

US offers support for anti-Palestinian steel walls

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A protester holds a symbolic piece of metal wall with a placard written in Arabic: "What is on your consciences, Egyptian leaders?"

The United States has offered its full-fledged support for the building of a wall by Egypt to disrupt the Gaza Strip's lifeline that moves basic items underground past the Israeli-imposed blockade.

The construction of the steel tunnel-impervious wall, believed to have started some time in November, comes in line with Israeli and Egyptian accusations that Palestinians resistance fighters use the tunnels for procuring and storing weapons for use against the Israelis.

Washington, the chief Israeli baker, echoed the allegations on Tuesday and voiced support for installing the steel walls, which are reported to be designed by the US army engineers.

"We believe that weapon-smuggling should stop and that measures taken to stop that weapon-smuggling should be, could be carried out, yes," said State Department Spokesman Gordon Duguid.

The US support and even financing of numerous Israeli walls to further suppress the Palestinians come despite their repeated boasting of having rejected the Soviet-era Berlin wall, which served a similar purpose.

The Palestinian tunnel network across the Gaza Strip border with Egypt has become an economic lifeline for the 1.5 million people in the impoverished territory who face starvation due to the crippling Israeli siege that has been imposed since 2007.

The tunnels, described as 'food tubes' by the Palestinians, regularly come under Israeli air strikes while the Egyptian government make attempts to flood them with water and gas.

The Cairo government announced a ban on aid convoys bound for the Gaza Strip via its soil in the past weekend, after anti-wall protesters clashed with Egyptian border police.

"Egypt will no longer allow convoys, regardless of their origin or who is organizing them, from crossing its territory," said Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit.

On Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also announced plans to build a surface wall along the Egyptian border. He said the decision was aimed at blocking entry into Israel in order to secure "Israel's Jewish character."

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I see that egypt has been bullied into going along with the ethnic cleansing through starvation that israel is doing to the gazans. cut off the last supply lines then destroy what food supplies can be gotten through fisheries and farms then let them starve.

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and not its Mickey Mouse Firework called "rocket".Israeli response is always powerful and cause
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@wow- And your comments on an Arabic language site are perfect?

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It no hard to believe that mubarrak is a descendant of pharao.But insha allahu husein mubarrak will
perish as pharao did in the Red Sea.

the great black

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No hoper. that is what Obama has become. Thought he could stand up to AIPAC maybe but the reality is
the US is a bunch of suckers to Israel.

Austraboggins

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What Jewish character, this is a zionist appartied wall for a racist appartied occupation of the people of
Palestine any and every decent jew condemns the wall and the Israeli zionist racist government that builds
it and all the western whore governments that finance and allow this to happen are you listening
Obomber

wow...

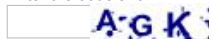
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"Washington, the chief Israeli baker"... maybe the world would take Iran a little more seriously if you
people learned to spell?? just throwing that out there...

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