Poll: Over 70% of Germans Urge Tougher Stance on Israel

BERLIN (Dispatches) - Nearly three-quarters of Germans believe their country should exert more pressure on the Zionist regime to address the devistating humanitarian situation unfolding in the Gaza Strip, according to a Forsa survey commissioned by Stern magazine. Some 74% of respondents said they would like to see the federal government

take a tougher stance towards the occupying regime over its war in Gaza.

The survey also revealed a clear divide in opinion based on political affiliation, as some 94% of the opposition Left Party voters and 88% of Green Party



Thought for Today

O you, who are blaming the world, who have been allured and enticed by it, and have been tempted by its false pretenses. You allowed yourself to be enamored of, to be captivated by it and then you accuse and blame it.

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# Canada Never Stopped Arming Israel Despite Pledge to Halt New Permits, Report Says



Zionist troops prepare shells near a mobile artillery unit, amid the Gaza genocide, in occupied lands, January 2, 2024.

OTTAWA (Dispatches) – The Canadian government misled the public when it said it was pausing all new weapons export permits to the Zionist regime last year, a new report published on Tuesday says.

Commercially available data has shown shipments not only continued but were actually fast-tracked - and sometimes via indirect routes such as through the U.S.

The findings, compiled by an allvolunteer team from the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) and the groups World Beyond War and Arms

Embargo Now, point to efforts by Ottawa to placate an electorate that has expressed growing dissatisfaction with how the Liberal Party has responded to the Zionist regime's war on Gaza - but without actually reversing its policy of unconditional support for the regime, as it publicly

"Shipments of arms to Israel were allowed to proceed under hundreds of previously approved permits. This communications ploy allowed Canadian companies to continue to profit from Israel's genocide while the Federal government misled Canadians into believing they were no longer arming the Israeli occupation forces in Gaza," the authors wrote in the report.

The 58-page document entitled "Exposing Canadian Military Exports to Israel" cites more than 390 shipments from 21 Canadian manufacturers in six cities that included more than 420,000 bullets, 735 cartridge parts (ammunition sets for firearms), F-35 jet parts such as navigation sensors, radar systems, and dual-use items like GPS antennas.

The deadliest weapons and military support systems came from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Stelia Aerospace North America, and Pratt & Whitney, among others, which delivered support systems such as surveillance and tracking technology, as well as landing gear for aircraft.

The authors say they used two complementary methodologies for the first time to track Canadian arms exports: commercial shipping data crosschecked with Israeli Tax Authority import data from October 2023 to May 2025.

"[The report] exposes a vastly different reality than government claims: a continuous, massive pipeline of Canadian weapons flowing directly to Israel," the authors said.

"By continuing to send arms transfers to Israel, Canada is violating both domestic law and its commitments under international law," they continued.

Middle East Eye reached out to Global Affairs Canada, the foreign ministry, but was not given a response by the time of publication.

The Zionist regime has killed over 60,000 Palestinians in Gaza since October 7, 2023. And since March, it has imposed a crippling siege on the enclave that has led to a declaration of famine by the world's top food and aid bodies.

#### UN Conference Urges Worldwide Recognition of Palestinian State, Blasts Gaza Genocide



People rally in front of the United Nations headquarters during a "Stop Starving Gaza Now" protest on July 25, 2025.

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - A high-level United Nations conference has urged recognition of Palestine as a state by all countries, while also lambasting the Israeli regime's October 2023-present war of genocide on the Gaza Strip.

The two-day event wound down on Tuesday after the participants signed the "New York Declaration" that urged the global recog-

As many as 147 out of the United Nations 192-strong member states have recognized the State of Palestine. Those that have so far refused include the United States, the regime's biggest ally, which invariably sways its veto power so it can shield Tel Aviv against punitive UN measures.

Without naming Tel Aviv and Washington, which also supports the former with untrammeled lethal aid, the document said "illegal unilateral actions are posing an existential threat to the realization of the independent state of Pales-

The conference further denounced the regime's aggression against civilians and civilian infrastructures in Gaza and its "siege and starvation, which have produced a devastating humanitarian catastrophe and protection crisis."

More than 60,000 Palestinians have been killed as a result of the war that has seen Tel Aviv also tighten its already severe 2007-present siege of the coastal sliver to insufferable proportions.

Even major Israeli rights bodies, B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights, have affirmed that the regime was committing genocide in Gaza, calling the US and Europe accomplices to Tel Aviv's atrocities.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected the meeting. The U.S. too has boycotted it, calling it "unproductive and ill-

Amid the provocations, the event was postponed from June and downgraded from top officials to ministers.

### Zohran Mamdani's Support for Palestine Sealed Mayoral NYC Primary Win, Poll Shows

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -Last month, New York City's Democratic mayoral candidate, Zohran Mamdani, not only mounted one of the biggest upsets in establishment politics in years, but he also won the most votes of any candidate on a primary ballot in the city's his-

New polling numbers released now show that his open support for Palestinian rights was the issue that "supercharged" his cam-

An overwhelming 78 percent of New Yorkers who voted for Mamdani agreed with him that the Zionist regime is committing a genocide in Gaza, and 79 percent agreed that weapons transfers to the occupying regime

should be restricted.

Out of New Yorkers who voted for him, 63 percent of those also supported arresting Zionist regime prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu - per the warrant from the International Criminal Court if he visits New York City, something Mamdani has said he would do if he were to be elected mayor in November.

The poll was commissioned by the Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) Policy Project and conducted by Data for Progress, which collected responses from 513 Democratic primary voters from 11-17 July 2025.

On all three questions, the largest segment of voters who agreed

with Mamdani were those who did not vote in the last mayoral election in 2021 - suggesting they were either too young to vote or that Mamdani's campaign is the one that moved them to the ballot box.

When respondents were asked what issues affected their decision to vote for him, the top responses cited were his plans to lower the cost of living at 89 percent, and his plans to tax the wealthy and stand up to corporations, at 86 percent.

But the third reason they cited was his support for Palestinian rights, at 62 percent.

Among the new voters in 2025, that number rises to 83 percent, at a time when some states and

international scholars, including Israeli experts and NGOs, have called the Zionist regime's war on Gaza a genocide.

But the sentiment against the occupying regime isn't limited to just New York City.

A new Gallup poll reported by CNN shows Netanyahu's approval rating among Americans at -23 points, his lowest in the U.S. since 1997.

Israel's military aggression in Gaza were also negatively rated at -28 percent.

Overall, the number of Americans who sympathize with Israelis over Palestinians is at a historic low of +5 points, down from +48 in October 2023, before the Zionist regime's war on Gaza.

#### **Opposition: Netanyahu Leading** Zionist Regime Into 'Catastrophe'

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) - The Zionist regime's opposition leader Yair Lapid accused prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet of steering the regime into a "political catastrophe," citing efforts to prolong the genocide in the Gaza Strip.

"This cabinet has led us into a political catastrophe. One failure after another," Lapid wrote on X. He criticized the prime minister for being "absent from the political arena" and described Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar as "useless," adding that cabinet ministers "endanger Israeli soldiers every time they open their mouths."

It came amid growing frustration about the continued war in Gaza and the failure to reach a deal to end it and return the cap-

The opposition and families of captives have accused Netanyahu of yielding to the most extreme elements in his cabinet, particularly Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich. Critics have said Netanyahu is prolonging the war to preserve his governing coali-

Yair Golan, leader of the so-

called Democrats party, said in

a video statement Tuesday that Netanyahu had effectively lost control of his cabinet.

"This is no longer Netanyahu's cabinet," said Golan. "This is the cabinet of Smotrich and Ben-

"Smotrich and Ben-Gvir represent the most extreme fringe of society," he said. "They are setting cabinet policy today, sending our sons to die on the battlefield, sabotaging captives release deals, and dragging this war on indefi-

Rejecting international calls for a ceasefire, the Zionist regime's army has pursued a brutal aggression on Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023. killing more than 60,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children. The relentless bombardment has destroyed the enclave and led to food shortages.

Last November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for 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

## Report: Israeli Ambassador to UAE Being Expelled Over 'Undignified' Behavior at Bar

ABU DHABI (Dispatches) - The Zionist regime's ambassador to the UAE is being summoned from his post over "undignified" behavior at an Emirati bar that upset the UAE, according to Hebrew media reports.

The Zionist regime was forced to recall its ambassador to the Persian Gulf state, Yossef Avraham Shelley, after the UAE said it was no longer willing to accept him as ambassador, Israel's Channel 12 news reported.

Hebrew news site N12 reported earlier that Shelley antagonized the UAE by showing up to a bar in the Persian Gulf state with several Israelis, including women, and acting in a way

that UAE officials told the Zionist regime was "unacceptable and even harmed our dignity".

The UAE normalized ties with the regime in 2020 as part of the so-called Abraham Accords brokered by U.S. President Donald Trump. Abu Dhabi has emerged as the Zionist regime's closest Arab partner in the region amid an uproar over the regime's war on Gaza, which leading human rights groups and scholars have declared is a genocide.

The UAE is the one Arab country that Zionist regime foreign minister has been able to visit since the war in Gaza erupted. The regime's foreign minister Gideon Saar travelled

to the UAE in January 2025 before a temporary ceasefire in Gaza was reached.

The UAE's move would be remarkable in its own right. The tiny Persian Gulf state is home to 10 million people, of whom just 10 percent are Emirati citizens. The country counts South Asian laborers, British expats, Russian oligarchs and flashy influencers among its resi-

Hebrew media reported last week that Shelley was out on a Friday night in Abu Dhabi with friends and acted in an "undignified" manner that "crossed the boundaries of personal space."