

Thousands in NYC protest the genocidal bombing of Gaza

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March 10, Manhattan - Protesters demanded the release of Mahmoud Khalil, a Columbia University graduate student kidnapped by ICE. He was singled out

because he helped organize protests in defense of Palestine. SLL photo

March 18 — Thousands marched through the streets of midtown Manhattan tonight to protest the genocidal bombing of Gaza. An estimated 400 Palestinians, including 175 children, were killed by the Zionist apartheid state using U.S.-made bombs and planes.

The action was called on short notice by the Shut It Down 4 Palestine Coalition. People rallied in Times Square, carrying Palestinian flags and hundreds of signs and chanting, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!”

A short message was read from Mahmoud Khalil, a Columbia University graduate student who was kidnapped by ICE Gestapo agents and taken to Louisiana. He was singled out because he helped organize protests in defense of Palestine.

On March 15, at least a thousand people marched in Manhattan to free Mahmoud Khalil.

Columbia University refused to defend Khalil, a Palestinian, and his family, who were subjected to death threats. Instead, the Ivy League school has expelled, suspended, or fired students who protested. Some had their diplomas retracted.

One of those fired, Grant Miner, spoke at Times Square. He’s the president of United Auto Workers Local 2710, representing Columbia University’s student workers.

Other speakers included representatives from the Palestinian Youth Movement; PAL-AWDA, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition; Neturei Karta, an anti-Zionist group of Orthodox Jews; the Party for Socialism and Liberation; and The People’s Forum.

Free Palestine!



March 18, Manhattan — 2,000 Palestine supporters marched in Manhattan following the most recent U.S.-Israeli bombardment of Gaza. SLL photo



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