

# Starving Gaza: Disengagement and beyond

"The Earth is closing on us  
pushing us through the last passage  
and we tear off our limbs to pass through.  
The Earth is squeezing us.  
I wish we were its wheat  
so we could die and live again.

*Where should we go after the last frontiers?  
Where should the birds fly after the last sky?"*







*Demolished Palestinian homes next to the Rafah Wall*



• "Invisible Occupation": An elderly man, a Palestinian, stands on a hillside in the West Bank, looking down at a deep, eroded gully. The hillside is covered in sparse vegetation and a small, dilapidated structure is visible in the background.



# Disengagement

- Unilateral policy, Carried out with no forethought to Palestinian concerns
- Disengagement from Gaza=  
Re-engagement in West Bank, Jerusalem
- Control over Gaza not relinquished, occupation evolved





Palestinians swarm the Khan Yunis seashore for the first time in 7 years

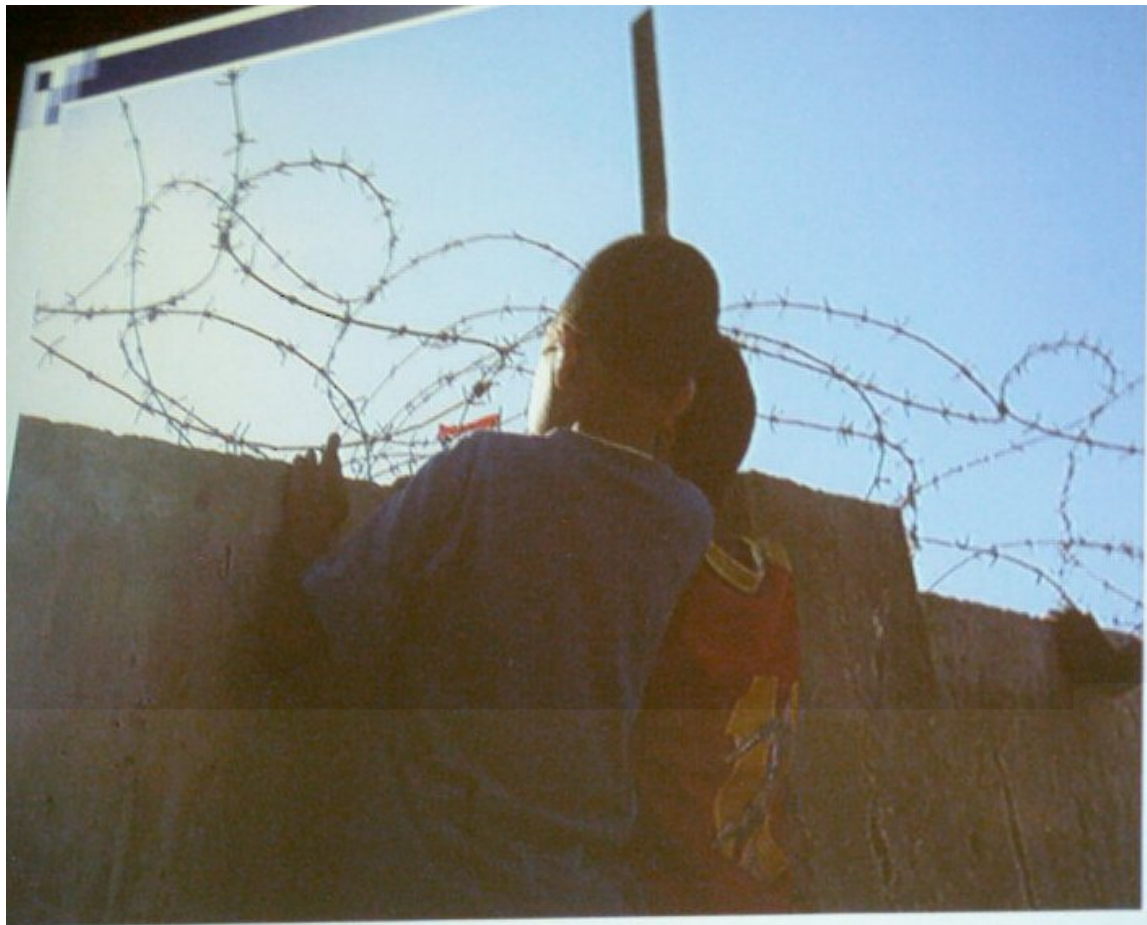


*Palestinians in Rafah scale the wall dividing them from each other for the first time in decades*





Crossing the Philadelphi Corridor



*A peek across the divide*



Across the killing zone: a view of battered Rafah from behind the  
Phila... Corridor



## Post-Disengagement

- Artillery fire
- Sonic boom attacks
- Prolonged border closures
- Food and supply shortages
- Elections=sanctions, aid suspension
- Destruction of electric plant
- Increased poverty, unemployment





Hadil Ghabin, 9 years old



Mohamed Ghabin, Hadil's brother, 10 years old



Shells into vases



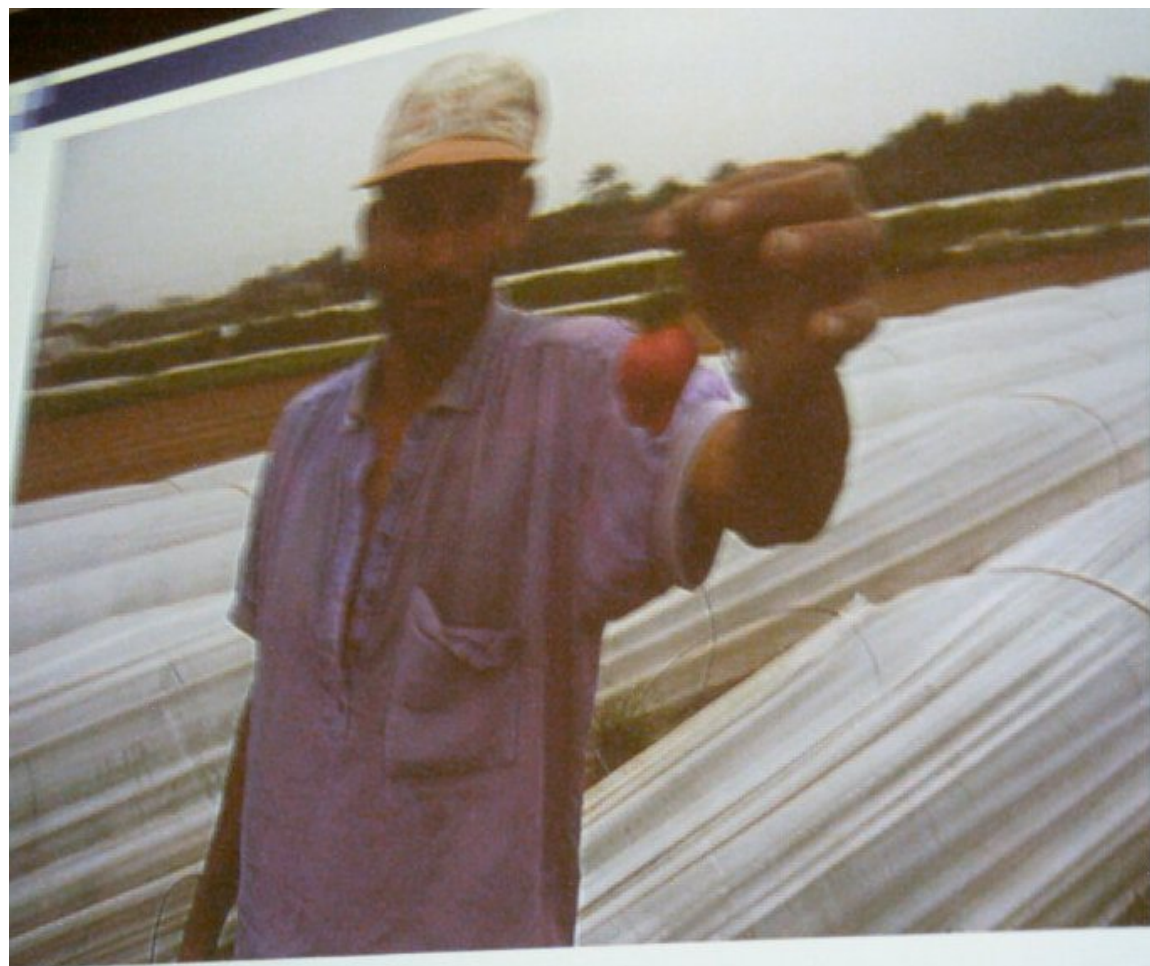


Saeed Salah household, northern Gaza. Israeli watchtower in distance.





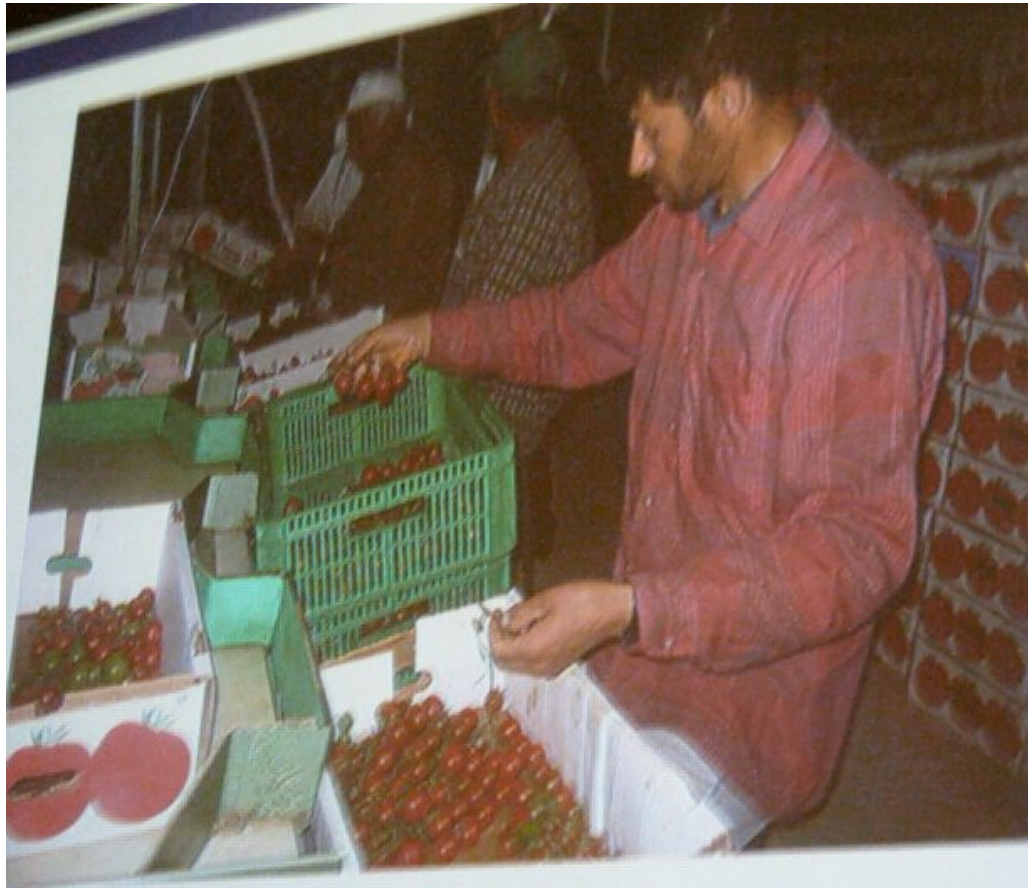
Eid Abu Salah, 15 years old.



Riyad Ni'mami 33 Strawberry

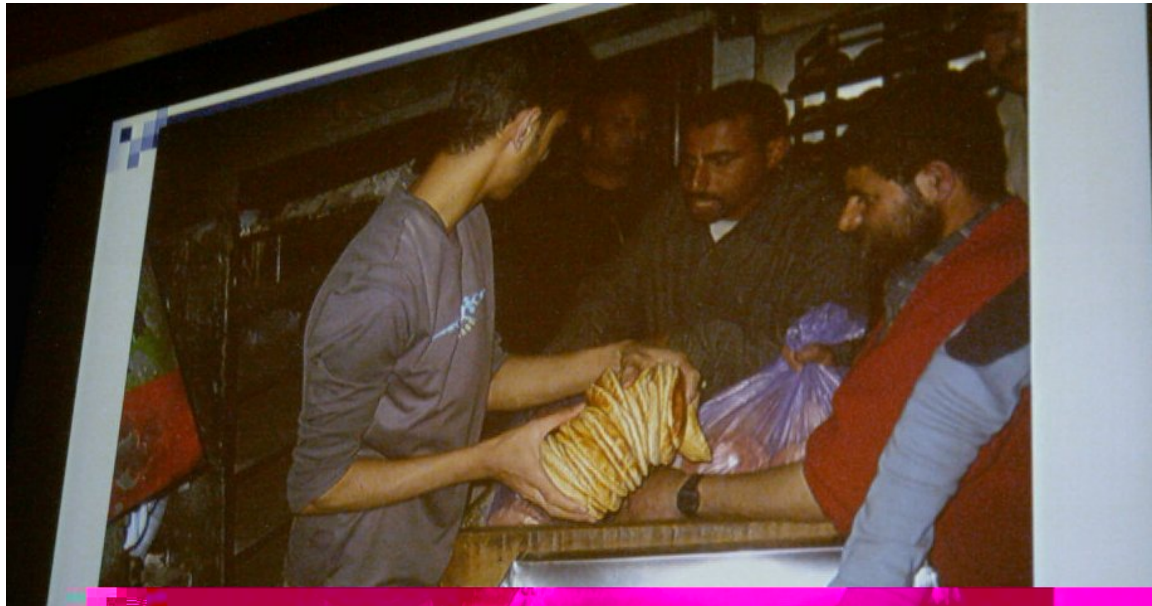






*Cherry Tomato workers, central Gaza*





Bread and flour shortages, March 2006

*"The idea is to put the Palestinians on a diet, but not to make them die of hunger"*

*-Dov Weisglass, Israeli government advisor*

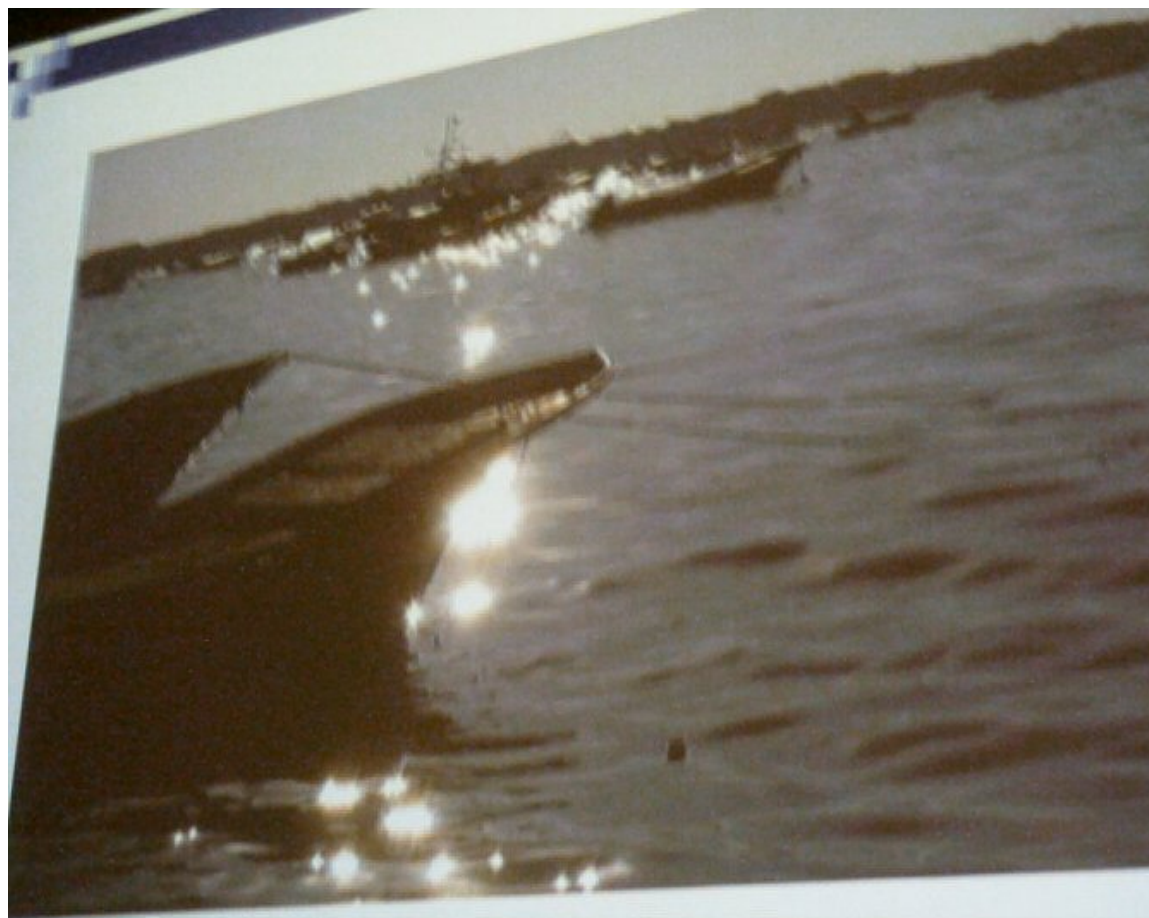








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Docked boats in Gaza's makeshift harbor

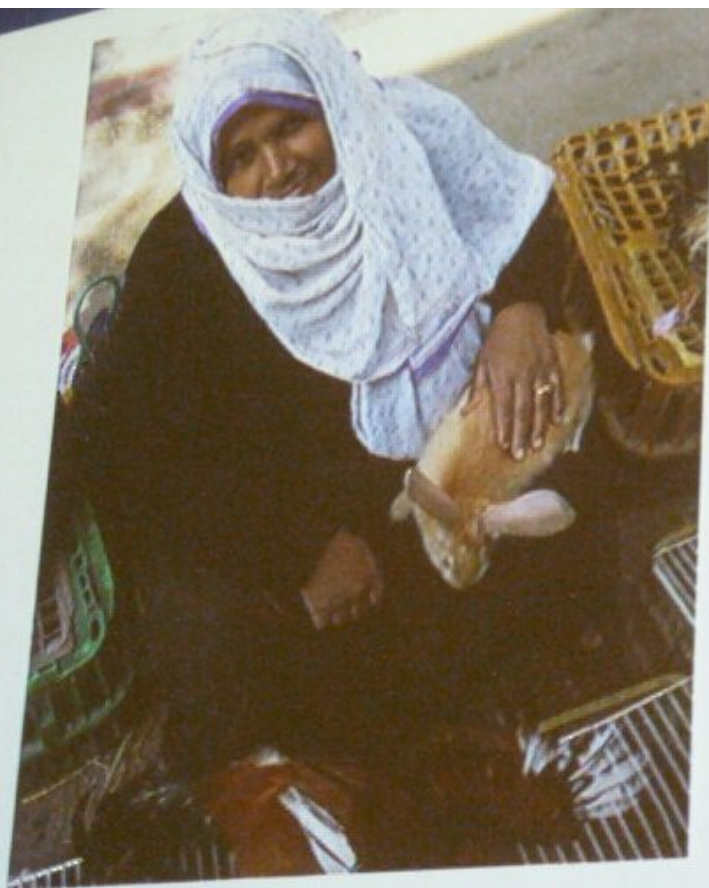


l'timmad Abu Narra,  
r of one of 10,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.





Desperate times: a boy sells sweet potatoes on Gaza's shore



**Safiya Barakat, 54, livestock farmer, breadwinner of 12.**



deejia Sultan, 72, vegetable farmer, breadwinner.





Waiting at Rafah Crossing



## *Rafah Crossing*

