

Medical Aid for Palestinians works for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees

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NEWS



The Silent War: Israel's Blockade of Gaza

Israel's blockade of Gaza has been in place for almost three years. Building on existing closures and restrictions, the blockade means the delay or denial of a broad range of items deemed "non-essential" for a population unable to be self-sufficient at the end of dozens of years of occupation. These items include food, machinery, books and medicines.

The blockade prevents access by sea, land and air, effectively cutting off a population of 1.5 million Palestinians from the outside world. This short film examines what the blockade means for the people of Gaza as they struggle to rebuild their lives over a year after Operation Cast Lead.

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Introducing MAP FILMS

MAP has been working in the Middle East for over 25 years and has a strong commitment to addressing the issues and raising awareness.

MAP decided to create **MAP Films** to show the range of problems affecting people in the areas in which we work.

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MAP meeting at Downing Street

MAP's Chief Executive, Steve James, and Head of Advocacy, Andrea Becker, met with the private secretary to the Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development), Tom Fletcher, to follow up on our open letter calling for the end of the blockade of Gaza.

The meeting was positive and addressed future cooperation between MAP and the British government towards improving Gaza access.

MAP will continue to lobby the British government in order to protect and improve the health of Palestinians across the Middle East.

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United Nations Health Update

January's imports into Gaza were 79 per cent below the level of goods which entered in December 2005 (13,430 truckloads) prior to the Palestinian Legislative Council elections, and 81 per cent below the monthly average of truckloads that entered Gaza in the first five months of 2007 (12,350 truckloads), before the imposition of the blockade.

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Challenge yourself this summer: fundraise for the health of the Palestinian people by doing a MAP charity bike ride or a mountain trek!

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MAP's Communication and Media officer, James Denselow, is running the London Marathon for MAP this April. Sponsor him today as he raises money for emergency surgical kits.

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