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Legitimizing Genocide: The Israel-Trump Plan and Gaza's Future

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In the wake of the so-called "ceasefire" in Gaza, Israel has continued killing Palestinians, demolishing entire neighborhoods, and entrenching its control over the land. Meanwhile, the UNSC has officially endorsed US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan for Gaza, effectively granting international legitimacy for perpetual Israeli-US occupation and laying the groundwork for a return to "business as usual" after genocide. But what do these developments actually mean on the ground?

Inès Abdel Razek and Munir Nuseibah joined Al-Shabaka for a conversation on the politics behind the UNSC resolution, the implementability of the US-Israeli plan, and the scenarios now being advanced for Gaza and for Palestine more broadly.

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