

Statement from Fagforbundet's National Congress, October 31, 2025

Fagforbundet (The Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employee) strongly condemns Israel's ongoing occupation of Palestine and its systematic violations of international law.



Despite clear demands from the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion in July 2024, the UN General Assembly's deadline to end the occupation unconditionally by September 18, 2025, and the ICJ's advisory opinion of October 22, 2025, which found Israel in breach of international law for denying free access to humanitarian aid and basic services for the Palestinian population, Israel continues its oppression of the Palestinian people.

Since becoming a UN member in 1949, Israel has been obligated to comply with the UN Charter and Resolution 181, which guarantees Palestinian self-determination. These obligations have been systematically violated without consequences, while millions of Palestinians face increasing repression. Fagforbundet demands that Norway take a clear stance and implement concrete measures in line with international law.

The UN Independent Commission of Inquiry has concluded that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza since October 2023. This betrayal of the Palestinian people undermines the legitimacy of the UN and places both Norway and the UN at a crossroads.

The ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas on October 9, 2025, was the first step in the Trump Plan. Although the plan includes the release of some Palestinian prisoners, the situation remains unresolved for thousands of others held in Israeli prisons without due process. Many of these prisoners are vital resources for the Palestinian people and will play an important role in rebuilding Palestine. Norway must insist that further negotiations be anchored in international law and include legitimate Palestinian representatives. Israel and its allies who have contributed to war crimes and genocide must be held accountable and bear the costs of reconstruction. At the same time, all allegations of war crimes committed by Hamas and other armed groups in Gaza must be investigated and prosecuted.

Fagforbundet calls on the Norwegian government to:

- Consider refraining from further legitimizing Israel's delegation to the UN General Assembly and actively work to have Israel unseated, as was done with the apartheid regime in South Africa, if Israel continues to violate international law.
- Advocate for the establishment of a UN-led peacekeeping force in Gaza with a mandate to protect the Palestinian people and ensure humanitarian access.
- Halt all Norwegian arms exports and military cooperation with Israel, including technology transfers and dual-use products, and require end-user certificates with re-export clauses from our allies.
- Join South Africa's genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice and actively contribute to the prosecution of those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- Investigate Norwegian citizens who may have contributed to crimes in Gaza or provided financial support to illegal settlers involved in war crimes or terror in the West Bank.
- Impose comprehensive economic sanctions on Israel and work to persuade other countries to adopt similar measures.
- Divest the Norwegian Oil Fund from companies involved in the occupation and genocide.