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Call to action! Week of Palestinian struggle, 15-22 May 2020

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On 15-22 May 2020 [Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network](#) urges all organizations, activists and movements to join us in a collective Week of Palestinian Struggle.

On these days, we remember the Nakba, the theft of Palestinian land and the dispossession of the Palestinian people. At the same time, we celebrate, affirm and pledge to continue over 72 years of Palestinian resistance for liberation and return.

For decades, the Palestinian people's movement has commemorated 15 May and the week that follows as a week of solidarity, resistance and struggle, affirming a revolution that will continue until victory. **This week marks the Palestinian, Arab and international struggle for justice and liberation, a struggle that has continued for 72 years and continues every day. As the Nakba continues, the resistance continues!**

Join us in a week of virtual and in-person actions to stand with the Palestinian people through 72 years of struggle confronting Zionism, imperialism and reaction and for the liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea!

We know that the Zionist ethnic cleansing project did not begin on 15 May 1948 – it was mostly completed by this point throughout 78% of historic Palestine after its launch the previous December. More than that, it was built upon decades of military escalation and European colonization in Palestine and throughout the region more broadly, particularly the British colonial mandate and its [Balfour declaration](#). **This week of struggle requires confronting the racist, imperial ideology of Zionism on which the colonial regime in Palestine has been constructed.**

There are over seven million Palestinian refugees and over 13 million Palestinians in exile and diaspora. **The implementation of the [right of return to Palestine](#) is a collective and individual right that is at the core of the liberation of**

Palestine. In recent years, the attempts to liquidate the right of return have intensified, culminating in the so-called [“deal of the century.”](#) This week of action pledges to intensify the struggle everywhere for the right to return to Palestine.

This struggle for return and liberation has meant that Palestinians have been on the front lines fighting imperialism for over 72 years, fighting alongside comrades in Ireland, the Philippines, Turkey, South Africa, the indigenous Americas and elsewhere. **This week of Palestinian struggle is also a week of struggle against imperialism, especially as the U.S. attempts to impose its “deal of the century” and liquidate the Palestinian cause.** Imperialist powers use “anti-terror” laws and repressive measures to repress the struggle for Palestine within their borders as well, from the imprisonment of [Georges Abdallah](#) in France to the [Holy Land Five](#) in the US, to the targeting of Palestinian activists like [Khaled Barakat](#) in Germany for political bans.

Every victory that is achieved for people’s struggles around the world is a victory for Palestine, and every attack on those movements – such as the attempts to foment a coup in Venezuela or blockade Cuba – is also an attack on the Palestinian people. The siege on Gaza is not simply an Israeli siege but also a U.S. and European siege in which Arab reactionary regimes are complicit. **During this week of action, we struggle to break the siege on Gaza, bring an end to imperialist sanctions and fight all forms of repression.**

Of course, Israel is not the only racist settler colony built on dispossession of indigenous peoples and extraction of their resources; the sponsors of Zionist policy in the United States, Canada and elsewhere. **We stand with all oppressed peoples and indigenous movements defending their land from the ravages of settler colonial capitalism.**

Just as the Palestinian cause is an international struggle, it is also deeply linked to the fight against imperialism throughout the Arab world and the region more

broadly. Arab reactionary regimes like those in Saudi Arabia and Egypt work hand in hand with Israel and the United States to promote normalization, besiege the Palestinian people and squander an independent future for the peoples of the region – and this is reflected in their attacks on the Palestinian movement. **We stand with the Arab people and the peoples of the region who continue to fight back and defend their sovereignty and their future against imperialism and reaction.**

The [Palestinian Authority](#) continues to engage in “security coordination” with the Israeli occupier on a routine basis, attacking the Palestinian resistance. **This week of action stands unconditionally with the Palestinian people’s right to resist occupation and oppression and against all forms of normalization and complicity with the liquidation of Palestine.**

As we fight these attempts to normalize colonialism, the Week of Palestinian Struggle aims to intensify the boycott of Israel and the complicit corporations that profit from the oppression, dispossession and ethnic cleansing of Palestine. The [boycott movement and BDS campaign](#) has faced escalated repression because it poses a material challenge to Israel and its corporate partners. **During this week of action, we will expand the movement to isolate and boycott Israel.**

Palestinian [youth and students](#) are fighting back [against imprisonment](#) and for the future of a liberated Palestine. Resisting suppression and imprisonment inside and outside Palestine, they fight – generation after generation until total liberation.

Palestinian women have been on the front lines of struggle for over 72 years, defending the land, educating generations of strugglers and participating fully in leadership of the Palestinian struggle, political organization and armed and popular struggle.

From inside the prisons, Palestinian prisoners stand on the front lines of confrontation for the freedom of their land and people. The imprisonment of Palestinians has always been a tool of the colonial project in Palestine, meant to maintain occupation, apartheid and oppression and criminalize the existence and resistance of Palestinians. From the martial law imposed in 1948 on the Palestinians who remained in the 78% of historic Palestine occupied at that time, to the imprisonment of 5,000 Palestinian political leaders, journalists, and freedom fighters today, the imprisonment of Palestinians and their leaders has always been part and parcel of the Nakba – and the Palestinian prisoners behind bars continue to stand at the heart of the resistance.

We salute the struggle of the workers and farmers of Palestine, fighting to defend their land and resist exploitation and oppression in all of its forms. Labor organizers are locked inside prisons and fishermen in Gaza are targeted for Israeli gunfire and assault. **The popular classes of Palestine have always been the leaders of the revolution and those who have propelled the national liberation movement forward: the farmers, the workers, the refugees in the camps.**

Join this week of action to highlight the voices and struggles of the Palestinian people, inside and outside Palestine, from Haifa, Nazareth and Safad to Gaza, Ramallah and Nablus, from Cairo, Amman and Beirut to Berlin, Brussels, Santiago and New York.

Remember the Nakba: Long live the resistance! Victory for Palestine!

Days of Action

Below are themes for each day through the week, although events may reflect any or all of these themes at any time! Samidoun's social media will focus on these topics through each day. We encourage you to schedule events and actions on any day during the week, regardless of theme or topic,

focusing on the Palestinian liberation struggle and 72 years of continuing resistance. We also present a schedule of the events we know of taking place during the week.

We want to add yours! Email us at samidoun@samidoun.net or use the form below to send in your events and actions!

10 through 17 May

- Online screenings: Al Ard Doc Film Festival hosts “Screening the Nakba,” with a new film available each day in the Screening Room. Films may be in Italian or offer Italian subtitles to English and Arabic original films. Watch online here: <https://www.alardfilmfestival.com/streaming-di-questa-settimana.html>

Thursday, 14 May

- Online Event: Webinar with Rasmea Odeh and George Khoury, moderated by Suzanne Adely. Organized by the US Palestinian Community Network. 11:30 am Pacific/2:30 pm Eastern/8:30 pm central Europe/9:30 pm Palestine. Watch on Facebook Live at: <https://facebook.com/USPCN>

Friday, 15 May

72 years of struggle and ongoing resistance! Palestinian Workers’ and Farmers’ Struggle for Liberation

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!
- In Chicago: Car Caravan to Commemorate the Nakba. For more details, see [US Palestinian Community Network](https://www.uspcn.org/). At 1:30 pm Central time, gather at AAAN, 9838 S. Roberts Rd, Palos Hills, IL

- Online event: Nakba72: The Continuation of Colonisation – Annexation and Peace. 7 am Pacific/10 am Eastern/3 pm London/5 pm Palestine. Organized by EuroPal Forum. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/595772341287413/>
- Online event: Discussion with Palestinian Nakba survivors. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/7 pm Scotland/9 pm Palestine. Organized by Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Sheffield PSC. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/554093915292170/>
- Online event: Nakba Day Rally, organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, BDS Movement, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, South Africa BDS Coalition. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/7 pm Britain/8 pm Europe/9 pm Palestine. Register online: <https://bit.ly/2YHx0TR>
- Online event: Friday Night Forums: Palestine and the Blockade of Gaza. Organized by The Red Nation, Arab Resource and Organizing Center and Center for Political Education. 5 pm Pacific/8 pm Eastern/2 am Europe/3 am Palestine. Register online: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fSQJFHRzROKHymqyqfM7Vg

Saturday, 16 May

Palestinian Struggle for Return and Liberation: Confronting Zionism - Boycott and Isolate Israel!

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!
- **Online Event: Liberate Palestine from the River to the Sea!** With Palestinian writer Khaled Barakat. 10 am Pacific/1 pm Eastern/7 pm central Europe/8 pm Palestine. Organized by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network. Register online: <https://bit.ly/liberatepalestine>
- **Online event: From Nakba to Return - the Struggle for Palestinian**

Liberation. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/8 pm Central Europe/9 pm Palestine. Organized by Palestinian Youth Movement and National SJP (Samidoun is an endorser!) Register online: bit.ly/nakba2return

- Online event: Lift the siege on Gaza - Online rally for Palestine. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/8 pm Central Europe/9 pm Palestine. Organized by Canadian Palestinian Community Centre. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1086584601724111/>
- Online event: The Palestine Question, with Ramzy Baroud, Ghada Ageel and Mohammed Marandi. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/8 pm central Europe/9 pm Palestine. Organized by Mobilization for Justice. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/539023010333963/>

Sunday, 17 May

Palestinian Refugees' Struggle for Liberation and Return to Palestine!

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!
- **Online Event: Virtual Rally and Panel to Commemorate al-Nakba and For the Right to Return.** Organized by Al-Awda, Palestine Right to Return Coalition. 12 pm Pacific/3 pm Eastern/9 pm central Europe/10 pm Palestine. Register online: <https://bit.ly/alawda72>
- **Online Event: Arabic-Language Webinar with Fawzi Ismail on Palestinian Struggle in Exile.** Organized by Samidoun Palestine and fellow organizers. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/8 pm central Europe/9 pm Palestine. Follow on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/samidoun3/>

Monday, 18 May

Palestinian Youth and Students - Generation after Generation until Total Liberation

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!

Tuesday, 19 May

Confronting Reactionary Regimes, Normalization and Imperialism: Arab struggles for liberation

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!
- Online Event: Honoring Malcolm X & Elombe Brath: Black Solidarity with Palestine. 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern/8 pm Europe/9 pm Palestine. Organized by AMED Studies at SFSU Open Classroom. Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/536552867060717/>

Wednesday, 20 May

Palestinian Women in the Liberation Movement: National and Social Liberation

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!

Thursday, 21 May

Palestinian Prisoners on the Front Lines of the Freedom Struggle

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!
- Online Event: Palestinian prisoners' families: Collective punishment and steadfastness, with Basil Farraj. 12 pm Pacific/3 pm Eastern/9 pm central

Europe/10 pm Palestine. Organized by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network. Register online: <https://bit.ly/prisonersfamilies>

Friday, 22 May

Palestinian, Arab and International Struggle Confronts Zionism, Reaction and Imperialism

- Join the online actions and keep tweeting and posting with **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle**. Share your solidarity photos, videos and selfies!

Suggested Actions

1. **Videos and selfies** are a great way to express solidarity online! Create a short video clip or hold up a sign supporting the Palestinian people and their resistance through 72 years of ongoing Nakba. Your Tweets, Facebook, Instagram and other social media posts throughout the week can emphasize the critical importance of the Palestinian struggle! Use the hashtags **#Nakba2020 #PalestinianResistance #PalestinianStruggle** and tag us at [@SamidounPP](https://twitter.com/SamidounPP) on Twitter so that we can re-share and boost your solidarity efforts.
2. If you cannot **hold an in-person demonstration or action** during this week, we encourage you to consider a **car caravan**. Of course, you can still **support the prisoners with an online action or event**! Several online meetings are listed below. Host a webinar or online meeting about Palestine and the prisoners' struggle over Zoom, Facebook Live or a platform of your choice. Send your event details - in any language - to Samidoun at samidoun@samidoun.net and we will include them in our list of activities.
3. **Call in for action**. Governments around the world, specifically imperialist

powers and reactionary regimes, are fully complicit in Israeli crimes against humanity. Even if you have to leave a message, call your government officials and demand they stop funding and supporting Israel's ongoing Nakba with military, diplomatic and political support. Express your disgust at these governments' ongoing support for Israeli colonialism. Call during your country's regular office hours:

- Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs Marise Payne: + 61 2 6277 7500
- Canadian Foreign Minister François-Philippe Champagne: +1-613-995-4895
- European Union Commissioner Josep Borrell Fontelles: +32(0) 470 18 24 05
- New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters: +64 4 439 8000
- United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab: +44 20 7008 1500
- United States President Donald Trump: 1-202-456-1111

4. **Boycott, Divest and Sanction.** It's just as important to boycott Israel when buying online! Join the BDS campaign to highlight the complicity of corporations like [Hewlett-Packard](#) and the continuing [involvement of G4S](#) in Israeli policing and prisons. Build a campaign to boycott Israeli goods, impose a military embargo on Israel, or organize around the academic and cultural boycott of Israel.
5. **Share history and record oral history.** It is vitally important to recall the history of Palestinian struggle and share the stories of Nakba survivors and generations of Palestinian strugglers. Share your story, that of your family and loved ones, or that of your comrades. Tag us at [@SamidounPP](#) so that we share your story further!

