




FIANZ RESPONSE TO ETHNIC CLEANSING & GENOCIDE IN GAZA



The ethnic cleansing and genocide of Palestinians in Gaza is by far one of the most tragic humanitarian crisis that FIANZ has encountered in our forty-six years as a national Muslim umbrella organisation.

As an all-volunteer organisation, our approach to respond to this tragedy has been based on a planned strategic pathway with a baseline of pragmatism (what we can do given our resources) and outcomes-oriented (what can be achieve realistically).

PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

Facilitated Direct Talks Between NZ Government Agencies and the Palestinian Community

Soon after Oct.7, FIANZ contacted a number of prominent Palestinian organisations and individuals and ranged for a meeting in Wellington with senior officials from the Prime Minister's Office (DPMC), Security Intelligence (NZSIS), NZ Police, Foreign Affairs (MFAT), Immigration (MBIE), Ethnic Ministry (MEC) and DIA.

The meeting was the first opportunity for these officials to get firsthand information from the Palestinians. Thereafter FIANZ agreed that all matters in this scope will be directly between the Palestinians and the government



PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

Media Watch – Focus on Balanced Reporting

From the outset of the genocide, FIANZ started daily monitoring of every news (mainstream) and compile research on bias and inaccuracies. We then lobbied for more balanced news and published our analysis for all formal agencies.

Agency	Article	Title	Notes on Bias	Source
Staff	https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/middle-east/5009830/israel-says-it-will-end-hamas-in-ground-war-as-gaza-casualties-rise	Israel says it will 'end' Hamas in ground war as Gaza casualties rise	Reasonably balanced coverage, no agenda presented	Clear Israeli military for their statements, Hamas for theirs, and NGO groups
Staff (originally from Telegraph)	https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/middle-east/5009830/israel-says-it-will-end-hamas-in-ground-war-as-gaza-casualties-rise	Israel says it will 'end' Hamas in ground war as Gaza casualties rise	Strong pro-Israel position taken, use of emotive language including "terrorists", reliant on victim testimony	Article from the Telegraph, British right leaning news source
Staff (originally from Telegraph)	https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/middle-east/5009830/israel-says-it-will-end-hamas-in-ground-war-as-gaza-casualties-rise	Israel says it will 'end' Hamas in ground war as Gaza casualties rise	Strong pro-Israel position taken, use of emotive language including "terrorists", reliant on victim testimony, describes him as a victim when he was a combatant	Article from the Telegraph, British right leaning news source

FIANZ ACTIVELY SOUGHT FAIR AND BALANCED REPORTING BASED ON OUR DAILY MONITORING OF ALL NZ MEDIA



Date	Source	Headline
13/11	RNZ	Largest Gaza hospital 'not functioning' amid Israeli assault RNZ News
13/12	RNZ	11 New Zealanders leave Gaza via Rafah crossing - MFA RNZ News
12/11		Two workers for NZ charity Relief Aid killed when homes bombed in Gaza RNZ News
11/11 RNZ		Israel faces pressure over Gaza deaths as fighting rages near hospitals RNZ News
11/11 RNZ		Israel revises down the number of those killed by Hamas in the 7 October attacks RNZ News
10/11 RNZ		Gaza health system swamped, health ministry says. 18 of 35 hospitals out of service RNZ News
10/11 RNZ		Israel agrees to truce in Gaza attacks, but no reports of full in fighting RNZ News
9/11 RNZ		Fierce fighting in Gaza City, US says. Palestinians must govern Gaza post-war RNZ News
8/11 RNZ		Israel targets Hamas tunnels in new phase of Gaza war RNZ News
8/11 RNZ		Auckland Jewish community centre vandalised with pro-Palestine graffiti RNZ News
8/11 RNZ		Ambassador asks Israel to let New Zealanders leave Gaza RNZ News
7/11 RNZ		Gaza death toll rises 10,000. UN calls it a children's graveyard RNZ News
7/11 RNZ		The foreign affairs puzzle facing New Zealand's new government RNZ News
7/11 RNZ		Green MP Chloe Swarbrick defends 'lover to the sea' chant used at pro-Palestine rally RNZ News
6/11 RNZ		Palestinian ambassador wants New Zealand to 'play a leadership role' and ask for immediate ceasefire in Gaza RNZ News
6/11 RNZ		Thousands across NZ continue to rally calling for a ceasefire in Gaza RNZ News
6/11 RNZ		Israel rebuffs mounting calls for ceasefire. Lebanon strike angers Hezbollah RNZ News
5/11 RNZ		Palestinians say Israeli strike hits UN-run school as US Secretary of State meets Arab leaders RNZ News
5/11 RNZ		Palestinian news agency says 51 killed, mostly children and women, in Israeli bombing of Gaza's Maghaz camp RNZ News
4/11 RNZ		Israel strikes ambulance in Gaza City, 15 reported killed RNZ News
4/11 RNZ		Hezbollah tells US to halt Israel's Gaza attack to prevent regional war RNZ News
3/11 RNZ		UN experts say ceasefire needed as Palestinians at 'grave risk of genocide' RNZ News
3/11 RNZ		Israel PM halts advance into Gaza City as Hamas fighters attack from tunnels RNZ News
2/11 RNZ		First evacuees leave Gaza after another night of Israeli bombing RNZ News

RNZ	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/499667/photo-essay-israel-declares-war-after-attack-by-hamas	Photo essay: Israel declares war after attack by Hamas	Shows images of damage on both sides, and while a caption refers to "terrorist attacks" there is a spread of images and no cohesive agenda	Varied media sources
RNZ	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/499663/hundreds-killed-in-israel-and-gaza-after-hamas-attack	Hundreds killed in Israel and Gaza after Hamas attack	Relatively neutral tone, though order is always "Israel and Gaza" which emphasises Israeli casualties	Varied
RNZ (Originally from Reuters)	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/499709/israel-pounds-gaza-after-deadly-hamas-raid-as-conflict-threatens-to-spiral	Israel pounds Gaza after deadly Hamas raid as conflict threatens to spiral	Neutral and objective tone, no one side favoured	Varied
RNZ (Originally from BBC)	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/499706/how-did-israeli-intelligence-fail-to-stop-major-attack-from-gaza	How did Israeli intelligence fail to stop	Avoids charged language, but takes a viewpoint from "what Israel	Varied

PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

Discussions with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

FIANZ met with both the Foreign Minister and also the Prime Minister and represented our views on the unfolding genocide in Gaza and the Humanitarian Crisis.

 **Winston Peters** 
@NewZealandMFA

The Minister of Foreign Affairs met today with representatives of the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ).



PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

Raising our concerns and ensuring responses from government.

Example : Our research showed that NZ had Cooperation agreement with Israel on technology . We wanted this to stop. We received the following. It was not 'in force' meaning it was not implemented.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister for Racing



In reference to the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of New Zealand on Cooperation in Technological Innovation, Research and Development, we confirm that this agreement is not in force.

Example :We lobbied for NZ to increase its aid for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister for Racing



With respect to humanitarian assistance, the New Zealand Government has announced \$10 million in funding to humanitarian partners, responding to appeals to address urgent humanitarian needs in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank through the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Example : We lobbied that NZ support all UN Resolutions on Gaza

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- New Zealand supporting the UN Security Council Resolution on 15 November, (<https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15496.doc.htm>) which called for an urgent and extended humanitarian pause to enable unhindered humanitarian access and for the protection of civilians and children, as well as the immediate release of hostages, and delivering a national statement on 21 November (or <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/united-nations-general-assembly-informal-plenary-meeting-on-the-conflict-in-israel-and-the-occupied-palestinian-territories/>) to reinforce our position; and
- New Zealand supporting the UN General Assembly Resolution of 27 October (<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1142932>) calling for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities."

PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

International Humanitarian Focus - Ensuring NZ Muslim views were directly represented to overseas governments and organisations

Example : The Foreign Ministry of Palestinian National Authorities:
The Deputy Foreign Minister, Geneva, praised our efforts and submitted our document directly to the government .



Example : Malaysian Delegation to Human Rights Convention with our document to present at the UN Convention



PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

Discussion with NZ Academics, Foreign Ministry Officials,
Palestinian Community , Youth on Humanitarian Crisis and
NZ Response



Programme was held in Wellington with over 80 participants
from all over the NZ and key academic and government
officials were invited.

PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

FIANZ National Fund Raising for the Humanitarian Crisis In Gaza

The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (Inc.)
الاتحاد الجمعيات الإسلامية النيوزيلندية

COMMUNITY ADVISORY

FOOD PARCELS TO GAZA CAMPS

As part of the FIANZ humanitarian aid distribution, FIANZ also provides daily food parcels to hundreds of families in Gaza camps. We provide sufficient food for a family for at least two to three days. Our local volunteers pack the food and ensure the timely distribution. So far we estimate approximately 80,000 cooked meals & food parcels have been distributed.

See video [here](#) 



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FIANZ PROVIDES CRANIOTOMY EQUIPMENT TO GAZA HOSPITALS

Earlier this year we received urgent requests from several hospitals in Gaza for craniotomy equipment to undertake brain surgery for victims who were injured due to the Israeli bombing. FIANZ in close collaboration with the Palestinian Australian New Zealand Medical Association (PANZMA) have started sending these specialised pieces of equipment to hospitals in Gaza. This is another example where FIANZ is focused on meeting the direct needs of the victims of the genocidal policy of the Israeli government.

See video [here](#) 



Also partnership with prominent NZ and international organisations

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Last year FIANZ joined with the Te Kaunihera Wāhine o Aotearoa National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ), as well as Alternative Jewish Voices and Justice for Palestine to raise funds for direct food aid to the children, women and elderly in Gaza.

NCWNZ supports partnership to raise money to help women in Gaza

powered by WINE (WOMEN IN NEED) 100% May 21, 2024



To Kaunihera Wāhine o Aotearoa National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) has joined in an Aotearoa intercommunity partnership - which includes Alternative Jewish Voices, the Federation of Islamic Associations (FIANZ), and Palestinian-led advocacy group Justice for Palestine - to recognise and respond to the escalating needs of women in Gaza.

 **FIANZ JOINS WITH UNICEF TO HELP GAZA AMPUTEE CHILDREN**

In the latest phase on FIANZ humanitarian support for the Palestinians in Gaza, we have launched a special initiative with UNICEF to print 3D limbs for children amputees. More than 35,000 children have lost either their arms or legs or both, as a result of the Israeli bombing and the need for prosthetic limbs was obvious. We are partnering with UNICEF and a production facility in Jordan to help thousands of these amputee children over the years. A key feature of our approach is a commitment made to help these children through adolescence and adulthood with their changing prosthetic needs. So far FIANZ has allocated over \$250,000 to this project.

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NZ Islamic charity, humanitarian group to provide 3D-printed limbs for Gaza children

10th January 2024

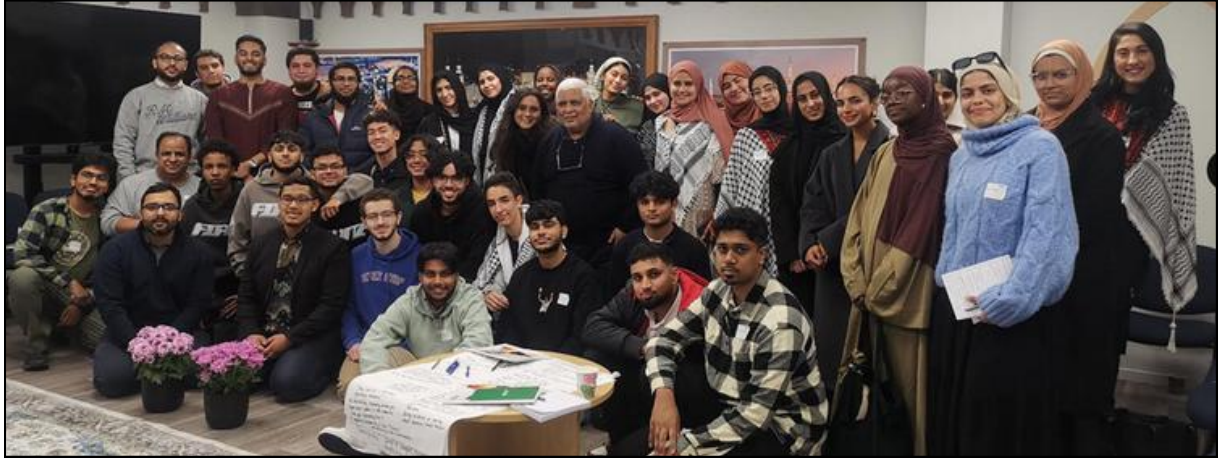
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<https://www.nz.co.nz/humanitarian/charity-humanitarian-group-to-provide-3d-printed-limbs-for-gaza-children>

PART OF STRATEGIC APPROACH :

FACILITATING OUR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES



Our youth compiled a powerful evidence-based report – which was well received by government agencies

The above are some examples of over 43 separate programmes that FIANZ has facilitated.

We are all volunteers and the work continues.....



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