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HOW THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS DEEP STATE APPARATUS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF ACTIONS THAT INDIRECTLY HARM PALESTINIANS, PARTICULARLY DURING CRISES IN GAZA.

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Egypt shares a **border with Gaza** at the Rafah crossing, the only exit not controlled by Israel, yet has consistently restricted its opening since Hamas took power in 2007.

Despite claiming neutrality, Egypt has cooperated with Israel in enforcing the **Gaza blockade**, contributing to severe shortages of food, fuel, and medical supplies for over 2 million Palestinians.

Egyptian authorities routinely close the Rafah crossing during critical periods, including during **Israeli bombardments**, delaying or denying humanitarian aid and evacuation of the injured.

In **October 2023**, during Israel's intense attacks on Gaza, Egypt kept Rafah closed for over ten days, preventing the entry of over **1,000 tons** of humanitarian aid, as reported by the UN.

. Egypt destroyed over **1,500 tunnels** connecting Gaza and Sinai between 2013 and 2015, cutting off unofficial channels for essential goods, further tightening the siege on Gaza.

Egypt's stance is shaped by deep-rooted hostility toward **Hamas**, which it sees as an extension of the banned Muslim Brotherhood—an ideological and political enemy of the Egyptian military regime.

Egyptian courts in **2015** labeled Hamas a terrorist organization (a decision later reversed), and state media regularly echoes anti-Hamas narratives aligned with Israeli and Western perspectives.

The Egyptian state uses the **Rafah** crossing as political leverage, opening or closing it based on negotiations with Israel and the United States, often delaying aid or refugee movement until diplomatic terms are met.

In early **2024**, satellite imagery confirmed Egypt was building a massive concrete wall and a secure compound in **Sinai near Rafah**, raising fears of its potential use for mass detention or forced relocation of Palestinians from Gaza.

Although Egypt denies any plan to accept mass refugees, the timing and design of the compound suggest preparation for a population influx—one that could facilitate Israel's goal of depopulating **Gaza** under the guise of security.

Egyptian officials publicly refuse to accept Palestinian refugees, claiming it would serve Israel's agenda of ethnic cleansing, yet provide no alternative means for Palestinians to escape bombardment.

Foreign Minister **Sameh Shoukry** stated Egypt "will not allow liquidation of the Palestinian cause by resettling them outside their homeland," while simultaneously closing the only escape route.

Egypt's deep state maintains this hardline stance not only to preserve territorial control in Sinai but to maintain stability, fearing that allowing refugees could provoke unrest or insurgency.

Egypt receives \$1.3 billion annually in U.S. military aid, second only to Israel, and its cooperation on Gaza policy is often aligned with U.S. and Israeli security interests.

Human rights organizations have repeatedly criticized Egypt for weaponizing humanitarian access, with Amnesty International and **Human Rights** Watch documenting how Egypt's restrictions worsen Gaza's humanitarian crisis.

Despite state repression, Egyptian civil society continues to express solidarity with Palestinians. Protests in Cairo have demanded the border be opened, but demonstrators are often arrested under strict anti-protest laws.

Egypt's policy reflects the dominance of its military-intelligence deep state, which prioritizes regime security and international alliances over pan-Arab solidarity or humanitarian responsibility.

While Egypt does not directly bomb or militarily assault **Palestinians**, its role in border control, blockade enforcement, and geopolitical **alignment** contributes significantly to Palestinian suffering and Israel's broader siege strategy.

What you think about how the **Egyptian government** and its deep state apparatus harm Palestinians in Gaza, tell us by reply in comment section.

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