

# 10 things you need to know...

## A fact sheet about Israeli aggression

7. On June 28, U.S.-supplied Israeli fighter-bombers destroyed the main power station and the main bridges in Gaza. On July 13, Israel expanded its war into Lebanon, and has since destroyed almost all of the country's major roads.

2. Hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians have been killed. Due to Israeli forces' deliberate destruction of civilian infrastructure, it's estimated that millions are without water and electricity.

3. As punishment for electing Hamas in January, Israel, the U.S., and the U.N have cut all aid to Palestine, resulting in severe shortages of many basic necessities of life.



4. Israeli forces have arrested and are detaining approximately one-third of the democratically elected Palestinian Authority government officials, including mayors and members of Parliament.

5. Deliberately targeting a civilian population is a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

6. By some estimates, unemployment is over 60 percent in the Gaza Strip, while about 80 percent of the population are living under the poverty line, according to the UN. The standard of living on the West Bank and Gaza is 1/15th of what it is in Israel

7. Over 9,000 Palestinian political prisoners - an untold numbers of Lebanese - are being held illegally in Israeli prisons. At least 335 of these prisoners are children. The Israeli government justifies the current war on the basis that three of its soldiers have been captured.

8. More than six million Palestinians are refugees, dispossessed and denied the right to return to their homeland.

9. Israel is building a 400-mile wall through Palestine, which severely constricts Palestinians' movement throughout the country. Palestinians refer to this as an "apartheid wall."

10. Israel is the greatest recipient of U.S. aid, taking in \$3 billion per year in economic and military aid. That's \$3 billion in U.S. tax-payer dollars.