



# Genocide is a Public Health Emergency

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**As Doctors Against Genocide (DAG), we declare that genocide, ethnic cleansing, and forced displacement are not only crimes against humanity but also urgent public health crises. The deliberate destruction of civilian populations, healthcare infrastructure, and access to basic needs creates long-term medical, psychological, and societal devastation.**

The world is witnessing unprecedented humanitarian disasters in Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, Congo and Indigenous and marginalized communities worldwide. The United States and Israeli governments have become **global threats to health and security, committing war crimes, mass displacement, and systemic attacks on healthcare workers with impunity**. International law, created after World War II to prevent these atrocities, is being dismantled. Failure to act now will set a precedent that endangers all of humanity.

## DAG Strongly Condemns:

- **President Trump's call for the forced displacement and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians**, which constitutes incitement to genocide and a grave violation of international law.
- **Threats against the International Criminal Court (ICC)**, undermining global accountability and creating a world where mass atrocity crimes go unpunished.
- As we mark **Black History Month**, **Doctors Against Genocide** condemns the **ongoing oppression of Black communities**—a legacy of **slavery, segregation, mass incarceration, and state violence. Racism is a public health crisis**. We demand **full reparations** for centuries of injustice.



- **The dehumanization and violence against migrant communities**, including mass detention, deportation, family separation, and militarized border enforcement.
- **Ongoing genocide and land theft from Indigenous peoples**, including treaty violations, forced displacement, and cultural erasure.
- **The marginalization and criminalization of LGBTQ+ and transgender communities**, which fosters systemic violence and restricts access to healthcare, legal protections, and safety.
- **Repression of free speech**, including the silencing of healthcare workers and advocates who expose systemic failures and mass atrocities.

## DAG's Urgent Demands for Global Action:

1. **Protection of Ceasefire and Civilians**– Stop the ongoing genocide, forced displacement, and attacks on healthcare infrastructure.
2. **Deployment of International Peacekeeping Forces in Gaza and the West Bank**– Urgent clearance of unexploded ordnance in Gaza. Protect civilians, medical workers, and humanitarian aid access while preventing further ethnic cleansing and ceasefire violations.
3. **Impose immediate sanctions on Israeli settlers in the West Bank**, who are carrying out **violent displacement and ethnic cleansing** in violation of international law.
4. **Accountability for War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity** – Prosecute political leaders, military officials, weapons manufacturers, and institutions complicit in genocide.
5. **End Military and Economic Support for Genocidal Regimes** – Halt U.S. funding of mass atrocities and impose full economic, political, and diplomatic sanctions.
6. **Recognition of Genocide as a Public Health Emergency** – The medical community must document war crimes, refuse complicity, and mobilize global health resources to rebuild destroyed healthcare systems.



# A Plea for Humanity

The unchecked continuation of genocide, militarism, and state violence is not just a political crisis—it is a moral catastrophe and a global health emergency. Every moment of inaction costs lives, destroys communities, and destabilizes the world.

**Doctors Against Genocide refuses to be silent. The only cure for genocide is to end it.**

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