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# LIFE IN GAZA

FILM SCREENING TOUR

OTTAWA FEB 7 | MONTREAL FEB 8 | MISSISSAUGA FEB 10  
VANCOUVER FEB 11 | CALGARY FEB 12 | EDMONTON FEB 13

FEATURING PANELS OF  
**INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS & REPORTERS**

JAMAL ELSHAYYAL  
JOURNALIST, PRODUCER, &  
CORRESPONDENT



WAEEL AL DAHDOUH  
AJ JOURNALIST & BUREAU CHIEF  
(JOINING VIRTUALLY)



YOUNNA EL SAYED  
GAZA STRIP CORRESPONDENT



MADS GILBERT  
PHYSICIAN & HUMANITARIAN  
ACTIVIST

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## REFLECTIONS ON 'LIFE IN GAZA' TOUR

Over the past week, CMPAC's Gaza Film Screening Tour "Life in Gaza" traveled across Canada, bringing powerful stories from Gaza to communities in Ottawa, Montreal, Mississauga, Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton. We had over At a time when Palestinian voices are often silenced, this tour provided a platform to share unfiltered truths. The films, produced by Al Jazeera 360, illuminated the daily realities, resilience, and humanity of Gazans living under siege—challenging dominant narratives that dehumanize Palestinians and reduce them to statistics. More than just stories, these films invited audiences to connect with the lived experiences of those in Gaza and understand the broader political context shaping their reality. **With a total of over 1,750 diverse attendees**, the overwhelming turnout underscored the urgency of these stories and the growing commitment to ensuring they are heard worldwide.

The panel featured deeply moving messages from Jamal Elshayyal and Dr. Mads Gilbert, whose insights shed light on the ongoing crisis, while Youmna Elsayyed, joining virtually, provided a powerful firsthand account of Gaza, leaving the audience inspired to take action. The events were further enriched by inspiring video messages from Wael El-Dahdouh and Anas Al-Sharif, whose words resonated deeply with audiences, reinforcing the importance of bearing witness and standing in solidarity.

Throughout the film screening tour, Dr. Mads Gilbert reinforced why truth-telling is critical. *"If we don't get the truth, knowledge, and facts on the ground, we are derailed—because the mainstream media is lying to us all the time,"* he said, emphasizing the need for evidence-based solidarity. For over 25 years, he has worked in Gaza—not as an act of charity, but out of duty. *"It's not a Muslim struggle, it's a human struggle"* Jamal ElShayyal highlighted journalism's duty to provide the facts while it is our duty to take action to resist this illegal occupation. Palestinian resistance extends beyond armed struggle; it is the preservation of identity, knowledge, and dignity in the face of erasure. Gaza's hospitals, like Al-Shifa, are not just medical institutions. *"They are hubs of mercy and compassion, lighthouses of morality, and homes of the brave."* Their destruction is not for military purposes but an attack on Palestinian collective knowledge and the very soul of the Palestinian people.

Across all cities, the screenings became more than just film viewings—they transformed into spaces of reflection, discussion, and collective action. Attendees did not simply watch and listen; they engaged, asked difficult questions, and committed to advocacy, fundraising, and education. Many left with a renewed sense of urgency, recognizing their responsibility to amplify Palestinian voices and challenge misinformation. Dr. Gilbert's call to action was clear: *"We shall never forget, and we shall never forgive. It is up to you and me to not let the world forget what is going on in Gaza."*

This tour reinforced that solidarity must be active, informed, and relentless. A ceasefire may offer temporary relief, but it does not address the root causes of occupation, displacement, and systemic violence. The momentum from this tour must drive concrete advocacy—demanding stronger Canadian policies, exposing government complicity, and amplifying Palestinian-led movements for justice. CMPAC remains committed to holding the Canadian government accountable and ensuring its policies reflect justice, human rights, and international law.



# A big thank you to our audiences across Canada!

## Ottawa



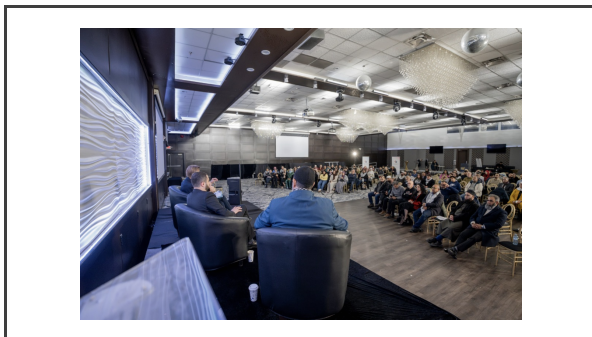
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