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## Colonial Administration, Counterinsurgency Pacification, and Disaster Capitalism in Trump's Plan for Gaza: These Are the Dangers Palestinians Face

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Dr Mandy Turner is a London-based writer and senior researcher at Security in Context. Her research covers conflict, peace, humanitarianism, and the Israel-Palestine situation. With 25 years' experience, she has written over 50 articles and book chapters, edited several books and special issues, and contributed to various media outlets. Mandy holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics. She began as a journalist at The Guardian and later held academic posts at the University of Bradford, the CBRL Kenyon Institute in Palestine, and the University of Manchester before joining Security in Context in 2024.

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### **Abstract:**

In this talk, Mandy Turner will analyse the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict proposed by the US administration, endorsed by UN Security Council Resolution 2803 (17 November 2025), and further fleshed out in the speeches made by Donald Trump and Jared Kushner at the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2026. She divides her analysis into three sectors covering governance, security, and the economy. The governance aspect is an international transitional administration made up of a Board of Peace overseeing the Gaza Executive Board which will, in turn, control the Palestinian National Committee for the Administration of Gaza. The security aspect is an International Stabilization Force, a new Palestinian police force, and a Civil-Military Coordination Center. The economic aspect is a blueprint for international investment in skyscrapers, beachfront hotels, special economic zones, and securitized residential compounds. Turner draws on the example of Iraq after 2003 but outlines the even bigger risks that Palestinians in Gaza face: a colonial administration that could sign Gaza up to the Abraham Accords; a property grab facilitated through the projection of Gaza as *terra nullius*; investment by companies connected to Israel and the UAE supported by the United States' IMEC plan; and permanent Israeli occupation and military violence. She concludes by arguing that only Palestinians, particularly in Gaza, have the right to decide what happens to their land, resources, and infrastructure. This requires Palestinian sovereignty and self-determination. Currently, in the absence of self-determination, Turner argues that there are two spaces where pressure should be applied: state leaders who have joined the Board of Peace and the Palestinian experts on the National Committee.

**The full report is available at:** <https://www.securityincontext.org/posts/colonial-administration-counterinsurgency-pacification-and-disaster-capitalism-in-trumps-plan-for-gaza>

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