

# THE BLACK ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

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## FIFA/IOC US + ISRAEL BAN: Background Info

- [Several nations, from](#) Canada to EU nations, including Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, and the United Kingdom, have issued travel advisories against the United States. These advisories have been issued by these nations, and many others, because their governments don't believe it's safe for their residents to travel to or reside in the United States at this time.
- [Executives representing U.S.-based World Cup host city committees have expressed concern about the “uncertainty”](#) for the safety of foreign fans/spectators due to recent ICE raids in cities across the country.
- [The majority of U.S. full travel bans target African nations and nations with significant Black/African populations](#), which exacerbates a global war against Black and African people the world over. This is on top of the execrable conditions Black and African people residing in the U.S. legally are subjected to.
- Even foreign nationals and green card holders have been subjected to dehumanizing and demoralizing harassment at various U.S. points of entry:
  - [Fabian Schmidt](#), a green card holder originally from Germany who has resided in the U.S. for 18 years, was arbitrarily labeled a “flight risk” by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and detained for nearly two months.
  - [Dr. Rasha Alawieh](#), originally from Lebanon, a doctor and kidney transplant specialist who has worked for six years through a work visa sponsored by Brown University, was deported without due process and against the orders of a federal judge; and
  - [A French scientist](#) was recently denied entry into the U.S. after his phone was illegally seized and searched by authorities and found to contain messages that “expressed criticism of the Trump administration.”

These three examples barely scratch the surface of the daily harassment, intimidation, brutality, racism, and bigotry facing the majority of non-white U.S. residents every day due to a blitzkrieg of ICE agents and, in some cases, the National Guard, that have descended upon cities throughout the U.S.

- Reports of [inhumane conditions](#) for detainees are emerging, including, but not limited to:
  - Some immigrants have gone a week or more without showers. Others sleep pressed tightly together on bare floors.
  - Medications for diabetes, high blood pressure, and other chronic health problems are often going unprovided.
  - In New York and Los Angeles, people have been held for days in cramped rooms designed for brief processing, not prolonged confinement, and their lawyers and family members have remained in the dark about their whereabouts.

Ten detainees have already died in ICE custody since January 1, 2025 - this is up from an average of seven per year under the Biden administration.

- The opening of a detention facility in the Everglades region of Florida with the moniker "[Alligator Alcatraz](#)" is the latest demonstration of the United States' total disregard for international human rights and the global common law practice of *habeas corpus*. Any IOC or FIFA event attendee in the U.S. could be detained in such a facility without due process.
- FIFA and the IOC must safeguard fans and athletes at their events. The U.S. and Israel have abandoned any commitment to upholding international human rights. They both have, therefore, lost the privilege to host or participate in these global events.
- The whole world is witnessing the State of Israel, with full cooperation and assistance from the United States, embark on a genocidal, ethnic cleansing initiative against the Palestinian people in ways that completely disregard and consistently delegitimize international human rights law as well as international law, thereby threatening global stability.
- Recent reports of IDF soldiers ordered to shoot live ammunition at Palestinians in Gaza waiting to access desperately needed food, water, and aid in what has been described as "[a killing field](#)." [FIFA](#) and the [IOC](#) have imposed prohibitions on nations hosting or participating in their events for non-adherence to each's core values, which include human rights, anti-discrimination, and sustainability. The United States and Israel are both operating in ways that would undermine the legitimacy of FIFA and IOC if either nation is permitted to host or participate in international competitions.
- Israel's daily operations include the daily subjugation, oppression, and dehumanization of the Palestinian People through an eight-decade apartheid

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pogrom that is part of a larger “greater Israel” initiative that is already disregarding the sovereignty of neighboring nations, including Syria and Lebanon.

- When Germany hosted the 1936 Olympics, the world understood that German Nazism was committed to white supremacy, but its antisemitic pogroms directed explicitly at the Jews of Europe had not been fully developed or widely known globally. However, today the entire world is fully aware of the State of Israel’s genocide against Palestinians, a genocide that could not occur without the material, political, and economic support of the United States of America. Therefore, it is morally unconscionable for FIFA and the IOC to reward the U.S. with hosting the World Cup and the 2028 Summer Games, and for Israel to be allowed to participate.
- FIFA and IOC must end the preferential treatment of the United States and the State of Israel over other nations that have been and are currently sanctioned and banned from competition and the hosting of international sporting events for violations of the core values of both bodies.

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