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Washington Obstructs CFS 51 Over Gaza & ANFS Responds

What's the Story?

The 51st UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) session was about to conclude on 27 October 2023, when a paragraph **criminalizing the weaponization of food in Gaza** was submitted by Egypt prompted the **exit of the US representative in opposition.** The closing session was suspended until a consensus on a resolution can be reached.

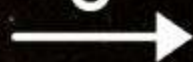




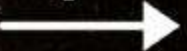
Following a one-month delay, the closing session took place on 25 November. However, just hours before the session, a modified text was introduced, stressing the need to "refrain from using food and water as weapons of war in conflict areas" and deliver aid to Gaza.



In response, the representative of the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM), Mariam Mohammed, criticized that the clash over wording **did not change the reality on the ground.**



While the session was suspended, our people in Palestine were still being ethnically cleansed in the most brutal and horrific forms, as well as starved and thirsted. “Conflict areas” in agreed language could not change that it is occupied areas on the grounds of reality, including Gaza and the rest of occupied Palestine.



She hoped that the CFS can get rid of **double standards and selective protection of human rights,** expressing bafflement over how **demands for the end of a genocide and a war has become controversial.**