

On May 7, Israel finally launched a ground invasion into Rafah, Gaza Strip. Israeli tank units entered Rafah and captured the Rafah crossing into Egypt.

Israel has occupied the Rafah crossing and cut off even small amounts of relief supplies into Gaza, worsening the already terrible humanitarian crisis. It even rejected requests for access to the area from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). OCHA expresses concerns that Israel's actions might be "a very effective way of putting the humanitarian operation in its grave."

The humanitarian situation in Rafah was already at its worst. About 1.4 million refugees are living in tents in an area the size of Korea's

Ulleungdo (population 10,000). With no proper medical facilities, drinking water or food in Rafah, hunger and disease are spreading rapidly.

The US President Joe Biden has the real power to stop Israel, but is not willing to use it. Last month, the US even approved an aid package for Israel worth KRW 36 trillion. It is by no means an exaggeration to say that the US is an accomplice to Israel's genocide.

## Genocidal State, Israel

Biden is also lying that Hamas is responsible for the failure to reach a ceasefire. But it is clearly Israel that rejects the ceasefire proposal. Even when ceasefire negotiations were in full swing, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu said, "We will enter Rafah and we will eliminate the Hamas battalions there – with or without a deal". On the other hand, Hamas had announced its acceptance of the ceasefire proposal before Israel attacked Rafah.

After the ground invasion, Israeli foreign minister still posted on social media that "We will defeat Hamas."

What Israel is intending to do in Rafah is genocide. Israel has already killed more than 34,000 Palestinians over the last 7 months, and 75 percent of the victims are children and women. This genocide by Israel and its complicity by the US must be stopped immediately.

## Solidarity with Palestinians

However, Israel is by no means invincible. If anything, it is internationally isolated more than ever before. This is because an unprecedented scale of global Palestine solidarity movement and anti-war movement is taking place.

In the US, university students do not back down and strengthen solidarity despite facing arrests and violent oppression. People throughout the world now answer to this courageous act and take action in solidarity with Palestinians.

Here in Korea too, Koreans, Palestinians living in Korea, Arabs, and people with various nationalities continue to show solidarity with Palestinians by holding rallies and marches every Saturday in downtown Seoul.

To prevent humanitarian catastrophes and stop massacres, we need to raise our voice of protest against Israel and its accomplices while strengthening solidarity with Palestinians. This is how we save lives. Right now due to Israel's launch of the ground war in Rafah, concerns about large-scale genocide are increasing to unprecedented levels. Please join us in solidarity actions.

At 2pm on this Saturday, May 11, please join the Day of Action held in front of the Israeli Embassy in Korea to demand an immediate halt to Israel's ground invasion of Rafah!

People in Solidarity with Palestinians May 8, 2024

# **Palestine Solidarity Actions**

scheduled between 9th - 18th May

### Stop Ground Invasion of Rafah! Day of Action

11th May (Sat) 2pm: Near Israeli Embassy in Seoul (Hyoryong BLDG)

### 'Nakba Day' Day of Action

18th May (Sat) 2pm: Seoul Kyobo Bookcentre, Gwanghwamun

#### **Student Day of Action**

15th May (Wed) 3pm: Hongik Univ. Metro Station Exit #9, Seoul

#### ▶▶ Local Protest & March

- 12th May (Sun) 2pm: Suwon Station Exit #7 & #11, Suwon
- 12th May (Sun) 2pm: In front of Nonghyup at Wonju Jungang Market Intersection, **Wonju**
- 12th May (Sun) 2:30pm: Busan Judies Taehwa, Busan
- 12th May (Sun) 3pm: Bupyeong Cultural Street, Incheon

Fundraising account Shinhan Bank 110-173-517650 (최영준) Fund will be used for hosting and promoting Palestine solidarity protests



# People in Solidarity with Palestinians

with Palestinians, Middle Easterners and North Africans in Korea, and 43 organizations

instagram ▶

