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It's not just 'unlikely' that a Palestinian rocket hit the Gaza hospital. It's impossible. The media know this; they just don't dare say it



Oct. 18 — Let's say it again: The BIGGEST fake news comes from the establishment media. When the stakes are high, it barely bothers to hide its role as mouthpiece for Western propaganda.

This is another Iraqi WMD moment. We are being gaslit. Believe your eyes and ears,

and the laws of physics, not the lies being peddled by our leaders and media about last night's missile strike on the Baptist hospital in Gaza:

1. No Palestinian group has a rocket that can hit a hospital, killing hundreds. What they have are glorified fireworks that can cause minor damage and the occasional death or two. If Hamas or Islamic Jihad could cause the kind of damage that happened last night, you would hear about it happening in Tel Aviv or Ashkelon too. You don't, because they can't.
2. Israel's apologists (and there are lots of them) are sharing all sorts of videos unrelated to the hospital strike. But the video of the strike itself shows that an incredibly large and powerful weapon is used. Listen to the noise the missile makes just before the hit - that whooshing noise is caused by its phenomenal velocity as it cuts through the air. That is *not* the noise of a falling Palestinian rocket.

UPDATE: Israeli warplanes bombed Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City; More than 800 Palestinians were bombed <https://t.co/8IpoFZoKND>
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If you watch videos being shared of Palestinian rockets being fired, notice how slowly they travel. Almost at a snail's pace. If they fail, they drop at free-fall speed, not the near-supersonic speed of the missile that hit the hospital. To think otherwise is to misunderstand the laws of physics.

3. Israel's apologists are trying to further muddy the waters by suggesting that either a Palestinian rocket fell, or was intercepted, and the rocket or fragments of it hit a very large ammo dump in the hospital. Let's just accept the racist premise that hundreds of families were quite happy to seek safety next to a huge stash of

explosives in the middle of a relentless Israeli bombing campaign. Let's also accept the fantastical idea that a falling glorified firework or fragment of it could penetrate the hospital's strong walls and set off such an explosion. If all this was true, you would still see a series of secondary explosions as the arms were detonated by the initial explosion. You don't because there is only one explosion – from an enormous missile.

4. It's a desperate psyop, so Israel has now released a recording of two Hamas militants conveniently having a chat after the missile strike, discussing whether they or Islamic Jihad did it. This is the same Israel that did not detect months of planning by Hamas that was needed to organise its breakout 10 days ago. But Israel got lucky this time, it seems, and just happened to be listening in when Huey and Louie decided to self-incriminate.

Remember Israel has a whole unit of 'mistaravim', Israeli Jewish undercover agents trained to pose as Palestinians and secretly operate among Palestinians. Israel produced a highly popular TV series about such people, set in Gaza, called *Fauda*. You have to be beyond credulous to think that Israel couldn't, and wouldn't, rig up a call like this to fool us, just as it regularly fools Palestinians in Gaza.

Most of the people spreading these lies know they are lies, including the media, and most especially the Middle East and defence correspondents. At least a few, like the BBC's Jeremy Bowen and Jon Donnison, are trying cautiously to suggest it's unlikely a Hamas rocket could cause damage on the scale seen at the Gaza hospital. But it's not unlikely. It's impossible, and they know it. They just don't dare say it.

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Español abajo

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We, however, embrace the Palestinian people and support their just struggle of Resistance that has not ceased since the beginning of the invasion and occupation by Israeli Zionism. We emphasize that the Armed Struggle used against the subjugation of a colonized people, their right to resist in the way they deem convenient and possible, is valid within International Laws.

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The Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine's appeal to the world

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The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has issued an appeal to the entire world to engage in practical solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

The Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine conveys its deepest condolences to the Palestinian families of every heroic martyr who has sacrificed their life in steadfastness and dignity, in the honorable and ongoing battle for freedom.

The Zionist, colonial state continues to exert its utmost power to eradicate our people. Most recently, Zionist Occupation Forces committed a horrific massacre of more than 600 people, in a cowardly, targeted bombing of the Baptist hospital (Al-Ahli hospital) on 17 October 2023. And still, this colonial power enacts and publicly advocates for the continuation of the ethnic cleansing of our homeland. We stand witness to sickening and unwavering military and political support from global imperialist powers, making them accomplices in the ongoing genocide of our people.

Today, our struggle for liberation and freedom has never been more urgent. We fiercely assert our right to resist and put an end to seven decades of colonization, unimaginable suffering, degradation, and slaughter. We hereby refuse the criminalization of our political action and resistance, we refuse the discriminatory anti-Palestinian attacks against our free spirits. The evident double-standard approach to our resistance in comparison to other people such as, the people of Ukraine is despicable. Every step we take in this battle is a commitment to achieving victory, and obliterating the colonial interests that perpetuate this injustice. Our freedom and dignity are not negotiable. We shall either live in freedom or stand unyielding in our resistance, regardless of the sacrifice.

The PFLP calls upon all individuals of conscience worldwide to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle against hegemony and colonialism. Our battle serves as an inspiring example for all oppressed people on this planet. Our struggle embodies the determination to overcome all forms of oppression, dominance, and injustice.

The PFLP urges all liberation movements, political parties, unions, activists, and individuals worldwide with a sense of justice to exhaust every action against the Zionist state, its affiliates and supporters, to show tangible support for Palestine and the Palestinian people. We must be the voice for those who have been silenced, including every child who has been lost and every political prisoner who endures suffering behind bars. Our resistance is the only just course of action. We will not idly watch while our people are killed and tormented, and we will not remain passive in the face of ongoing ethnic cleansing. Our people have the inalienable right to live in safety and dignity.

The time to act is now; we call upon all movements around the world to set aside all your differences and disputes and focus on acting in unity, until we achieve victory and the right of return. Over 11 million refugees have been dreaming of returning to their homeland, and that day is not distant. Our freedom will prevail as long as we remain committed to our just cause, bringing an end to the suffering of our people and the protection of our sacred land.

We fight to live in liberty, we resist for our very existence. Our fellow comrades, your freedom is intertwined with the dismantling of colonial hegemony and all those who collaborate with it. Let us unite to end the massacres against our people and the pain endured by every mother and child who has lost their lives in the pursuit of freedom. Let us honor our martyrs by continuing the fight they believed in and gave everything for, paving the way for a free Palestine and liberated people

FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA PALESTINE WILL BE FREE!



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Israel has demanded that 1.1 million Palestinians evacuate the northern half of Gaza while subjecting them to constant bombardment. This ruthless move is part of Israel's plan, backed by unwavering support and active participation from the U.S.

and a majority of European states, to carry out unprecedented and heinous massacres against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza and to ethnically cleanse it altogether. Since Oct. 14, Israel has indiscriminately and intensively bombarded Gaza and cut off fuel, electricity, water, food, and medical supplies. Israel has killed more than 2,600 Palestinians — including 724 children — leveling whole neighborhoods, wiping out entire families, and injuring more than 10,000 people. Some international law experts have begun warning of Israel's genocidal acts.

Elsewhere, Israel's far-right government has distributed more than 10,000 rifles to extremist settlers in '48 Palestine and the occupied West Bank to facilitate their escalating attacks and pogroms against Palestinians. Israel's actions, massacres, and rhetoric point to its intention to implement its long-promised second Nakba, expelling as many Palestinians as possible and creating a "New Middle East" in which Palestinians live in perpetual subjugation.

The response by Western states has been one of complete and total support for the state of Israel, without even a cursory nod toward international law. This has amplified Israel impunity, giving it carte blanche to carry out its genocidal war without limit. Beyond diplomatic support, Western states are supplying Israel with armament, sanctioning the operation of Israeli weapons companies within their borders.

As Israel escalates its military campaign, **Palestinian trade unions call on our counterparts internationally and all people of conscience to end all forms of complicity with Israel's crimes — most urgently halting the arms trade with Israel, as well as all funding and military research.** The time for action is now — Palestinian lives hang in the balance.

This urgent, genocidal situation can only be prevented by a mass increase of global solidarity with the people of Palestine that can restrain the Israeli war machine.

We need you to take immediate action — wherever you are in the world — to prevent the arming of the Israeli state and the companies involved in the infrastructure of the blockade. We take inspiration from previous mobilizations by trade unions in Italy, South Africa and the United States and similar international mobilizations against the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in the 1930s, the fascist dictatorship in Chile in the 1970s and elsewhere where global solidarity limited the extent of colonial brutality.

We are calling on trade unions in relevant industries:

1. To refuse to build weapons destined for Israel.
2. To refuse to transport weapons to Israel.
3. To pass motions in their trade union to this effect.
4. To take action against complicit companies involved in implementing Israel's brutal and illegal siege, especially if they have contracts with your institution.
5. Pressure governments to stop all military trade with Israel and, in the case of the U.S., stop funding it.

We make this call as we see attempts to ban and silence all forms of solidarity with the Palestinian people. We ask you to speak out and take action in the face of injustice as trade unions have done historically. We make this call in the belief that the struggle for Palestinian justice and liberation is not only a regionally and globally determined struggle. It is a lever for the liberation of all dispossessed and exploited people of the world.

Signers:

Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, Gaza

General Union of Public Service and Trade Workers

General Union of Municipal Workers

General Union of Kindergarten Workers

General Union of Petrochemicals Workers

General Union of Agricultural Workers

Union of Palestinian Women's Committees

Generation Union of Media and Print Workers

Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU)

General Union of Palestinian Teachers

General Union of Palestinian Women

General Union of Palestinian Engineers

Palestinian Accountants' Association

Professional Associations Federation including:

Palestinian Dental Association - Jerusalem Center

Palestinian Pharmacists Association - Jerusalem Center

Medical Association - Jerusalem Center

Engineers Association - Jerusalem Center

Agricultural Engineers Association - Jerusalem Center

Veterinarians Syndicate - Jerusalem Branch

Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate

Palestinian Bar Association

Palestinian Nursing and Midwifery Association

Union of Kindergarten Workers

Palestinian Postal Service Workers Union

Federation of Unions of Palestinian University Professors & Employees

The General Federation of Independent Trade Unions, Palestine

The Palestine New Federation of Trade Unions

Palestinian General Union of Writers

Palestinian Contractors Union

Federation of Health Professionals Syndicates

Palestinian Union of Psychologists and Social Workers

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Baltimore: Flood the Streets for Palestine, Oct. 21

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FLOOD THE STREETS for **PALESTINE** STOP U.S./ISRAEL WAR CRIMES!

SOLIDARITY RALLY & MARCH

*Saturday, October 21, 2pm, Penn Station
1500 N. Charles Street Baltimore MD*

Peoples Power Assembly – Palestinian Youth Movement – Women in Struggle/Mujeres en Lucha – Socialist Unity Party Baltimore
ILPS Mid-Atlantic Chapter – Anti-Imperialist Action UMBC – Malaya Movement Baltimore – Black Alliance for Peace Baltimore – Friends of Latin America

Text 301-327-4799 for updates

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Penn Train Station - Baltimore

March and rally!!

Bombing schools and hospitals is a war crime—US/Israel are responsible.

#freepalestine #freepalestine #palestinesolidarity #solidaritywithpalestine
#internationalsolidarity



For jobs, peace and a pro-worker foreign policy

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Resolution passed at the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE) 78th Convention held September 17-21 in Pittsburgh with the theme "Building Strike Power."

The U.S. military budget — at over \$877 billion, larger than those of the next ten nations combined — continues to soar out of control with bipartisan support. Threats or use of military force are still a regular feature of U.S. foreign policy under presidents of both major parties. All of this is done at the expense of the needs of working people in the U.S. and throughout the world. The U.S. could make substantial reductions to military spending without compromising national security.

More than half of the military budget goes not to the frontline servicemen and women who put their lives on the line but to private, for-profit contractors. President Biden continues the long-held practice of awarding lavish contracts to politically well-connected defense contractors. An attempted audit of the military budget couldn't be completed due to the huge sums that could not be accounted for.

Congress appointed a commission to look at defense spending levels, but most of the commission members had ties to the defense industry.

The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, initiated by the Trump Administration and completed by Biden, was carried out in order to refocus U.S. military and diplomatic resources on efforts to “contain” China and Russia. Rather than working with China, the world’s most populous country and second-largest economy, on urgent global issues like climate change, Biden has continued Trump’s escalation of economic and military tensions.

NATO’s policy of aggressively encircling Russia helped set the stage for the current conflict in Ukraine. With U.S. backing, NATO has spent more than \$100 billion arming Ukraine since February 2022, with more than \$75 billion coming from the U.S. The Pentagon documents leaked in April 2023 by Jack Teixeira of the Massachusetts Air National Guard made it clear that the U.S. military does not consider the war in Ukraine winnable. It is now obvious that the tens of billions of dollars that our government has pumped into the conflict were never meant to secure victory for Ukraine but merely to wear down Russia and feed the U.S. military-industrial complex at the expense of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian and Russian lives.

In the Middle East, the U.S. is involved in a tangled, contradictory web of alliances and wars. Biden has been slow to revive the nuclear agreement with Iran, keeping in place the severe economic sanctions imposed by Trump, that are themselves a form of warfare. He has also continued a policy of confrontation with regional militias aligned with Iran. Simultaneously, the U.S. has maintained its close relationship with Saudi Arabia, a dictatorship with a human rights record far worse than Iran. The U.S.-Saudi alliance has prolonged the nine-year Yemeni Civil War, which has resulted in nearly 400,000 deaths, including the starvation of 85,000 children.

Meanwhile, the situation of the Palestinians has steadily deteriorated. In the

occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, the right-wing Israeli government continues to confiscate homes and land to expand Israeli settlements. Since 1967, Israel has settled more than 750,000 of its citizens in the West Bank and has been building a wall that separates neighboring towns. Farmers are being cut off from their fields and water supplies, which could soon wipe out Palestinian agriculture in the Jordan River Valley. At the same time, Israel is treating Gaza as the world's largest open-air prison, with its residents trapped in abysmal economic and social conditions. All of this is illegal under international law.

Palestinian trade unions and civil society organizations have called for a worldwide campaign of boycotts to pressure Israel to end its apartheid rule over the Palestinians. The movement for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) is modeled after the 1980s international solidarity campaign that put economic pressure on South Africa's government and helped end apartheid.

Cuba poses no economic or military threat to the United States. Our government has no justification for the economic blockade of Cuba, which makes it more difficult for Cubans to access medicine, food, and essential life-giving supplies. The blockade hurts workers in both countries. Jobs are lost, while U.S. manufacturers are denied a major market just 90 miles offshore. Instead of restoring diplomatic relationships and lifting the economic embargo, President Biden has seized on relatively small protests, sparked by the very hardships caused by the embargo, to demand "regime change" in Cuba.

Our government's involvement in wars and destabilization campaigns around the world makes us less, not more, safe. The two major U.S. wars of the past two decades, Iraq and Afghanistan, cost us billions of dollars and the lives of thousands of our young soldiers while producing more extremism, more war, more instability, and more danger. The escalation of tensions with China and Russia raise the specter of nuclear war, which would be catastrophic for human life.

UE has long warned of the danger of nuclear weapons, a position only strengthened by our close relationship over the past three decades with the militant Japanese union federation Zenroren. As workers from the only nation that has suffered a nuclear attack, Zenroren has a deep commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons as absolutely necessary to winning a decent life for working people.

The biggest threats to the people of the U.S. are not military invasions from other countries but rather:

- The failure to provide living wage jobs, affordable healthcare, education, housing, and necessary social services as human rights;
- The climate crisis, which is causing massive floods, severe droughts, heat waves, increasingly destructive storms, and health-threatening air quality, with disproportionate impacts on frontline communities and people of color;
- The threat of a possible nuclear war; and
- Systemic racism and gender discrimination.

Foreign and military policies should defend the interests of working people, not the wealthy. UE has long believed that the labor movement should promote its own foreign policy ideas based on diplomacy and labor solidarity. Our government should not destabilize democracy on behalf of billionaires. It should promote peace, jobs, and justice for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS 78th UE CONVENTION:

1. Calls on the union at all levels to:
 1. Inform and engage members on the need to change U.S. foreign policy to promote diplomacy, democracy, and workers rights;
 2. Promote involvement in labor-based efforts to effectively create that change;
 3. Support About Face, formerly known as Iraq Veterans Against the

War (IVAW);

2. Demands the U.S. government invest in peace and build economic security by:
 1. Reducing the military budget while improving wages, healthcare, and pensions of soldiers and veterans;
 2. Reappropriating defense savings into transportation, housing, healthcare, education, renewable resource development, or other peaceful infrastructure;
 3. The creation of a fund to guarantee any worker or soldier displaced by conversion from a war economy to a peace economy up to four years' living allowance and educational expenses;
3. Further demands the U.S. government:
 1. Seek an immediate, negotiated end to the conflict in Ukraine;
 2. End incentives for corporations to profit from exporting weapons abroad;
 3. Cease military aid to countries with disgraceful human rights records;
 4. Cease all funding for the National Missile Defense program and the U.S. Space Force, and support efforts at the United Nations to ban all weapons in space;
 5. Cease using U.S. military and intelligence agencies in interventions against sovereign nations which pose no threat to the American people;
 6. End the use of taxpayer money for further militarization of Latin America;
 7. Cease all harassment of and economic sanctions on the democratically-elected government of Venezuela;
 8. Cease the use of drones to attack foreign nationals or U.S. citizens;
 9. Reinstate the agreement negotiated with Iran which prevents its

development of nuclear weapons;

10. Deescalate tensions with China;
4. Demands the U.S. government end all military aid to Israel and pressure Israel to:
 1. End the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem and the siege of Gaza;
 2. Negotiate a peace agreement on the basis of equality, democracy, and human rights for the Palestinian and Israeli people, including Palestinian self-determination and the right of return for refugees;
 5. Endorses the BDS movement and urges the union at all levels to become engaged in BDS and the movement for peace, justice and equality between the Palestinians and Israelis;
 6. Opposes all efforts to outlaw BDS and otherwise punish non-violent critics of Israeli policies;
 7. Supports the struggle of our sister union Zenroren to halt the repeal of Article 9 of Japan's constitution, to close all U.S. military bases in Japan, and to halt all U.S. efforts to convert the Japanese Self-Defense Force to offensive purposes;
 8. Welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations, and demands that the U.S. government take all necessary steps to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons;
 9. Calls on the corporate media and the U.S. government to end its campaign of misinformation, fraud, and manipulation against the interests of our working-class sisters, brothers, and comrades abroad;
 10. Supports the United Nations call for an end to the inhumane 60-year Cuban embargo, and demands that Congress and the President:
 1. Normalize relations with the Cuban government;
 2. End the blockade on trade and travel for Americans;
 3. End pressure against countries that wish to trade freely with Cuba;

4. Cease funding and support for Cuban-exile terrorist groups;
11. Supports legislation that significantly reduces the bloated Pentagon budget without cutting pay or benefits of those serving in the US military; One such bill is H.R. 1134, the People Over the Pentagon Act, introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee and Rep. Mark Pocan, which would reduce the Pentagon budget by \$100 billion.

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NYC Councilmember Charles Barron: Free Palestine!

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Statement by New York City Councilmember Charles Barron.

Let's be very clear. The attack on Israel by Hamas, on October 7, 2023 was not an "unprovoked attack"; it was inevitable and must be put into historical context and cannot be used as a justification for escalating the continuing genocide against the Palestinian people.

Let me state unequivocally that I have always deplored any intentional killing of innocent non-combatant women, children, and men in any theater of war, anywhere in the world including the so-called Middle East.

The road to peace in the so-called Middle East can be achieved if the international

community calls for the apartheid Israeli government to end its decades-long colonization and illegal, immoral occupation of Palestinian land, since the Balfour Declaration in 1917. The international community must support the right of Palestinian refugees who were forcibly displaced from their land, to return to their homes.

From the Englishman Lord Balfour's Declaration, in 1917, to support the Jewish people in establishing a "national homeland" in Palestine; to the Nakba ("Catastrophe") when 700,000 Palestinians were displaced from their homes in 1947 to establish a Jewish state in 1948; to the present; tens of thousands of innocent Palestinian women, children, and men have been killed by Israeli forces.

In 2014, a United Nations report documented that in the attack on the Gaza strip, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) killed 1523 Palestinians, which included 509 children.

Earlier this year, before the October 7th attack, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Donald Trump of the Middle East, and his fascist right-wing government annexed more settlements in the West Bank, killing over 239 Palestinians and 40 of them were children. The armed Jewish civilian settlers participated in the killings, according to international reports.

The United States for decades has supplied the state of Israel with billions of dollars worth of arms to continue the occupation of Palestinian land. For over 16 years, Israel has imposed an illegal blockade on Gaza. Nothing comes in by land, sea or air! No food, no electricity, no fuel! The blockade did not start as a reaction to the latest attack.

This madness must stop! How much blood must be spilled before Israel ends its occupation of Palestine?

Free Palestine and there will be peace in the Middle East!

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STATEMENT OF THE ILPS



The International League of Peoples' Struggle stands united in unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian resistance. The Palestinian people are absolutely united in their aspiration to bring an end to the Zionist occupation and to finally live

in a free and democratic Palestine.

The actions by the Zionist state are nothing short of a genocide. Since the latest attacks against Gaza began, over 3,000 have been killed in indiscriminate airstrikes, including at least 500 getting medical treatment and taking refuge in a hospital. A complete blockade has deliberately cut Gaza off from food, water, fuel and electricity, leaving the people starving and with a medical system on the brink of collapse with over 10,000 injuries and rising. Palestinian health officials cannot keep up with carrying away the dead bodies that lie unattended throughout the strip, leading to the high risk of a disease outbreak amongst the population. Zionist forces have also demanded that 2.3 million Gazans evacuate to the south to make way for their ground invasion and likely attempt to re-occupy the strip while killing even civilians obeying this order. Airstrikes have even hit the southern border between Gaza and Egypt, the only way for Palestinians to leave the strip if they want, leaving desperately needed humanitarian aid packages sitting at the border unable to enter. In addition to airstrikes, the Zionists have even used internationally banned weapons such as white phosphorus gas. Included is the continued violence by soldiers and armed settlers which has killed over 70 in the past 11 days alone.

Indeed, the Zionist government may have declared war on October 7th, but the previous 75 years of occupation and ethnic cleansing policies since the Nakba have been a never-ending war against the Palestinian people. What we see now is merely a heightened general offensive by Zionism within Palestine itself with continuing aggression against neighboring rival countries.

The Zionists may have openly declared war this time, but that's only because of the Palestinian resistance's decision to unite in struggle to take up arms against the US-backed occupation state and its "state-of-the-art" military. For over 75 years, the Palestinian people have used every option they've had against the occupation of their land, to no avail. The international governance system has allowed the

occupation to become normalized with no end in sight. The people have chosen to take the courageous path of united coordination in armed resistance, bravely tearing up the Zionist-imposed border fence of Gaza and launching coordinated strikes in air, land and sea that inspired peoples' movements the world over to see a united people taking the military might of an imperialist satellite state off guard.

The Palestinian resistance is a beacon to our resistance! By this, we mean that this strike against a running dog of US imperialism is a move that weakens US imperialism as a whole. The global imperialist system is entering into a new stage of multipolar turmoil, from the US-NATO proxy war in Ukraine, to the build up to war in Asia-Pacific, to the upsurge of peoples' movements for national self-determination in Latin America and Africa, and of the continued advance of armed resistance movements in the Philippines, India, Kurdistan, West Papua and of course Palestine. The Palestinian resistance gives inspiration to all people struggling in this context for national and social liberation, and therefore we must support their resistance as if it was our own.

The ILPS supports all resistance fighters regardless of organizational affiliation - now is the time to unite!

We also condemn the attacks on Palestinian and Palestine solidarity organizations around the world on behalf of the US and Zionist forces. We are witnessing an unprecedented outlawing of democratic organizations and bans on free speech when it comes to the Palestinian cause while pro-Zionist slogans are given full support, even within the so-called "democratic" liberal states of North America and Europe. Now is the time to defend peoples' struggle in all its forms.

The ILPS calls on its members to take actions worldwide outside of Israeli, US and European embassies to condemn the genocide taking place in Gaza. We also encourage members to demand of their own governments official condemnation and to push for the unconditional end of the blockade, assault and genocide of Gaza, as

well as the end of all military aid to the Zionist state, especially from the US.

All organizations are encouraged to hold educational sessions on the history and current situation of the US-Zionist occupation and resistance of Palestine. Ongoing actions in support of the Palestinian resistance must be maintained worldwide, especially amidst the crackdown and banning of anti-Zionist organizations. We must assert that activism and resistance of any form is not terrorism.

**From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free!
Palestinian resistance is a beacon to our resistance!
Long live international Solidarity!**

Signed:

Len Cooper
ILPS Chairperson
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PFLP: Disinformation on hospital bombing is another crime against victims

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Oct. 18: The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) confirmed today that the occupation government and its army committed the crime of bombing the Al-Ahli al-Arabi Hospital, knowing in advance that it was impossible for any humane person to justify it or accept it, but had planned in advance a series of similar crimes and prepared the tools of justification, analysis, and fabrication.

The Front said: "Since yesterday, we have faced another crime besides the massacre, which is the enemy's attempt to attribute the horrific massacre it committed to the Palestinians and their resistance."

PFLP pointed out that "the enemy's intention was clear in targeting hospitals from the beginning of the aggression. It had previously attacked the Al-Ahli al-Arabi

Hospital, Al-Durrah Children's Hospital, and the Indonesian Hospital, and threatened Al-Awda Hospital, Al-Quds Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital, and the Kuwaiti Hospital as part of its comprehensive war on hospitals, and followed its brutal massacre at Al-Ahli al-Arabi Hospital with another bombing of the European Hospital."

The Front denounced the reluctance of some international bodies to discuss the number of conflicting lies that occupation spokesmen competed to present and withdraw in succession after they were refuted by conclusive evidence from dozens of institutions concerned with verification around the world, not only in Palestine.

The Front also confirmed that the German chancellor and the U.S. war criminal Joe Biden are complete partners in killing us, along with all those governments and parties that gave cover to the aggression or refused to condemn it.

The Front called on the masses of the Arab nation, the resistance and its supporters, and the friends of Palestine around the world to punish the Zionist enemy for this heinous crime.

**Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
Central Information Department**

Translated by Melinda Butterfield

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Christynne Wood: Standing up to anti-trans hate in Southern California

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Excerpts from a talk by Christynne Lili Wrene Wood at the Oct. 7 [National March to Protect Trans Youth & Speakout for Trans Lives](#) in Orlando, Florida.

To all our beautiful and loving Floridian rainbow family and allies, I bring our unlimited love and support from the Western end of the rainbow, the great golden state of California! With each swipe of the poisoned pens in Tallahassee, we feel your pain and share your outrage.

I fought against a very well-organized campaign at the Santee City Council near San Diego. During that meeting, a well-coached teenage girl emotionally described her horror and experience at seeing a “naked man” in the women’s locker room of the Cameron YMCA in Santee.

Even though several members of the YMCA staff assured her and her family that I was indeed a woman, her lie was picked up by a local right-wing media outlet and within 72 hours was both national and international news, with said girl being a keynote guest on the “Tucker Carlson Show.”

During a protest of hate coordinated by a couple of East County churches featuring failed politicians and more right-wing media coverage, I quietly and with resolute conviction made my way to a counter-protest that featured love, diversity, acceptance, and joy. The number of families there to support our rainbow family was overwhelming.

It was there that I introduced myself as the “scary transgender woman” who was being vilified just 50 yards away at the hatefest event. I invited them all to please join me at the next meeting of the Santee City Council, where I would address the lies being spread! It was at that City Council meeting that I first met Gloria Verdieu and was introduced to Struggle-La Lucha and Women in Struggle.

Salute to Miss Major

Now it is my duty, my responsibility, and my great honor to bring your attention to a civil, human, and trans rights icon who has seen fit to grace us with her divine presence today. I refer to Miss Major Griffin-Gracy – activist, author, mentor, and mother to countless of our trans sisters.

Miss Major’s accomplishments and sacrifices are far too numerous to mention during the short time allotted, but here are two quotes I particularly love: “Get off our backs and let us live,” and a particular favorite from the HBO special “The Trans List,” when asked how she would summarize her life, stated, “She came, she saw, she cared!”

[Check out the magnificent interview](#) in The Guardian by Sam Levine with Miss Major

in Little Rock, Arkansas, in the sanctuary she has created.

Miss Major, our love for you is eternal, beloved mother!

