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After months of unimaginable suffering, a ceasefire deal has finally been reached between Hamas and the Israeli government. Today's ceasefire announcement brings long-overdue relief to an entire population subjected to what can only be described as genocide. In just over 15 months of violence, more than 46,700 lives have been lost, with countless homes and civilian infrastructure destroyed. However, the true scale of devastation is likely even worse, as The Lancet reports that the death toll may be underreported by as much as 40%. While this pause in violence is welcome, it is far from justice.

At CMPAC, we remain unwavering in our call for justice and accountability. The global community must not turn a blind eye to the complicity that allowed these atrocities to occur. We will not forget, and we will not forgive the systems and actors responsible for enabling and contributing to the genocide in Gaza.

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CMPAC Responds to Trudeau's Resignation and Legacy on Gaza



January 6 - With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's resignation, CMPAC reflects on his legacy of moral failure, particularly Canada's complicity in Israel's genocide in Gaza. Under Trudeau's leadership, Canada continued arms trade with Israel, withdrew support from UNRWA, and failed to take decisive action against human rights violations. CMPAC vows to continue advocating for justice for Palestinians, including sanctions on Israel, a comprehensive arms embargo, and full cooperation with the ICC in executing arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant.

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Welcoming Israelis and Blocking Palestinians: Systemic Bias in Canada's Immigration Policies

Canada's immigration policies exhibit a systemic bias that disproportionately favours Israelis over Palestinians. The analysis questions the fairness of these policies, highlighting the difficulties Palestinians face in gaining entry compared to Israelis. The call is made for urgent policy revisions to



eliminate these disparities and ensure equitable treatment.

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The Life of Bill C-20



In this opinion piece, we assess the implementation of Bill C-20 aimed at establishing civilian oversight for the CBSA. We criticize its insufficient measures in fostering accountability, which has long eroded trust and disproportionately harmed vulnerable populations. Despite its passage, concerns remain about the bill's ability to truly rectify systemic issues and ensure genuine independent oversight.

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CMPAC Demands Action on Kamal Adwan Hospital Attack and Gaza's Humanitarian Crisis

January 3 - CMPAC condemns the Israeli airstrike on Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza on December 27, 2024, which killed many civilians, including children and medical personnel, and rendered the hospital inoperable. This attack is part of an ongoing assault on Gaza's healthcare infrastructure, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. CMPAC calls on Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Melanie Joly, to condemn the attack, demand the release of detained patients and medical staff, suspend arms exports to Israel, and impose sanctions on Israeli officials responsible for these war crimes, urging Canada to take immediate action to hold the perpetrators accountable.



CMPAC Demands Accountability for Civilian Deaths in Gaza



December 16 - CMPAC expresses deep grief over the killing of Khaled Nabhan, the grandfather of a young Palestinian, in an Israeli bombing. This tragic loss underscores the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and CMPAC demands that Canada immediately impose a bilateral arms embargo on Israel to end its complicity in these atrocities. CMPAC calls on Canada to take a firm stand against the continuing violence and the ongoing humanitarian disaster in Gaza.

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CMPAC Demands Action on Gaza's Psychological Impact on Children

December 13 - CMPAC is horrified by the findings of a War Child UK study showing that 96% of Gaza's children believe death is imminent, and 49% wish to die due to the psychological toll of the ongoing conflict. CMPAC calls for immediate action, including a bilateral arms embargo to halt Canada's complicity in this mental health crisis, sanctions on Israel, and full cooperation with the International Criminal Court's arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant.

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CMPAC Contributes to Police Governance Report on Human Rights



December 12 - CMPAC played a key role in the Peel Police Service Board's community consultations, contributing to the "Police Governance and Human Rights: Insights" report, which focuses on improving police governance by addressing issues such as systemic racism, hate crimes, and cultural competency. CMPAC's Executive Director, Khaled Al-Qazzaz, highlighted the role of AI in combating online hate while safeguarding human rights. CMPAC's participation underscores its commitment to advocating for equity, accountability, and a safer, more inclusive Peel Region.

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CMPAC Supports Equity in Education with CODE Framework

December 12 - CMPAC is proud to have contributed to the "Framework for Engaging with Advocacy Groups" developed by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE), which provides guidance to school boards on creating equity-driven partnerships with advocacy groups. This framework emphasizes cultural competency, addressing Islamophobia, and ensuring that marginalized students' voices are heard. CMPAC's involvement reflects its ongoing efforts to promote equitable access to education and to combat discrimination, ensuring that Muslim and racialized students benefit from inclusive and supportive school environments.



[Read the Full Framework Here](#)

CMPAC Condemns Israel's Continued Aggressions on Syria



December 11 - CMPAC condemns Israel's ongoing aggressions against Syria, which violate Syria's territorial integrity and international law. Canada must apply diplomatic pressure on Israel to cease these attacks and uphold international legal principles. CMPAC stresses the need for Canada to take a strong stance in defending Syria's sovereignty and preventing further violations of international law.

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CMPAC Condemns Concordia University's Use of Israeli Security Firms

December 9 - CMPAC strongly condemns Concordia University's decision to hire Israeli security firms, including former IDF soldiers and mercenaries, to suppress pro-Palestinian protesters on campus. CMPAC asserts that students and the broader community have the right to free expression and protest without fear of intimidation. CMPAC urges universities to engage in open dialogue with students, rather than enabling divisions that could lead to further violence against Palestinian advocates.



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CMPAC Calls for Accountability on Genocide Prevention Day

December 9 - On the 76th anniversary of the adoption of the Genocide Convention,



REMEMBER THE VICTIMS
PREVENT GENOCIDE

CMPAC calls on Canada to hold those responsible for the genocide in Gaza accountable. With the International Criminal Court's arrest warrants against Israeli officials Netanyahu and Gallant, CMPAC urges Canada to fully cooperate with the ICC, apprehend and surrender the accused, and support ongoing ICC investigations. This action is crucial to preventing further atrocities and ensuring justice for the victims of genocide.

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