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# Israel must lift the siege on Gaza

The people of Gaza have suffered under siege for three years. This siege imposed by the Israelis in June 2007, means that people in Gaza can't leave to visit family, to get medical treatment, to study or to work. They also can't get enough food, electricity, medical supplies and other basic essentials into the city.

1.5 million people are trapped on a strip of land 25 miles long and 6 miles wide. The Israeli blockade is a cruel and unusual punishment for the 1.5 million innocent civilians forced to endure it. This blockade can’t go on any longer. Irish Foreign Affairs Minister Micháel Martin has visited Gaza to see for himself the plight of the Palestinian people.

**Help end the three year siege on Gaza.** You can do that now by  taking the action below asking your government to call on the EU to remove all of Israel’s trade privileges until it lifts the blockade and abides by international law, respecting the human rights of the ordinary people of Gaza.

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