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When Trump introduced the idea at the beginning of February during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit to the White House, he said the Strip’s population of roughly 2 million people would be “permanently” relocated.

When pressed as to whether this would be done by force, Trump insisted that no Gazans actually want to remain in the war-torn Strip.