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Living conditions in the Gaza Strip remain dire and UN officials have issued repeated warnings of the severe humanitarian catastrophe that is imminent there. Yet somehow the situation in Gaza has lately faded from the news. It seems that once the violence ratchets down and a fragile calm takes hold, international attention quickly shifts elsewhere – until widespread violence flares yet again.

Peace advocates have typically expected that a solution for Gaza would be achieved by ending the occupation and achieving a two-state solution. But, with a two-state solution not currently in the offing, some have begun looking for ways to significantly improve the situation in the Gaza Strip in the absence of a full resolution of the conflict.

This issue was discussed on Wednesday, October 23 by Tania Hary, executive director of Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement, which works to protect the rights of the Palestinian residents of Gaza, and Prof. Mkhaimar Abusada, who chairs the Department of Political Science at Al-Azhar University-Gaza, Palestine.

The conversation was moderated by Daniel Nerenberg, who serves as Communications Manager for Just Vision, a nonprofit that highlights the efforts of Palestinian and Israeli civilians working to end the occupation through unarmed means.

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