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 Jews, Palestinians and Allies Call on Canada to Refuse the invasion of Gaza City

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Dear Honorable Anand:

I am writing to express my utter horror about Israel’s plans to escalate a full-scale assault on Gaza city, which will displace hundreds of thousands of its residents and compound an already unbearable level of civilian suffering; suffering that been created by Israel’s deliberate campaign of starvation, targeting of aid seekers, and ongoing genocide in Gaza.

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOHA), Israel has issued mass displacement orders to Palestinians to move south to an area recently bombed by Israeli Forces that does not have the capacity to host people given the lack of water, sanitation, overcrowded tents, and dearth of medical care due to decimation of the healthcare sector. Among other civilian infrastructure, the targeted area includes the [Ash Sheikh Radwan Pond](https://www.ochaopt.org/content/humanitarian-situation-update-315-gaza-strip), three water wells, three wastewater pumping stations, two medical points and one ambulance centre. <https://www.ochaopt.org/content/humanitarian-situation-update-317-gaza-strip>

The expansion of assault on Gaza City will also harm the hostages. As noted in a recent Amnesty International publication, “The operation could also endanger the lives of Israeli hostages and undermine the prospect of their safe return to their families.” Earlier today Hamas [released a video showing two Israelis held hostage](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.haaretz.com%2Fisrael-news%2F2025-09-05%2Fty-article%2F.premium%2Fhamas-publishes-video-of-israeli-hostage-guy-gilboa-dalal-another-hostage%2F00000199-1906-d487-a3d9-bd3fd36a0000%3Fgift%3D1788c1382185435daa1de2272f146a0d&data=05%7C02%7Csara.hashash%40amnesty.org%7C807fcaef5ed4442d4c7d08ddec91cc28%7Cc2dbf829378d44c1b47a1c043924ddf3%7C0%7C0%7C638926833131350901%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Uf7T4SjWnu0WFXMCZspxboH7WS7RG4qMDy5QxlB6Ksk%3D&reserved=0); Guy Gilboa-Dalal and Alon Ohel. In the video, Gilboa-Dalal is heard saying that he is in Gaza City and at least eight other hostages are located in the area. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/09/escalating-israeli-offensive-in-gaza-city-will-have-catastrophic-and-irreversible-consequences-for-palestinians/>

I urge you to ACT NOW. It is critical that Canada impose a two-way comprehensive arms embargo, carry out economic sanctions, and work with other actors to provide access to adequate, safe, and dignified humanitarian aid. How can we continue to watch the starvation, murder, and mass ongoing displacement of a people and actually do nothing to stop it? I await your response.

Sincerely,

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