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### What can you do?

- Lobby your MP to demand an immediate ceasefire and that Israel withdraw from Gaza and lift its illegal siege.
- Boycott Israeli goods and demand that British and EU trade links with Israel be halted until it dismantles illegal settlements and withdraws from the West Bank of Palestine.
- Join the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and demand full implementation of UN resolutions for the creation of a united, sovereign Palestine state alongside Israel.

## End the British government's shameful support for Israeli aggression & US foreign policy

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**Since then, the all-out war on Gaza is itself the latest stage in Operation Justified Vengeance (the 'Dagan Plan') drawn up by Israeli state agencies in 2001.**

The aim is to separate Gaza and the West Bank completely, destroying the Palestinian Authority and any hope of a unified Palestinian state.

**Gaza is to be an imprisoned statelet, its population wholly dependent on outside aid, its 'government' defenceless, its borders controlled by Israel.**

The West Bank is to be 'cantonised' under direct Israeli control. Palestinian communities will be cut off from one another by networks of Israeli controlled roads linking heavily fortified and expanding Jewish settlements.

**This fits in with US strategy for a 'Greater Middle East', with US client states in Israel, Iraq and Afghanistan, used to enforce US energy and military interests.**



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