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 Margaret Mead
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Ascension Call Cheryl Croci	Every Sunday, Monday 9 – 10:30 EST	Telephone Only	1-425-436-6260 PIN 9467 441# Call Cheryl for # in your area
Ashtar Legacy Calls Fran Pearre	Every 2nd, 4th Tuesday 5 th Tuesday – no call 9:00 – 10:00 pm EST	Telephone VOIP/ H D via Skype	1-717-908-1834 PIN 980 339# Call is free; LD charges are not 1-717-908-1834 PIN #980 339# https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/ Click on VOIP button and enter info as requested

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Included are both BBS podcast + Conference Call Links

IV OPENING MEDITATION; MAYAN CALENDAR; HOUSEKEEPING

A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird

B. Mayan Calendar / Record of Days: Rainbird

• Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com> – to locate specific days & lots more information: on the home page, you can find out what your Mayan signature is; while there, look and see where the wave – the birth wave - began

• to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com> which will link you further to www.lawoftime.org website for further information.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PODCAST TO HEAR THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION OF EACH DATE

Also note: This is not a 3rd dimensional calendar! It's a Record of Days.

www.Spacestationplaza.co Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.

PORTAL DAYS = extra dimensionality

We are in the Wave of BEN the Skywalker

12th Friday **6 KAN** **Yellow Rhythmic Seed** **Healing**
Activating energy of two 3s – working with openness to life, openness; gift of potentiality. Let go of stagnation, lack of self consciousness

13th Saturday **7 CHICCHAN** **Red Resonant Serpent** **Warrior**
PORTAL DAY – remaining open to change; distinguishing between body and soul; gift is motivation to change

14th Sunday **8 CIMI** **White Galactic World Bridger** **Warrior**
About forgiveness, moving into a state of grace. Gift of being bridge between past and future

15th Monday **9 MANIK** **Blue Solar Hand** **Healing**
Mlk Day Activation of all our intentional about healing self and other, acceptance of divinity of Self

16th Tuesday **10 LAMAT** **Yellow Planetary Stargate** **Visionary**
PORTAL DAY a manifesting tone- a stargate, illumination of human kind – gift of pioneering spirit, seeing beyond the gate

17th Wednesday **11 MULUC** **Red Spectral Moon** **Artist**
Working with wide use of rational mind, contact with spirit and remembering what we came here to do

18th Thursday **12 OC** **White Crystal Dog** **Artist**
It's global Crystal Day – unconditional love; healing pain of the past; awareness of past lives _

19th Friday **13 CHUEN** **Blue Cosmic Monkey** **Artist**
About clarity of mind, wise use of rational mind -

Rainbird is not here tonight, and they don't know what is happening.
Ink Cartridge – 57.00 as soon as people can help

C. Housekeeping:

• We are asking to **have more people contribute**, as some of the regular, long-term donors are stressed and stretched: **any and all small amounts are helpful and very welcome.**

Re **T & R:** Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the scenes of the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas For the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

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Gas, food, etc		\$200.00	
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Miscellaneous/Other	This one is free and tomorrow will also be free! !!		No show – but had a good conference call of 1 hr 40 minutes
MONTHLY			
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Total			

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- Tara and Rama continue to appreciate each & every donation received for food.
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They are under orders by Rama's boss (former President Obama's security chief, known as the King of Swords) to live entirely by donations from the Light community.

Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!
Namaste.

V KESHE FOUNDATION INFO; N F T REWARDS PROGRAM

(1) **MAIN address for KFSSI.org** <https://kfssi.org/>
Keshe Foundation Spaceship Institute: The Home of Plasma Science & Technology

• **To access Keshe Foundation** <https://keshe.foundation/>
Keshe Foundation: the place where Science meets the Soul of Man

• **KFWiki** <https://kfwiki.org/>
The free **Plasma Cyclopeda** of the Keshe Foundation

• **Weekly YouTube Presentations**
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VI FRIDAY HARD NEWS: ACCESS TO THIS WEEK'S PODCAST; NOTES, REFERENCE MATERIALS

This week's PODCAST:

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-january-12-2024>

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FRIDAY HARD NEWS: Rama, Tara: R, T

AUDIO: Aurora Ray about our auras and its connection to the Quantum Field

R: went and sat in the Plasma Field; connected to the amino acid computers of the New Jerusalem – Ashtar's ship

- caller to Thom Hartmann: is the . . .
- as a result the plasma field has a voice and said to him: we are in a time where things are bit chaotic to say the least! Like this conversation – clarity
- as the energies get higher, we are merging with our 5D light bodies - this is why it's important to meditate and do the kundalini breathing
- more & more countries lining up behind South Africa – Israel guilty of crimes against immunity

T: on Amy Goodman during the week: guest Dialla Shamis a constitutional lawyer, working for the Center for Constitutional rights, started by Michael Ratner – the power of us keeping this whole situation

THE STORIES WE ARE READING ARE HORRIFYING AS THEY WANT TO KEEP THE POWER IN THEIR HANDS – and their grip is slipping faster than they can hang on

She's human rights attorney – sitting at ICJ observing the genocide case against Israel; she and others are literally suing Joe Biden and Anthony Blinken for failure to prevent genocide

- Her words were that this is really ultimately a test of the very legitimacy
- things moving quickly: continue to do this with love

VIDEO: 2024-01-12 VIDEO - The Art of Aura Healing: Rejuvenate Your Energy Field

https://thegalacticfederation.com/014-71?sessionId=f18a81f5-9ee8-43e8-9498-1de26b8e0acd&trigger_link=nd0ZJ6pw4S4aU2vJVttP

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJegznq4D_E&t=4s



CONFERENCE CALL

- no notes

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2024-10-12

ERA OF PEACE

PATRICIA COTA-ROBLES

VLOG 2

<https://rumble.com/v45c7x5-vlog-2-you-are-ready-to-cocreate-the-next-step.html>

12:28



VIDEO TRANSCRIPT FOR THE VIDEO:

<https://eraofpeace.org/blogs/vlog-scripts/you-are-ready-to-cocreate-the-next-step>

2024-01-09 Temple of Aphrodite Transmission: Release Old Heartbreak, Open to Divine Love

Steve Nobel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXmEOIHVFhE>

44: 44

****If you have joined the 5D Ascension School please listen to the 'Prayer to Beloved Aphrodite/Venus' before doing this transmission in order to optimise this track's healing/manifesting effects.****

In this transmission we visit the Goddess Aphrodite in her Temple in the Higher Planes. Aphrodite is the Goddess of Romantic Love, Sensuality, Pleasure, and Magnetic Attraction.

In her Temple of Light we receive a healing from any past sorrow or heartbreak we have experienced in any romantic relationship. When this heart healing is done, we release a prayer to the Goddess to open to more Divine Love, Divine Connection.

Then we receive a powerful gift from the Goddess that blesses our journey of love, sensuality and magnetic attraction. "Beloved Aphrodite, assist me in opening my heart and mind, in knowing my true worth and value, in knowing that as I radiate love it will be returned to me multiplied. Assist me in loving beyond grasping, attachment, and neediness, assist me in loving beyond demand or expectation. So that I may know and experience love being returned to me manifold, in unexpected and delightful ways. Help me to know and experience that the more I give love, the more I radiate love, the more I receive love. Beloved Aphrodite, assist me in experiencing the full pleasure of romantic love, so that I may truly know and experience the bliss of romance, passion, and love. That I may truly know and experience this as a great flow of sensual pleasure in my life. That I may truly know and experience the dance of intimacy and sensuality as being as natural as the sun rising each morning."

Music by Rebecca Reads and the track is called *Journey Through the Milky Way*. Join this channel to get access to perks: [/@stevenobel](#)

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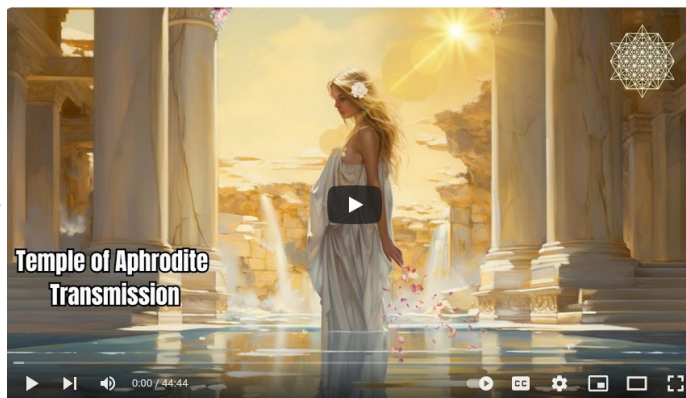
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MOTHER / ALCYONE [M/A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One! In the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame!

Greetings, Children of Ra! ! !

It is a glorious time to be here. Like Patti said, this is the place; this is the time; we got all the stuff within us. How we do it with Love is the biggest test, and we will be pulled this way, that way, the other way - that is how the energies work in this dimension: gotta stay the course. It is a big deal!

The seas are a bit choppy right now. The sharks are out; they will be gone soon, very soon! It is about the energies pouring in. This story about the Grand Central Sun: not just great suns, [or] central sun - there are Suns and Daughters that are here from distant galaxies.

This cosmic story of 7 super universes and this one called the Matter Universe - it is quite a challenge to keep it all straight! Let's put it that way.

T: It is: there are so many different levels and so many things going on and so many interpretation. Where is that Flash?

M/A: anytime - just watch the sun any time you'll know!

T: yes it's a challenge to chase rug rats, and to be economically challenged - quite a few people - there is something about the level of jumping quantumly from 3D to 5D

M/A: It is happening in spite of our best efforts to stay stuck. The Light has won - it is this challenge of keeping one's focus - it's a big one!

- So many choices about reality - reality is a relative term

T: Yes

M/A: What we choose makes up our reality: we choose peace in the Middle East. It is quite a story right now

T: just that she thought that this prosecutor in GA was a - in the last little while she is being challenged as to whether she's integral or not

M/A: let's say that the laws have been skewed and it's about the word magic; how words are used to change vibrations, energies, and certain things mean other certain things - gets cloudy and blurry, and when lots of money is involved in this realm, things really get muddy!

- Blaze the Violet Fire! It is this larger story: can a former president - so called - be held accountable?

No one - let's say - the laws of the universe step in as you are messing with the delicate balance/order of the universe. Right now, because the Light is so tremendous that is pouring in, gotta stay in the Oneness in the 5th dimension where things happen.

- That's the big test to stay in the Light of the Oneness here
- that's why they keep telling this one(Rama), Leave the Matrix alone
- yes, We will speak a bit louder!

T: Thank you Mother!

M/A: Each day, with what's unfolding, gotta stay in the radiance of the Christ Light pouring in. That energy transcends all the other stuff! Varying degrees of this Light is changing reality - space/ time/ matter - because we are in a polar universe, positive/negative - like the poles on a battery

T: Aren't we beyond this now? You keep talking about the Oneness. . .

M/A: It is part of the consistency that holds the fabric of the universe together

- what she can say about it: [there are] different levels. As we ascend, the polarity game fades away: there is just a Oneness
- the big challenge here is not to get pulled this way and that - that's the polarity

- This is why it's important to meditate every day, and just keep things simple. The dramas that are unfolding . . . we are not sure how to put into words:

- It's about staying in the Oneness, not getting swayed, and that's about us doing our disciplines, the sadna, what we wish to call our spiritual practices. With all of what's unfolding, it is best to stay neutral, not get caught in the maya. That's a really big deal

T: What's happening now is that the prosecutors in all the Trump cases . . .getting death threats now

M/A: that's because the intensity of the story has to come to an end. The end of it is we are taking our wayward children to Dracos, and it's happening a lot sooner than later

T: is giving up on that thing about "time"

M/A: No we are not going to talk about "time"

T: when she hears that word "soon" or "sooner" . . .

M/A: Yes!

T: don't want Rama to have to find a job

M/A: No; this is not the time for that

T: Rama keeps bringing it up because they are on the edge of the support level of being able to continue

M/A: Yes, and it is about this mission that is before us which is Divine love, Compassion, Kindness in the midst of watching Mordor go down. It's not a small thing!

T: from the tv: a media-ite releases audio, allegedly of Trump ally – Roger Stone threatening to kill 2 congressmen – this is going on right now

M/A: Yes and it is about our wayward children who are cornered and the time is now to remove them!

T: doesn't think that 2 congress people are the kind to be removed -

M/A: no, they are pointing out the truth

T: so the mob. . . voice of Roger Stone is threatening to get them out of the way

M/A: work with the Violet Flame; the 3 fold Flame: the rose-coloured rays bring of peace into this realm right now!

T: There we go with the "time" thing . . . now and now and now

M/A: had best be on our way – got lots to do here!

T: Thanks to Mother

M/A: yes: send more love to these situations because it is at the end: **THE LIGHT HAS WON!**

Both: Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One!

Kodoish, Kodoish, Kodoish Adonai 'Tsebayoth
 iliahu iliahu iliahu
 Yod Hey Vod Hey
 YHWH

Holy holy holy is the Lord God of Hosts
 Illumine Illumine Illumine
 Yod Hey Vod Hey of the Living Everlasting Light
 The Revealed Name to our Father universe of the Living God behind all Creator Gods

Rama Returns: was in a turquoise blueish lagoon, and was experiencing –

- the best way to describe it – mermaids helping to clean up the earth – yesterday and other folks from the different super civilization in the water – imperative that it gets clean –
- just experiencing the silence, the calmness in the lagoon, and kinda amazing to experience: could just stay there forever!
- The mission is calling us back

AUDIO: [Superpower: Ignite Your Intuitive Intelligence](#) [How We Are All Connected](#)

S1: Ep 1 42 min <https://www.gaia.com/video/how-we-are-all-connected>

What does "we're all connected" mean? Intuition is a form of communication. Examine the ways our intuition might come to us and how we are affected by one another and our environment. To what extent is it important to be aware what we communicate to the rest of our planet?



Featuring: Dr. Carl Johan Calleman, Grahame Gardner, David Gibson, Ervin Laszlo, Dr. Patrick MacManaway, Dr. Rollin McCraty, Penney Peirce, Dr. Dean Radin, Dr. Beverly Rubik
Audio Languages: English

Caller: PCC excitement over hearing the info on the Avebury Circle

Caller: Zoe – T & R tell about meeting Carl Calleman and his partner who doused for the best place to plant the garden!

R: could feel the beings who were present

Z: when you see the pictures of Tuscany and the elegance of the layouts of the orchards, etc – can see there were other influences involved

T: there is something in the consciousness of all who are part these calls etc

CLOSING: Rainbird

Rama's Music: Aurora Ray A Cosmic Promise: Pleiadian Family Ready for Contact!

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=330332839922517> 7:33



INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2024-01-11 Palestinian Genocide Scholar & South African Lawyer on “Extreme Urgency” of World Court Case

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/1/11/icj_genocide_case_israel_palestine_south

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South African human rights lawyer who directs the Africa program of the International Commission of Jurists.

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Palestinian genocide scholar, a graduate teaching assistant and a Ph.D. researcher at the University of Antwerp’s Faculty of Law.

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We speak with guests in Johannesburg and Jerusalem about South Africa’s landmark case against Israel at the International Court of Justice, where judges are being asked to intervene to stop a genocide. “What essentially South Africa is calling for is a ceasefire in Gaza,” says South African human rights lawyer Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh. We also speak with Palestinian genocide scholar Maha Abdallah, who says there is “extreme urgency” for the world to stop the bloodshed. “The court must immediately act,” Abdallah says.

AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I’m Amy Goodman, with Nermeen Shaikh.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: We’re joined now by two guests to discuss South Africa’s historic genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Today marked the first hearing out of two days of arguments, with South Africa outlining its case that Israel has violated the 1948 U.N. Genocide Convention, saying its three-month assault on Gaza is being conducted with the intent to bring about the destruction of Palestinians as a group.

AMY GOODMAN: In Jerusalem, Maha Abdallah is a Palestinian genocide scholar, a graduate teaching assistant and Ph.D. researcher at the Faculty of Law at the University of Antwerp. And joining us from Johannesburg, South Africa, Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, South African human rights lawyer, directs the Africa program of the International Commission of Jurists, which is dedicated to defending human rights and the rule of law worldwide.

We welcome you both to *Democracy Now!* Let’s begin in South Africa with Kaajal. If you could start off by talking about the significance of today’s hearing, that finished just before we went to air? What is the International Court of Justice? How unusual is it to bring a kind of case like this? If you could take it from there?

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: Yes, sure. Hi, everybody.

So, to talk about the hearing and the International Court of Justice, the International Court of Justice is a world court which adjudicates issues and cases between states. So it is different from the International Criminal Court in that way. Where the ICJ — where the ICC would prosecute individuals on international criminal concerns, the International Court of

Justice only deals with issues between state parties. And this is the reason why South Africa has filed this case before the International Court of Justice.

And it was a pretty remarkable hearing. You've said already about the historical significance of this hearing. There have been previous cases at the International Court of Justice dealing with genocide, but those previous cases have not attracted as much attention and interest as this particular case.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So, Kaajal, could you explain how often it's been the case that a case has been brought to the ICJ by a country that is not one of the parties involved in the conflict? Because one thinks most recently of the case of Russia and Ukraine, which Ukraine brought, or, in fact, the first genocide case that was heard at the International Court of Justice, which, of course, had to do with Srebrenica, the genocide of Bosnians in the Yugoslavia War.

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: Yes. So, the court can deal with any issues. Issues of genocide, of course, have — there have not been many cases of genocide brought before the court. In this particular case, however, both South Africa and Israel are members of the U.N. They've both signed on to the Genocide Convention, and, as a result of their membership of the U.N. and signature of the Genocide Convention, may be held responsible and have responsibilities under this convention. And this is the reason which established South Africa's grounds for filing the case.

There have been other cases brought against member states who are not — who have not signed the Genocide Convention. Those cases are more difficult. It is more difficult, in particular, to try and enforce any findings or to establish jurisdiction of the court in order to look into those cases. But the court may still make preliminary findings, may make other findings which are and can be very useful in trying to protect individuals who are being affected by genocide and actions connected to genocide.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: And so, if you could begin, Kaajal, just by explaining — of course, the decision, as everyone has said, is likely to take years on the case itself, on the merits — what are the provisional measures that South Africa is calling for in the interim?

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: Yes. So, essentially what South Africa is calling for is a ceasefire in Gaza. They've set this out in a number of ways. They're asking for the blockade in Gaza to cease immediately. They're asking for the cease of the bombings and the actions which are causing the death of — killing of Palestinians, destruction of their homes, expulsion, displacement, blockade on food, water, medical assistance, as well as the imposition of measures preventing Palestinian births by destroying essential health services which are crucial for the survival of pregnant women and babies. And these are all listed as genocidal actions in the suit. So, there's a whole range of actions which they're calling for an immediate cease on. And these are the provisional measures which South Africa seeks at the current time.

AMY GOODMAN: Maha Abdallah, you are a Palestinian genocide scholar. Can you explain the significance of this going to the International Court of Justice, and how people are responding in Israel and Palestine?

MAHA ABDALLAH: Thank you for having me.

This is a historic moment for the Palestinian people in their pursuit for justice and accountability, decades after the imposition of a settler-colonial and apartheid regime against the Palestinian people that has dispossessed and fragmented the Palestinians without accountability and with near-total impunity. So, the fact that Israel today stands on trial is very significant, very important. But, of course, we recognize the possibilities and the different scenarios that are forthcoming.

And the fact that Israel is on trial for the crime of genocide is also significant because, as the application of the South Africa before the International Court of Justice states, that the crime of genocide and the alleged genocidal acts and omissions by the state of Israel are part of a continuum. They do not happen in a vacuum. They're part and parcel of the ongoing Nakba imposed on the Palestinian people. And for that, there needs to be accountability.

As for the reactions, unfortunately, I have not yet been able to interact with many people. The hearing session just finished. But I know that most of us Palestinians, whether in Palestine or in diaspora or in exile, we have been waiting for this moment, and all eyes have been on the ICJ, on The Hague today. And we have been thinking about the Palestinians in Gaza and how they perceive the current hearing sessions more than 90 days after complete devastation, more than 90 days after significant and extreme and severe loss, destruction and pain inflicted on the Palestinians there for the purpose of the destruction of the group. And, of course, we think of Palestinians in exile who have been also mentioned by the South African ambassador in his introductory remarks, when he spoke about the denial, the deliberate denial, of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, which includes the right of return for Palestinians in refugee camps across the neighboring countries.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So, let me just turn — Maha, thank you for that — to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who spoke Wednesday, one day before today's hearing at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, responding to the hearing.

PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: I want to make a few points absolutely clear. Israel has no intention of permanently occupying Gaza or displacing its civilian population. Israel is fighting Hamas terrorists, not the Palestinian population. And we are doing so in full compliance with international law. The IDF is doing its utmost to minimize civilian casualties, while Hamas is doing its utmost to maximize them by using Palestinian civilians as human shields. The IDF urges Palestinian civilians to leave war zones by disseminating leaflets, making phone calls, providing safe passage corridors, while Hamas prevents Palestinians from leaving at gunpoint, and often with gunfire. Our goal is to rid Gaza of Hamas terrorists and free our hostages. Once this is achieved, Gaza can be demilitarized and deradicalized, thereby creating a possibility for a better future for Israel and Palestinians alike.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So, that was Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Maha, if you could respond to what he said regarding the case that is now ongoing at the International Court of Justice?

MAHA ABDALLAH: I think this is a baseless statement. And the statements over the past 13 weeks-plus, and even prior to the 7th of October, have been genocidal in intent, have, you know, showcased how Israeli political leaders, Israeli military leaders have the specific intent for — aiming for the destruction of the Palestinian people, using different means and methods, through different policies, practices, laws, military orders. And the fact that there has been an apartheid regime imposed for 75 years, along with a belligerent occupation for 56 years, a blockade and closure on the Gaza Strip, and the incarceration of an entire people, as well, these are all precursors and drivers of genocide. And the genocidal statements that we've been hearing since 13 weeks now cannot be simply put aside or disregarded by a simple statement the night before the hearing sessions start at the ICJ.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: And, Maha, could you explain — you know, what do you hope will come out of this, knowing that, of course, a decision may take several years, but there could be these provisional measures that are put in place, even though they're not, in fact, enforceable, the court does not have the capacity to enforce the measures?

MAHA ABDALLAH: The most and foremost important thing to come out of this, from this application and these proceedings at the moment, is for the court to order Israel to stop its aggression, to stop its hostilities, to stop its military operations against the Gaza Strip. And this is particularly important considering the severity, the scale and the gravity of the situation in the Gaza Strip, but also the failure of the international system, of the international community, to come to a consensus and to order Israel at the U.N. Security Council, but also in other spheres, to push it to put an end to this genocidal aggression against the Palestinians.

And as you said, the merits of the case, the actual decision of whether there is genocide or not by the court, will take years. But for the moment, what is mostly important is a need to stop this genocidal aggression, to safeguard and to protect whatever is possible to save at this moment of Palestinian life, of Palestinian dignity and of Palestinian rights.

AMY GOODMAN: Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, I wanted to ask you about Hamas. It is a nonstate player here. How does it fit into this decision? And also, because there isn't enforcement, what is the role particularly of the United States, since it sits on the U.N. Security Council, which, of course, is related to the International Court of Justice as a U.N. body?

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: Yes. The South African legal team set out very clearly the position of Hamas in this particular matter. And what they said in their submissions was that the International Court of Justice is there to adjudicate matters and cases between states. Hamas is not a state, and therefore Hamas is not part of this application. No claims have been brought against Hamas, and no claims can be brought against Hamas at this particular tribunal. There are other tribunals in which Hamas can be — crimes against Hamas can be brought, but this is not the appropriate tribunal for that particular issue. So, that deals with the issue of Hamas.

Talking about the U.S. and their involvement in this case, the U.S., as we know, are longtime friends with Israel. If there is — in the event that there is a final decision made by the court and the court makes findings on genocide and genocidal intent against Israel, of course, there is no immediate obligation on Israel to act on these findings, and we don't expect Israel to comply with these findings, which will then lead to the matter being presented to the U.N. Security Council to try and enforce this compliance. And at that point, with the U.S. being a permanent member of the Security Council, they could, of course, use their veto powers to block any actions against Israel. So that would be a very serious challenge related to compliance of any findings of this court.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Well, Kaajal, apart from the U.N. Security Council, of course, the person who leads the International Court of Justice, of the 15 judges, the president is an American, Joan Donoghue, and the vice president is a Russian, Kirill

Gevorgian. So, if you could say — I mean, ostensibly, the judges are supposed to be impartial, but in the most recent case last year with Russia and Ukraine, the only countries to abstain from the vote, which was otherwise 13 people voted for Russia withdrawing from Ukraine, the provisional measure, China and Russia were the only two who did not. So, if you could say, just in terms of precedents, do judges, more or less, make decisions that coincide with the policies of their countries, or is it the case that this is an exception?

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: Yeah, yes. So, judges are supposed to be independent. We expect judges to be independent. Judicial independence is the cornerstone of all democracies. We require judicial independence to be able to support us, and support us to claim our rights and to claim our democracies. It's a means — it's a hugely important means of protection.

We've seen previously at the ICJ, in the *Ukraine v. Russia* case, both the Russian and the Chinese judges offer dissenting opinions. I would hope — I would very much hope that the American judge, the president of the court, does feel an obligation to be independent, properly independent, in this matter. There is, of course, no guarantee of this. There is very little which can be done in the event of the American judge dissenting, making findings which are not in line with the majority of the court. And this is essentially the problem of the International Court of Justice, in that it can take on a relatively political slant in the decisions which it issues.

AMY GOODMAN: And now their terms are up — the American, she has had a number of positions at the State Department before, Joan Donoghue — are up in February, so they could be up before this decision is released. Is that right, Kaajal?

KAAJAL RAMJATHAN-KEOGH: I'm not aware of when her term is up, so I can't really comment on that. But the fact that she's sitting on the issue of provisional measures means that she will have some impact on what happens as the court makes findings on provisional measures. And if, however, the court decides to go into the merits of the case and proceeds with the matter, then she will no longer sit on the case going forward, but we don't know who will replace her. So that's an unknown, but it's not guaranteed that there won't be U.S. influence on the case going forward.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So, Maha Abdallah, just as we wrap up, if you could just give us your final thoughts, your assessment of what the situation is right now in Gaza, what you hope will come out of this?

MAHA ABDALLAH: Again, as I mentioned, I hope that this — that following the hearing sessions and on the basis of precedent by the very same court, where it has issued provisional measures within days' or weeks' time on, let's say, similar cases, but not entirely alike, that the court will order the state of Israel to stop its aggression, to stop its military operations against the Gaza Strip and its people.

The Gaza Strip, as we have seen, there is the large-scale destruction, extensive killings taking place, ongoing and relentless bombardment and killings that are taking place. The catastrophe is so immense that we're unable to understand or comprehend. Between the starvation, the dehydration, the lack of medical facilities and accessibility to medical supplies, to the most basic necessities for life and dignity, and for life and survival even, together with the fact that it's under a total siege, blockade and closure that has intensified since the 7th of October, the mass displacement and forcible displacement and transfer of more than 1.9 million Palestinians into areas that are also being targeted and bombed by Israel and its military, all of these require immediate action, and immediate action that should not have taken place today or yesterday, but three months ago.

So, this is — we don't have time. Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and in the entirety of Palestine, we do not have the privilege of time. So this is why the court — the proceedings before the court, as rightly stated by South Africa in its application, they are of extreme urgency. So the court must immediately act and respond to the urgent situation, again, against the backdrop of the failure of the international system and the international justice mechanisms, as well as the complicity, the open-ended complicity, and support emboldening Israel's action, emboldening Israel's atrocities and recurrence and intensification of these violations and grave breaches and international crimes being committed against the Palestinian people.

AMY GOODMAN: Maha Abdallah, I want to thank you for being with us, Palestinian genocide scholar, speaking to us from Jerusalem, and Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, South African human rights lawyer, speaking to us from Johannesburg.

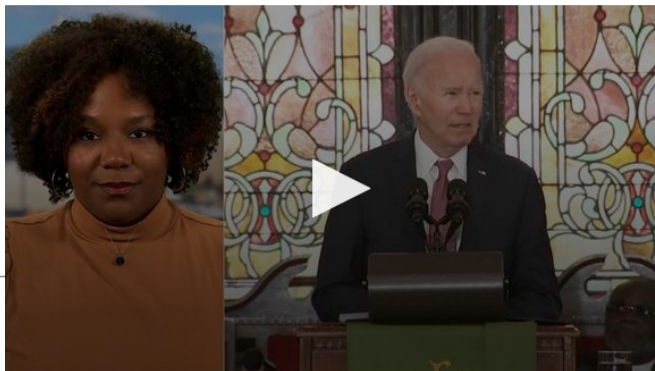
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President Biden delivered his second campaign speech of the year Monday at the historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, where a white supremacist gunman killed nine people in 2015. Biden remembered the victims, spoke of the "poison of white supremacy" and assailed his Republican rivals for not taking racism seriously, but Biden's speech was interrupted at one point by protesters demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, where Israel's U.S.-backed war has killed over 23,000 people. "There's no way we're fighting white supremacy ... in the midst of genocide," says artist and activist Bree Newsome Bass, who criticizes Biden for using the Black church as a political prop. "The last thing that we need is to carry on business as usual." In 2015, Newsome Bass climbed a 30-foot flagpole outside the South Carolina Capitol to remove the Confederate flag following the church massacre.

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.

We turn now to South Carolina, where President Biden delivered his second campaign speech of the year at the historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, where in 2015 eight Black parishioners and their pastor were shot dead by a white supremacist. Biden remembered the victims.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: On June 17th, 2015, the beautiful souls, five survivors — and five survivors invited a stranger into this church to pray with them. The word of God was pierced by bullets in hate, of rage, propelled by not just gunpowder but by a poison, a poison that's for too long haunted this nation. What is that poison? White supremacy. Oh, it is. It's a poison. Throughout our history, it's ripped this nation apart. This has no place in America, not today, tomorrow or ever.

PROTESTERS: Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now!

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: That's all right. That's all right.

PROTESTERS: Ceasefire now!

AMY GOODMAN: As he spoke, Biden was disrupted by activists demanding a Gaza ceasefire.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: Without light, there's no path from this darkness.

PROTESTER: If you really care about the lives lost here, then you should honor the lives lost and call for a ceasefire in Palestine!

PROTESTERS: Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now! Ceasefire now!

AMY GOODMAN: As the protesters were removed from the church, supporters of President Biden began chanting "four more years." He addressed the protesters.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: I understand their passion. And I've been quietly working — I've been quietly working with the Israeli government to get them to reduce and significantly get out of Gaza. I've been using all that I can to do that.

AMY GOODMAN: Without naming Donald Trump, Biden blasted the former president and leading 2024 Republican candidate as a loser who tried to overthrow the 2020 election results by urging his supporters to storm the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. A number carried Confederate flags and wore white supremacist and far-right symbols.

Following the massacre at the Emanuel AME Church in 2015, following the mass funeral at the University of Charleston arena that thousands came out for, our next guest, Bree Newsome Bass, scaled the 30-foot flagpole at the South Carolina state Capitol and removed the Confederate flag. As police officers shouted at her to come down, she shimmied to the top of the flagpole, took the flag in her hand and said, "You come against me with hatred. I come against you in the name of God. This flag comes down today."

BREE NEWSOME BASS: You come against me with hatred and oppression and violence. I come against you in the name of God. This flag comes down today!

AMY GOODMAN: While Bree Newsome was arrested, along with an ally, it was only after this action that the Confederate flag was formally removed from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds. Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley was governor of South Carolina at the time. She has faced fresh backlash after she didn't mention slavery when asked about the cause of the U.S. Civil War during a recent town hall in New Hampshire.

Well, for more, we're joined in Raleigh, North Carolina, by Bree Newsome Bass, artist, antiracist activist.

Bree, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* This certainly does take us back. As people debate whether it was Nikki Haley who ultimately forced the flag to come down, we're going to the woman who actually took it down and risked your freedom to do it. Talk about why you did that then — ultimately, the Legislature would vote to take it down — and how you feel about what's happening today.

BREE NEWSOME BASS: Yes. And thank you again so much for having me on.

You know, and I want to make it clear: Yes, I did scale the pole and take the Confederate flag down; this was an issue that people had been protesting for years and years and years. And that's part of what made it so egregious in 2015, when we had the massacre at Emanuel AME and South Carolina refused to lower the flag, because part of the reason why they were refusing to lower the flag is that they had passed a law in the year 2000 saying that it couldn't be lowered for any reason, after they moved it from the Capitol dome to the flagpole on the lawn, where it was at the time that I took it down. So this had been going on for years and years and years.

And Nikki Haley actually opposed taking the flag down, right up until those massacres occurred and the mounting political protest and, you know, the pressure made it where she basically had to, at that point, support the flag coming down. So, ideologically, she has never really had the stance of being opposed to either the Confederacy or — excuse me — symbols of the Confederacy, and certainly not opposed to racist policies. She went right from the governorship to serving in the Trump administration. And she's had a number of incidents over the years, where the things that she says or the things that she does directly contradict with her claim of having led the way on taking the Confederate flag down. At one of her recent rallies, she played that song "Find Out in a Small Town," you know, the song that people really raised a lot of concern about because it was obviously alluding to sundown towns and the racial violence that Black people have experienced here for decades and decades and decades. So this is not new for Nikki Haley. It just shows that she does not really represent antiracism in any real way.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Bree, I'd like to ask you — in response to President Biden's speech, you posted on social media, quote, "How the Black church is used as a prop for white politicians actually proves the point that racism is alive & well & strong." Could you expand on that?

BREE NEWSOME BASS: Yeah, absolutely. Well, I mean, I think that the whole way that the incidents in 2015, both the massacre at Emanuel AME, the refocus on the Confederate flag there in South Carolina, the formal ceremony around taking the flag down, and the way that American politics returns to those moments again and again and again speaks to how relevant it still is, the fact that Black churches are frequently used as, you know, political campaign stops for politicians.

In this case with Joe Biden, you know, he is clearly trying to make an appeal not just to Black voters, but really trying to fend off criticism that he is racist, that he is sponsoring a genocide. And that criticism is completely well founded, because he is sponsoring a genocide, and genocide is the most extreme form of racial violence that there is. And so, to use the pulpit at Emanuel AME in this manner, to make it a prop, essentially, for Joe Biden's reelection bid, to me, is the greatest assault on truth. I know Joe Biden stood there in the pulpit and said that there is an assault on truth that's happening right now. Joe Biden is, in many ways, leading that assault. And I know that he's running against Donald Trump, who we know is also a serial liar, but Donald Trump is not the one who is currently in office right now. It is Joe Biden.

And this effort to use the church, not just the Black church, but the site of racial violence, of a mass murder, to deflect from the fact that Joe Biden himself is bombing churches, bombing mosques, bombing places of worship and murdering many civilians, people who have sought shelter in those places, it just exposes the complete hypocrisy of this entire situation and the vacuum of moral leadership at the top. And that's why I took offense to it. I think that's why many people who watched it took offense to it. I'm very glad that the young people stood up and protested, because even though they were few in that audience, they represented the majority of people worldwide.

AMY GOODMAN: You know, it's interesting, Bree. The polls that have just come out today indicate that Nikki Haley is surging in the polls in New Hampshire. You referenced where she stood on the Confederate flag. I wanted to go back to 2014, when then-South Carolina Republican Governor Nikki Haley suggested South Carolina had resolved its image problem and that having the Confederate flag at the Statehouse was fine because not a single CEO had complained. She was speaking at a gubernatorial debate.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY: You know, the Confederate flag is a very sensitive issue. And what I can tell you is, over the last three-and-a-half years I spend a lot of my days on the phones with CEOs and recruiting jobs to this state. I can honestly say I have not had one conversation with a single CEO about the Confederate flag. What is important here is that we look at the fact that, yes, perception of South Carolina matters. That's why we have everybody answering the phones, "It's a great day in South Carolina." That's why we're being named the friendliest state, the most patriotic state, and getting all these great accolades. But we really kind of fixed all that when you elected the first Indian American female governor, when we appointed the first African American U.S. senator.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Nikki Haley back in 2014. Bree Newsome Bass, your final comment?

BREE NEWSOME BASS: I mean, I think that says it all, right? So, first of all, she's saying that it's OK, the optics are OK. Right? We're not talking about the substance. We're not talking about the experience. We're not talking about whether people are actually experiencing equal treatment under the law. Just the optics. So the optics are fine, because it's not disrupting business, right? And then the other thing that she offers as evidence that everything is OK is the fact that she's nonwhite, she is an Indian American woman, and then she points to other people in the administration — excuse me — who are nonwhite.

Well, that's the entire problem right there. The idea is that so long as we can keep business going as usual, it doesn't matter that there's violence, it doesn't matter that there's racism. All that matters is the optics. And that is what Nikki Haley's campaign represents in her falsely claiming that she led the way on taking the Confederate flag down. That's what Joe Biden's campaign represents in terms of thinking that all that matters is giving a speech at a church, and ignoring all of the churches that are being blown up and all of the Palestinians that are being killed, ignored the fact that young people are demanding a future, and we have people who are older who don't seem to care at all that this assault in Palestine is disproportionately affecting children or killing children.

And then, in the case of Nikki Haley, again, she does not truly represent any of the things that she is claiming when it comes to being antiracist. You can say whatever words you want to say, you can put together whatever kind of events you want to put together, but the fact is that the truth is going to be the truth. We see what is actually happening.

And I support all of the disruptions, because the last thing that we need is to carry on business as usual when our democracy is absolutely under attack. Democracy is under attack worldwide. And genocide is the most extreme — the most extreme form of racial violence that there is. So there's no way that we are fighting white supremacy simply by taking down a flag or having an event at Emanuel AME in the midst of genocide, in the midst of doing away with affirmative action, voting rights, the attack on abortion rights. This is where we are at. It's a very dangerous place. And I hope that people look beyond the optics and support those people who are disrupting, because the last thing that we need is to carry on with business as usual.

AMY GOODMAN: Bree Newsome Bass, artist, antiracist activist. In 2015, following the massacre of the eight African American parishioners and their pastor by a white supremacist at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, Bree scaled the 30-foot flagpole at the South Carolina state Capitol and removed the Confederate flag.

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