



If Canada truly cared about peace, it would support Israel's Rafah operation: Casey Babb in the National Post

Our government should be unequivocally condemning the terrorists — not those who seek to remove them.

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Throughout history, decisive battles have fundamentally altered the direction of global peace and security. Waterloo, Stalingrad, Normandy, Fallujah, Mosul and many others are reminders that bloody battles within broader wars have become defining moments in human history — moments with profound political, economic, military and social repercussions.

Today, in Gaza, another battle with equally consequential effects is brewing: the battle of Rafah. While most people understand the fate of Rafah as one primarily linked to civilian casualties, the long-term impacts of Israel's ability to successfully carry out military operations there will have dramatic ramifications around the globe. Canada and its allies need to wake up to these realities — and fast.

For starters, Israel's primary objective in conducting large-scale military operations in Rafah is annihilating the remaining Hamas battalions entrenched in the densely populated city, while securing the release of the remaining 121 hostages — whether they be dead or alive.

If countries like Canada, the United States, Britain and Australia continue restricting Israel from liberating the city on its own terms, Hamas will inevitably regain control over Gaza. Not only would this complicate any future peace-building plans in Gaza, it would guarantee the continued subjugation of Palestinian civilians to Hamas's brutality and barbarism, while also enabling the terrorist group to plan and conduct another October 7-style assault in the future.

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