

Bernie Sanders' proposed amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill (about Gaza)

SEC. 1054. REPORT ON THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF THE GAZA RESTRICTIONS AND THE FEASIBILITY OF ENDING THE RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States, after consultation with the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and appropriate representatives of the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, and donor nations supporting reconstruction efforts in Gaza, shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding—

- (1) whether the implementation of the Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism is adhering to international dual-use standards;
- (2) short-, medium-, and long-term solutions to address the humanitarian and political crisis in Gaza;
- (3) the economic, humanitarian, political, and psychological impact of the restrictions on Palestinians in Gaza and its impact on recovery and reconstruction efforts following the Israeli airstrikes in May 2021;
- (4) any arbitrary delays caused by extra Israeli inspections;
- (5) the feasibility of replacing the current inspection mechanism at the border crossings in Gaza with an international inspection mechanism of commercial and humanitarian goods entering and exiting Gaza modeled after the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism for Yemen;
- (6) the feasibility of the United Nations, in consultation with all key stakeholders, leading the facilitation and inspection mechanisms of a new international agreement on movement and access for Gaza, in a neutral and transparent way that addresses humanitarian, economic, and legitimate security concerns;
- (7) the feasibility of docking United States boats in the Port of Gaza, including an analysis of—
  - (A) relevant logistical requirements, such as boat size and dock location; and
  - (B) navigating the legal and political restrictions through the coordinated efforts of United Nations and United States agencies operating in Gaza;
- (8) the feasibility of sending United States Government personnel into Gaza through a land or sea border, including an analysis of—
  - (A) relevant logistical requirements, such as ports of entry, and security accommodations; and
  - (B) navigating the legal and political restrictions through the coordinated efforts of United Nations and United States agencies operating in Gaza; and
- (9) the feasibility of transporting Palestinians in United States vehicles between the Erez Crossing in Gaza to the United States Embassy in Jerusalem for appointments with Embassy staff, including an analysis of—

(A) relevant logistical requirements and security accommodations; and  
(B) navigating the legal and political restrictions through the coordinated efforts of Israeli authorities and United Nations and United States agencies operating in Gaza.

(b) Form.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

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