

Chelsea Manning is the Welsh-American whistleblower who is serving 35 years in an American military prison for exposing the truth about the wars being fought and supported by America and her allies. Manning leaked quarter of a million US diplomatic cables that provide evidence for some of the dirty dealing that goes on behind the scenes, that admit truths that are never reported in the mainstream media and often flatly denied. These cables are all available now on the WikiLeaks website in searchable format. Chelsea Manning has sacrificed her freedom to bring us these truths. It's up to us to make use of them and share them.

Some of the cables relate to Israel and Palestine, mainly from US diplomats in Israel. Here are some of the things they tell us.

- Contrary to its public condemnation of Hamas, Israel actually supported Hamas to help it compete with rival PLO - to 'divide and rule'.
- Israel cracked down on the secular PLO while helping Hamas grow stronger.
- The US pressured the European Union to list the political wing of Hamas as a terrorist group.
- An investigation into the bombing of UN schools by Israel in 2009 found nothing to suggest Hamas was using them to shelter in, nor using civilians as human shields.
- Israel admitted to using Palestinians as human shields on more than 1,200 occasions.
- Israel admitted incendiary phosphorous shells were fired over civilian areas.
- Israel admitted to the US that its official military strategy is to deliberately target civilians.
- After 2006, Israel decided to use 'disproportionate force' in any future attacks.
- Israel's strategies in Gaza include manipulating the economy to keep it near disaster at all times.
- Israel secretly told the US of its plans to destroy Gaza's economy.
- 56 US cables refer to Israel's 'ethnic cleansing' of Gaza.
- The US classified its own 2009 report on Gaza which found that Israel's blockade was impacting on people's health due to lack of food and medicines.
- A classified US cable in 2009 states that 60% of Gaza population is without a daily water supply and only 10% of water meets WHO quality standards. This is partly because Israel destroyed water treatment plants during Op. Cast Lead.
- A secret cable reveals that the IDF's Major General Galant said that Hamas is "still a thousandth of Israel's military might" and that the IDF can do "almost anything it feels like in the Gaza Strip."
- Un Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon secretly worked with Israel to undermine the 2009 UN report into Israel's war crimes in Gaza.