment of a weapons-free zone between the Blue Line,

a de facto border, and the Litani River in southern Lebanon, with exceptions for the Lebanese army and the UN peacekeeping mission (UNIFIL).

Aoun hailed cooperation between the Lebanese and Greek armies and appreciated Athens' contribution to UNIFIL's navy force.

A fragile ceasefire had been in place in Lebanon since November, ending months of aggression by the Zionist regime, which escalated into a full-scale

conflict last September.

Lebanese authorities reported nearly 1,400 Israeli violations of the ceasefire, including at least 120 fatalities and more than 366 injuries.

Under the ceasefire deal, the occupying regime was supposed to fully withdraw from southern Lebanon by Jan. 26, but the deadline was extended to Feb. 18 after it refused to comply. It still maintains a military presence at five border outposts.

## WHO: 90% of Pregnant, Breastfeeding Women in Gaza Malnourished

GAZA (Dispatches) – Ninety percent of pregnant and breastfeeding women in the Gaza Strip suffer from severe malnutrition, amid a severe lack of medical equipment needed to receive the necessary treatment, an official from the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

"The Gaza Strip continues to be one of the most dangerous places to be a child and where pregnancy is clouded by fear due to ongoing violence, displacement and lack of medical access," the WHO warned in a press statement on the occasion of World Health Day on Monday, The Middle East Monitor reported.

Speaking to Kuwait's official news agency (KUNA), WHO Spokesperson Margaret

Harris described the health of pregnant women in Gaza as "beyond anything a human can imagine".

"No food or medical aid is currently reaching Gaza. Mothers and children are already suffering, and the situation is getting worse by the day," she added.

"When a pregnant woman is suffering from acute malnutrition, the fetus often fails to develop properly," she said. This, she continued, "can lead to intrauterine growth restrictions increasing the risk of miscarriage, premature birth of babies born full term but severely underweight due to prolonged hunger."

According to the WHO, one in four pregnant women in Gaza is experiencing severe

complications, while around 25 percent suffer from acute anemia and 23 percent face the threat of preterm labor.

Due to the shortage of food, Harris said, 99 percent of breastfeeding women struggle to produce milk, while half a million women and girls of reproductive age lack access to basic prenatal and postnatal care.

She warned that the U.S.'s decision to cut funding to aid projects means the WHO's ability to respond to the crisis is in doubt.

"If health programs are cut," she explained, "one million people in Gaza and the West Bank could be left without access to critical services placing them at risk within an already collapsing health system."

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and is difficult to navigate," he said.

Trump has said the tariffs - a minimum of 10% for all U.S. imports, with targeted rates of up to 50% - would help the United States recapture an industrial base that he says has withered over decades of trade liberalization.

Emerging markets often use tariffs to protect their industries while they try to develop.

Pushing a shopping cart down the aisle of a Walmart Supercenter, Thomas Jennings, 53, loaded up on juices, condiments and whatever he could think of.

"I'm buying double of whatever - beans, canned goods, flour, you name it," he said. His strategy is to stock up as much as possible before the Trump administration's latest round of import tariffs takes effect on Wednesday.

Earlier at Costco, Jennings bought flour, sugar and water in bulk. "There's a recession coming and I am preparing for the worst," he said.

Like a growing number of U.S. shoppers, Jennings believes retail prices will soon rise because of Trump's tariffs.

The Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit research group, said the new levies will cost Americans \$3.1 trillion over the next 10 years, amounting to a roughly \$2,100 tax increase per household in 2025 alone.

Even as many shoppers take a wait-and-see approach, some fear that any panic would trigger a stockpiling frenzy that intensifies on expectations of even worse inflation, they told Reuters.

Manish Kapoor, founder of GCG, a supply chain management firm outside Los Angeles, said the tariffs are reawakening fears of empty store shelves encountered during the pandemic, when supply chain disruptions led to product shortages and inflation.

"We saw this during COVID as well, where everybody frantically went and grabbed everything on store shelves, whether they needed it or not," Kapoor said.

Angelo Barrio, 55, a retired garment industry professional, said Trump's tactics of "muddying the water and causing chaos" have worried him and his friends about the economy's direction.

At Costco this week, he stocked up on Crest toothpaste, soap, water and rice to fill six canisters already stuffed with canned goods in his temperature-controlled basement.

At Walmart, he grabbed two more bottles of olive oil, bringing his total stockpile to 20 bottles. "You can never be sure how much you'll need," he said.

Barrio is sympathetic towards China, which Trump threatened on Monday with an additional 50% tariff if Beijing does not withdraw its retaliatory tariffs on the United States.

"They are simply getting penalized for no fault of their own," he said. "I have always been happy that they are able to provide us things at such low prices."

Maggie Collins, who is in her mid-60s, said she is "shaking in my boots" as she worries about Trump's tariffs and their impact on senior citizens.

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The drone has a flight endurance of 35 hours, a service ceiling of 35,000 feet, and an operational range of 2,000 kilometers.

It can be employed in various combat, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, as well as search and rescue operations and relief efforts after natural disasters and accidents.

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The meeting came as part of wider regional infrastructure efforts and diplomatic outreach aimed at easing connectivity and boosting regional trade.

And also, an expanded-forma meeting was held between Shahin Mustafayev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Iranian minister and Co-Chair of the Azerbaijan-Iran Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation.

The meetings which are to be held on April 8-10 will review the prospects of bilateral cooperation in the fields of transportation, transit, oil and gas, energy, and trade, as well as ways to deal with challenges.

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The Palestine Red Crescent Society has called for an independent international inquiry into the deliberate killing of 15 medical and humanitarian workers in an attack by Israeli forces in Gaza.

In a statement on Monday, the group said the March 23 attack in Gaza's southern city of Rafah "constitutes a full-fledged war crime, and it reflects a dangerous pattern of repeated violation of international humanitarian law".

A video recently recovered from the mobile phone of one of the medics showed their final moments. The medics were wearing highly reflective uniforms and were inside clearly identifiable rescue vehicles before they were shot by Israeli forces in Rafah's Tal as-Sultan neighborhood.

The PRCS lost eight of its workers in the attack. Six members of the Palestinian Civil Defense agency and an employee of the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, were also killed.

In its statement, the PRCS said the area was not classified as a "red zone" at the time of the emergency response, which means no prior coordination was required to access the site.

According to UNRWA, at least 408 aid workers, including more than 280 UNRWA staff members, have been killed by Israeli forces in Gaza since the war began on October 7, 2023.