



## US granted Israel ‘blank check’ to commit crimes: Journalist

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**The US and its allies have granted Israel a “blank check” to commit “a mass amount of violence against defenseless” Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip, a journalist and international lawyer in Toronto said Monday.**

“The United States is clearly not enforcing its own laws with regard to Israel’s attack on Gaza, and of course [the attacks] are an extreme violation of international law,” said Edward Corrigan.

“The Americans, the British, the Canadians, the Australians, a few other countries are giving Israel basically a blank check to do whatever it wants,” Corrigan told Press TV.

Some 190 Palestinians have so far been killed in the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip since July 8. According to the United Nations, nearly 80 percent of the casualties in Gaza have been civilians.

People around the world have participated in protest rallies to condemn Israel’s deadly aggression.

Gaza has been blockaded since June 2007. The blockade has caused a decline in the standards of living, unprecedented levels of unemployment, and unrelenting poverty.

Washington provides \$3.1 billion in military assistance to the Zionist regime annually. The US government is pressured to serve Israel’s interests due to the influence of the powerful Israel lobby in the United States.

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