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## Geopolitical and Global Developments:

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### 1949 Geneva Convention On The Protection Of Civilians During War And Trump's Plan To "Take Over" Gaza And Forcibly Displace Palestinians.

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

Former U.S. President Donald Trump, during a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House, stated that the U.S. would take over the Gaza Strip and be responsible for clearing unexploded bombs, removing other weapons, and dealing with destroyed buildings. Describing Gaza as a massive zone of destruction, Trump argued that it would be much better for the Palestinian population in Gaza to move to newly established settlements in neighboring countries, primarily Egypt and Jordan.

Trump's proposal to transfer the population of Gaza to Egypt and Jordan was directly in violation of the ceasefire agreement and was also rejected by Egypt and Jordan. The ceasefire agreement explicitly stated that the people of Gaza would be able to return safely to their homes. Additionally, the agreement specified that, within 3–5 years, Gaza would be reconstructed with the help of other states, and ultimately, the blockade would be completely lifted. During this process, Egypt, Qatar, the U.S., and the United Nations (UN) were designated as guarantors of the ceasefire.<sup>1</sup>

#### Trump's plan to "take over" Gaza and forcibly displace Palestinians was met with strong international condemnation:<sup>2</sup>

- **Germany:** "Gaza, just like the West Bank and East Jerusalem, belongs to the Palestinians. The forced displacement of Palestinian civilians from Gaza is not only unacceptable but also a violation of international law."
- **Slovenia:** "Trump's remarks reflect a deep ignorance of Palestinian history."
- **France:** France declared that it opposed any third country controlling Gaza. A statement noted that forcibly displacing Gaza's population would constitute a violation of international law and an attack on the legitimate demands of Palestinians, reaffirming France's opposition to such a move.
- **Poland:** "No decisions can be made about Palestine without the Palestinians." Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Andrzej Szejna explicitly rejected Trump's plan.
- **Scotland's Regional Prime Minister, John Swinney:** "Any proposal to evict Palestinians from their homes is unacceptable."
- **European Parliament (EP) Delegation for Relations with Palestine:** Chairperson Lynn Boylan strongly opposed Trump's plan and urged EU leaders to take a firm stand against it.

#### LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CASE

Trump's proposal suggests that after rescuing hostages from Hamas, Israel would be permitted to violate the ceasefire and forcibly relocate the people of Gaza. However, under international law, the forced displacement of a population against their right to self-determination is strictly prohibited.

Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, which both the U.S. and Israel have ratified, explicitly states that populations in occupied territories cannot be forcibly transferred or expelled from their land.<sup>3</sup>

Article 49 "**Regardless of the reason, the forced displacement of protected persons, either individually or en masse, from occupied territory to the territory of the occupying power or any other country, whether occupied or not, is prohibited.**"

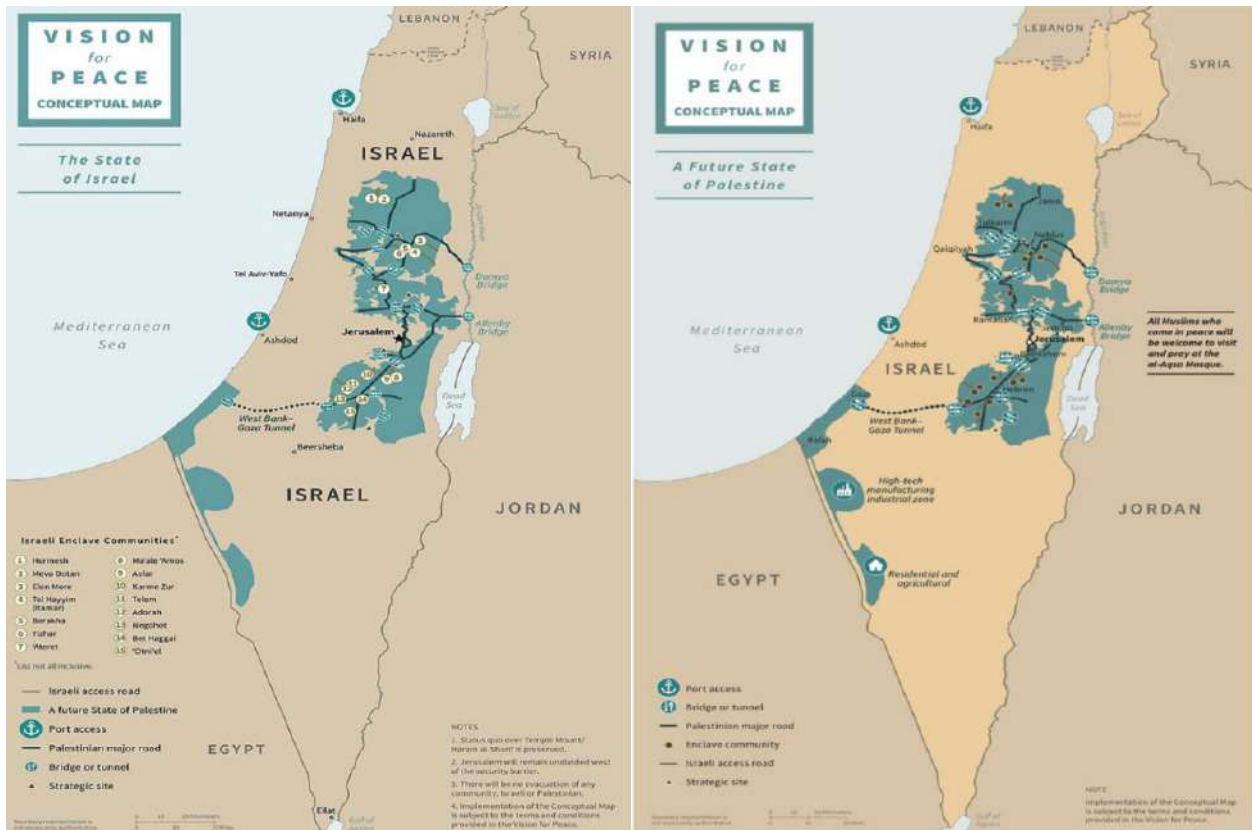
The expulsion of ethnic groups also violates Article 7 of the Rome Statute, which criminalizes crimes against humanity, including **((d) deportation or forcible transfer of a population)**. Given its targeted nature, this act could also fall under Article 6, which classifies actions aimed at subjecting a group to extreme living conditions as a form of genocide.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/analiz/bir-ilhak-projesi-olarak-trumpin-gazze-plani-uluslararasi-hukuk-ne-diyor/3473607>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/ayrimcilikhatti/ayrimcilik/trumpin-gazze-plani-uluslararasi-hukuk-ne-diyor/1823563>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/analiz/bir-ilhak-projesi-olarak-trumpin-gazze-plani-uluslararasi-hukuk-ne-diyor/3473607>



### Trump’s Gaza Proposal as a Prelude to a Larger Plan

According to this plan<sup>4</sup>:

In January 2020, Trump introduced his so-called “Deal of the Century” under the title “Peace to Prosperity: A Vision to Improve the Lives of the Palestinian and Israeli People”. The 181-page document outlined the following:

1. Israel would be allowed to annex over 30% of the West Bank, while Palestinians would be granted a fragmented and non-contiguous state linked only by tunnels, roads, and bridges.
2. Israeli settlements deemed illegal under all UN resolutions and International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinions would be legitimized and annexed to Israel.
3. Jerusalem would be recognized as the “Indivisible Capital of Israel”, thereby formally acknowledging Israel’s illegal annexation of the city since the 1980s.
4. No immediate Palestinian state would be recognized—instead, strict conditions would be imposed before Palestinians could qualify for statehood.
5. The right of return for Palestinian refugees would be completely denied.
6. Although not directly part of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights would also be reaffirmed.

Trump has now revived this illegal plan, marking the most radical shift in U.S. policy regarding Israel and Palestine. The forced removal of Palestinians from their land amounts to ethnic cleansing and represents an act that could destabilize the region, escalate conflicts, and undermine hopes for peace and coexistence.

By eliminating any possibility of a two-state solution, Trump’s plan is seen by Palestinians and the Arab world as a blueprint for mass expulsion. While Netanyahu and Israeli ultranationalists interpret Trump’s statements as a step toward “removing the threat of Gaza to Israel,” for Palestinians, this is a blatant act of collective punishment.

Trump’s so-called plan to “cleanse” the Gaza Strip and relocate its population to surrounding countries would deeply and likely irreversibly impact regional stability. The long-standing failure of the international community to resolve the Palestinian issue has now reached a dangerous tipping point, as Trump's proposal openly advocates for demographic and humanitarian consequences that aim to sever Palestinians from their land.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/analiz/bir-ilhak-projesi-olarak-trumpin-gazze-planu-uluslararasi-hukuk-ne-diyor/3473607>

Such an initiative would not only trigger an unprecedented humanitarian crisis but also constitute a flagrant and reckless violation of international law. If Trump proceeds with or even supports such a plan, it will be an unforgivable attack on human rights and the international legal order.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) must take immediate action to hold Trump accountable despite any practical obstacles. Likewise, U.S. institutions have a responsibility to prevent the violation of fundamental principles of international law. The world cannot remain passive while a single politician disregards the global norms established after World War II and pushes forward a vision that seeks to “resolve” decades of conflict through ethnic cleansing.<sup>5</sup>

At this point, silence or hesitation equals complicity. Those who stand by without taking action will share responsibility for this crime. It is now time for the international community to take a clear stance and implement decisive measures to uphold human rights, international law, and a just global order.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://perspektif.eu/2025/02/05/gaztede-etnik-temizlik-plani-uluslararasi-hukuk-siyasi-cikarlara-kurban-edilemez/>