

## Ethnic cleansing

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As The Spectator notes in an email this morning:

**Israel looks likely to** expand its war in Gaza. Journalists in Israel were [briefed yesterday that the cabinet will meet later this week to discuss full occupation](#). **‘The die is cast - we are going for a full occupation of the Gaza Strip,’ one senior Israeli official reportedly said.**

That is about as succinct an explanation as I have seen, hence my choice of source.

What does it mean? Three things.

First, the USA has almost certainly given Israel the green light to do this.

Second, now we know why Starmer is recognising the delay in recognising Palestine: it won't be there to be recognised by the time he gets around to it, so he will not need to bother, which will be his excuse for not doing so.

Third, let's not pretend that Israel's agenda has been anything other than this: this was always about ethnic cleansing, the subjugation of a civilian population and their displacement from their land. And no, I am not going to apologise for opposing Israel and all it is doing, which is ethically, legally and politically totally unacceptable.