

# *Occidental College students hold hunger strike to demand divestment from Israeli war machine*

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Los Angeles, April 25 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of California, a group of students at Occidental College are entering their fourth day on hunger strike to demand Occidental divest from companies tied to Israel's slaughter in Gaza, protect free speech on campus and shield students from attacks by ICE and LAPD.

One of the striking students, Evan Zeltzer, said: "Today marks day three of our hunger strike and day 564 of Israel's most recent intensification of the 77-year genocide against the Palestinian people. Since March, Israel has been enforcing a manmade blockade and creating a famine."

Another student, Jackie Hu, told reporters: "Occidental College is complicit in this ongoing genocide. And we, as the students, are committed to holding the administration accountable to being on the right side of history."

In related news, colleges belonging to what's known as the "Big Ten" alliance are establishing a "mutual defense compact" to fight back against Trump's escalating "legal, financial and political" attacks on universities. Those who've already voted to sign on to the pact include Rutgers and the University of Michigan.

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