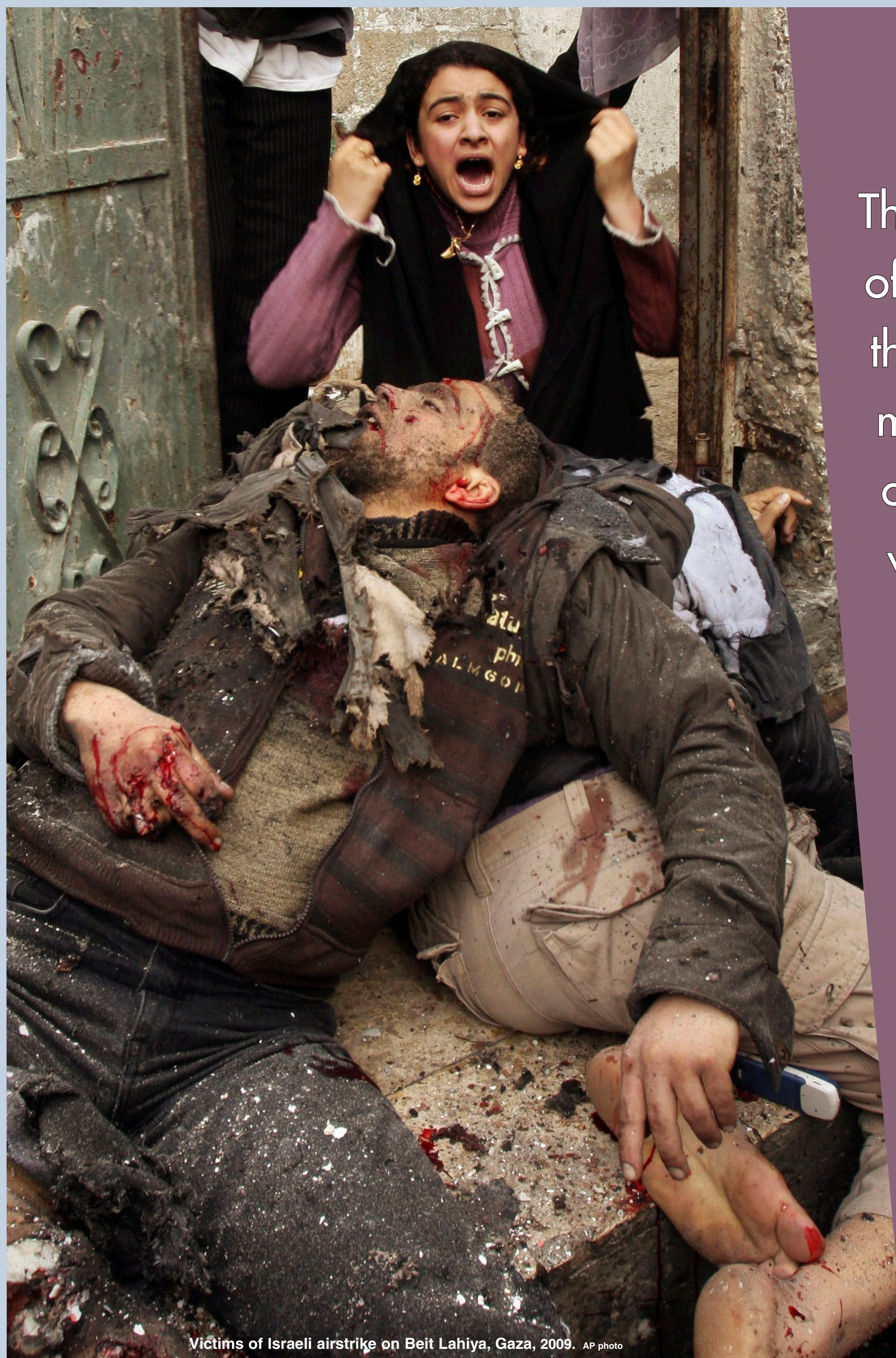


# Stand Up Against Israel's Murderous Assault on the People of Gaza

The state of Israel is a product of, and plays a special role in enforcing, the global system of capitalism-imperialism. Built literally on the blood, bones, and land and homes of the Palestinian people stolen through terrorist ethnic cleansing, the creation of the state of Israel was and is a great legal and moral crime. From its conception and inception, Israel has never been mainly an expression of aspirations of Jewish people (although there has long been a Zionist movement among Jewish people). Instead, it is fundamentally a creation of European colonialism and empire. Soon after its birth, Israel became a key enforcer of the interests of U.S. imperialism in containing Arab nationalism and contending with other imperialist powers (especially the Soviet Union after capitalism was restored there). Israel's service to U.S. imperialism has ranged from providing key military assistance to apartheid South Africa to playing a key role in overseeing the genocidal massacre of 200,000 indigenous Guatemalan peasants in the 1980s. Today, Israel continues to play an indispensable role for the U.S. empire.



Victims of Israeli airstrike on Beit Lahiya, Gaza, 2009. AP photo

The interests, objectives, and grand designs of the imperialists are not *our* interests — they are not the interests of the great majority of people in the U.S. nor of the overwhelming majority of people in the world as a whole. And the difficulties the imperialists have gotten themselves into in pursuit of these interests must be seen, and responded to, not from the point of view of the imperialists and their interests, but from the point of view of the great majority of humanity and the basic and urgent need of humanity for a different and better world, for another way.

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