

Lyon roars: 'Free Palestine! Free Georges Abdallah!'

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Lyon, France — Another great success - after the last mobilization in Lannemezan on April 6, which brought together over 2,000 people - for the national demonstration for the release of Georges Abdallah called by the Campagne Unitaire pour la Libération de Georges Abdallah, co-organized by the Ligue de la Jeunesse Révolutionnaire and the Collectif 69 Palestine!

More than 3,000 participants turned out on Saturday, June 15, 2024, in Lyon to support the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people, Georges Abdallah, and two LJR comrades who will be tried tomorrow, June 18, for their support of Palestine and our comrade Georges Abdallah.

In this long, determined, and combative procession, numerous political and trade union organizations marched from the 4 corners of France and neighboring countries (Germany, Austria, and Spain), carpooling or using the two buses that left from Marseille and Paris.

In addition to the organizers, the event was also attended by (in no particular order, and perhaps not exhaustively...) activists from FSE, JR, Secours Rouge Arabe, Collectif Georges Abdallah 74, Collectif Georges Abdallah 38, Collectif Georges Abdallah 33, Cause du Peuple, Nouvelle Époque, Comité Action Palestine, PRC, Thawra, Soutiens de Bagnolet, Fosse aux Lyons, ANC, FUIQP, Collectif Palestine Vaincra, UP Lyon, UP Marseille and UP nationale, UJFP, BDS, AFPS, OCML-VP, Ligue Communite Internationale, CGT UL Mirail, Solidaires, Comité Palestine 31, Action Antifasciste Paris Banlieue, Jeune Garde, France Insoumise, NPA, PCF, JC, UCL, Ensemble, CRI Rouge, Kurdistan activists, Solidarité Indonésie, Solidarité Kanaky, Partizan, Rote Fahne. All united around slogans and declarations unapologetically supporting resistance and denouncing the genocidal war waged by the Zionist entity and its imperialist and reactionary allies.

Once again, Georges Abdallah, your comrades were there, and they all reaffirmed their unwavering determination to continue the fight until your release!

Our thanks also go to the comrades who were unable to attend but who made this June 15, wherever they were, a day of action for the release of Georges Abdallah: in Hamburg, Bastia, Istanbul, Italy, Mexico, India, and elsewhere.

Palestine will live! Palestine will win! Free Georges Abdallah!

We are the people, and victory is ours!



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POUR LA LIBÉRATION DE

**GEORGES
ABDALLAH**

**ET EN SOUTIEN À DEUX
MILITANTS PRO-PALESTINIENS
POURSUIVIS PAR LA JUSTICE**

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PAL-Awda launches global week of action against Citibank

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PAL-Awda Launches Global Week of Action Against Citibank, Plans June 13 Rally at NYC Headquarters

On Monday, June 10th, PAL-Awda NY/NJ: Palestinian Assembly for Liberation announced a **Global Week of Action against Citibank, June 10th - June 14th,**

calling on people across the US and the world to boycott, protest, and shut down Citibank and “all those who profit off of mass murder in Gaza.”

PAL-Awda urged people to close their accounts at Citibank and cancel their Citi credit cards throughout the week. In NYC, the Week of Action includes a **protest at Citibank’s World Headquarters, 388 Greenwich St, New York 10013, at 4 PM on Thursday, June 13th.**

According to PAL-Awda, “Citibank and its parent company, Citigroup, deserve special attention” amongst US banks and corporations, due to the ways in which “their actions make the genocide in Gaza possible.” With assets of \$2.9 trillion, Citigroup is one of the top four banks in the United States.

In 2021, Citi loaned the israeli occupation regime \$2.5 billion to buy 25 new F35 jet fighters. The US government is currently repaying that loan. PAL-Awda organizers explained that “those planes now rain death on families living in tents in Gaza. They destroy homes, hospitals, schools, mosques and churches.” The week of action takes place days after the israeli Occupation Forces, with US support, massacred at least 274 Palestinians in Nuseirat refugee camp, Gaza, Palestine.

According to the Citigroup website, “**Citi boasts the largest presence of any foreign financial institution in Israel and offers corporate and investment banking services to leading Israeli corporations and institutions and global corporations operating in Israel.** Citi also offers private banking services to high-net-worth individuals living in Israel. Citi has demonstrated its leadership and commitment to Israel for many years. Citi’s Technology Innovation Lab in Tel Aviv is one of the best innovation labs in the world, working locally and globally together with the Citi accelerator program and cyber security lab.”

PAL-Awda also named major Citi shareholders known for war profiteering, such as Berkshire Hathaway, Black Rock, State Street, Vanguard, and Saudi Kingdom

Holding.

In addition to the June 13th rally in New York City, **organizers also encourage community groups in different cities around the world to hold protests at local branches of the bank.**

Photos and videos of protest activities are available upon request.



A call for global action to stop the profits of genocide

BOYCOTT/PROTEST/SHUTDOWN CITIBANK, CHEVRON & All Those Who Profit off Mass Murder in Gaza

Follow @palawda on Instagram for campaign updates

The richest US banks and corporations are growing even richer off the horror being inflicted on the people of Palestine. Their actions make the genocide in Gaza

possible.

CITI THE GENOCIDE BANK The crimes of Citibank and its parent company, Citigroup, deserve special attention. With assets of \$2.9 trillion, Citigroup is one of the top four banks in the United States.

- In 2021, Citi loaned the Israeli occupation regime \$2.5 billion to buy 75 new F35 jet fighters. The US government is repaying that loan. Those planes now rain death on families living in tents in Gaza. They destroy homes, hospitals, schools, mosques and churches. They bomb villages in Lebanon.
- In its own words, “Citi boasts the largest presence of any foreign financial institution in Israel and offers corporate and investment banking services to leading Israeli corporations and institutions and global corporations operating in Israel. Citi also offers private banking services to high-net-worth individuals living in Israel. Citi has demonstrated its leadership and commitment to Israel for many years. Citi’s Technology Innovation Lab in Tel Aviv is one of the best innovation labs in the world, working locally and globally together with the Citi accelerator program and cyber security lab.”
- Warren Buffet’s Berkshire Hathaway, a major investor in Israel’s war industry, is a top Citi shareholder. So are financial groups Black Rock, State Street and Vanguard, war profiteers all. Shamefully, Saudi Kingdom Holding also owns 500 million shares in the bank.

We call on people all over the U.S. and the world to join us in a

GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST CITIBANK

June 10 to June 14th: On those days we urge people to close their accounts at Citibank, cancel their Citi credit cards, and protest at Citibank offices.

(Here are some banking alternatives for people in the United States:

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/best/banking/best-credit-unions>)

- We call on community groups to visit their local branches and express their opposition to Citi's financing of genocide.
- We call on people around the world to protest Citi operations in their countries.

CHEVRON: GENOCIDE GAS Big Energy also makes big bucks off the genocide in Palestine. Chevron, the second biggest U.S. oil company, stole 12 billion cubic meters of natural gas from occupied Palestinian waters last year. That gas not only fuels the settler state's economy. It is also sold to Egypt and Jordan. No doubt, the company hopes to get its hands on the gas off Gaza as well.

Chevron also owns oil fields in Kazakhstan and Iraq Kurdistan that supply Israel's war machine. Shamefully the corporation is allowed to pump oil and gas in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf kingdoms.

We call for a global boycott on Chevron and its subsidiaries, Texaco, 76, Caltex, and Gulf, until the company stops fueling mass murder and oppression in Palestine.

THEY ARE NOT ALONE

All of Corporate America has blood on its hands. The guilt of the giant arms makers—Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, Raytheon, Boeing, etc—is clear. Washington pays them billions to arm Israel's murder machine.

When the war criminals in Tel Aviv spend our tax dollars faster than Congress can cough them up, the bankers come in.

Over the past four months, Bank of America and Goldman Sachs have helped Israel

raise \$6 billion dollars through private sales of Israel Bonds. Meanwhile, Bank of New York Mellon finances Israeli arms maker Elbit. All who care about justice should protest and boycott these murderous institutions.

BRING BACK A REAL BOYCOTT

In the first two decades of Al Nakba, the Arab League called a boycott not only of the occupation regime but of corporations that invested in the occupation. In those years, the U.S. feared to openly supply arms to Israel. It is time to bring back a real comprehensive global boycott and hold the genocide bankers and corporate war criminals accountable for their deeds.



Labor coalition demands D.C. ceasefire resolution

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At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, dozens of rank-and-file union members, labor activists, and community organizers rallied in front of Washington, D.C.'s City Council.

The dedication of these workers was such that they planned this protest so they could go to work after the demonstration.

The D.C. for Ceasefire Now Coalition consists of the D.C. Metro chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), the D.C. Metro chapter of Jewish Voices for Peace, the SAG-AFTRA & Sister Guild Members for Ceasefire, the Claudia Jones School, and others.

Speakers from these organizations, including a former president of the local Postal Workers (APWU) and a member of the American Federation of Teachers Georgetown

Alliance of Graduate Employees (AFT-GAGE), reaffirmed their commitment to the passage of a ceasefire resolution, their defense of the Palestinian resistance, and their fight against capitalism and racism.

Chelsea Bland, OPEIU Local 2 and CLUW member, talked to Struggle-La Lucha about how the demonstration came together. “Members of our CLUW chapter came to us and talked about a labor picket,” she said. “This is an issue that our rank-and-file members care about, and CLUW passed a resolution for a ceasefire last year. We knew we had to put words into action.”

The D.C. City Council has responded by claiming that “international issues are not their jurisdiction.” Of course, this isn’t their history, including their stance against South African apartheid and for good relations with Cuba.

The D.C. for Ceasefire Now Coalition continues the struggle with continuous outreach, growing the support for the resolution in every ward of D.C.



The hoax of ‘weaponized rape’ in Gaza takes what seems a fatal hit from The Sunday Times

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The Afterlives of Lies

Special to [Consortium News](#)

June 12 — Last Friday, while President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, and other Western leaders, along with the reporters who clerk for them, were in Normandy busily airbrushing out the Red Army’s heroism in defeating the Reich 80 years ago, something truer to history occurred in the pages of *The Sunday Times*, the distinguished sibling of *The Times of London*.

Under the headline, “Israel says Hamas weaponized rape. Does the evidence add up?” two investigative reporters, Catherine Philp and Gabrielle Weiniger, decisively shredded the dense fabric of lies on this topic, woven these past eight months by the Israelis, Western media, freakishly obsessed Zionist sympathizers and various feminist poseurs.

[See: [Evidence Missing in ‘Mass Rape’ Charge Against Hamas](#)]

Philp and Weiniger have produced an exceptional piece of journalism, the virtues of which I will shortly consider. For now, just this: You will never read a piece of this integrity on this side of the Atlantic — and certainly never in *The New York Times*, whose infamous dishonesty in the matter of alleged sexual violence in the Gaza crisis has few matches in the history of the once-but-no-longer newspaper of record.

But the significance of *The Sunday Times* piece extends well beyond its quality as first-rate work. Mainstream media have at last reported on the monstrous propaganda operation that has fabricated lurid allegations of sexual abuse on the part of Hamas militias. The surface of silence has finally been disturbed. The historians will have a record with which to work.

And the record will include, as reflections in a mirror, the base derelictions of other major media — *The New York Times*, the BBC, the wire services, and so on down a long list — as they collaborated with the Zionist state to advance this edifice of lies to justify the barbarities of the Israel Occupation Forces. (And let us rename these savages in uniform.)

I liked Aaron Maté's remark when he posted a link to *The Sunday Times* piece on X soon after it came out: "Establishment media starting to catch up with independent journalists and a squirrel Twitter account" – the latter a reference to the man, woman, or entity that flagged the piece when it was published last Friday.

Just the point, or one of many. Various independent publications, notably but not only *The Grayzone*, *Mondoweiss*, *Electronic Intifada* and *The Intercept*, were swift to expose the Israelis' aggressive propaganda op when, with Jeffrey Gettleman's breathtakingly counterfeit pieces in *The New York Times* last December, the lying got entirely out of hand.

These publications kept the light shining on a story that otherwise would have disappeared in darkness. We see in their reports the increasing power of independent media to force accurate accountings of events into the record. In this case if not in many others, those airbrushing the picture failed.

Unambiguous Rebuttal

Answering the question posed in the headline atop their piece, Philps and Weiniger

reply with an unambiguous “No”: there is no sound evidence whatsoever that Hamas militias, and others that crossed into southern Israel with them last Oct. 7, engaged in systematic, officially planned sexual violence against Israelis, women and men, during their attacks on various kibbutzim just across the Gaza-Israel border.

These fabrications began to appear within days of the Oct. 7 events and have ever since polluted public discourse across the West. We must now bear another bureaucratic acronym, CRSV, “conflict-related sexual violence,” to secure the gravity of the charges in our minds.

Prominent faux-feminists — Hillary Clinton and Sheryl Sandberg chief among them — continue to indulge in “the politicization of rape,” as one of Philps and Weiniger’s sources calls it.

But the air begins to clear. From here on out, those who continue to peddle the junk conjured by the Israeli propaganda machine will merely expose themselves as unserious buffoons in the service of an apartheid state. Let them.

Philps and Weiniger devote considerable column inches to the report issued March 4 by Pramila Patten, the U.N.’s special representative on sexual violence in zones of conflict.

Predictably, Western media went long on Patten’s report of “reasonable grounds to believe that conflict-related sexual violence occurred in multiple locations.”

Lost in the frisson this language prompted in the mainstream press was the U.N.’s finding that there is also credible evidence, and a lot of it, of such abuse by the IOF. And as Philps and Weiniger report, the Israelis flatly refused to cooperate with a formal investigation into any of these matters — the allegations against either Hamas or the IOF — when Patten, whose mission was preliminary to an official inquiry, recommended one.

The gaping hole Philps and Weiniger blow in the propagandists' bow also derives from the Patten report. Whatever her team may have found in the way of sexual violence during its Jan. 19-Feb. 14 mission, it reported finding no evidence that Hamas ordered it as a systematic weapon of war.

Netting this out, sexual violence in wartime is as old and as regrettable as warfare itself.

The peasants in the Red Army's infantry had a reputation for it during World War II. But it was not Soviet military policy by any stretch any more than it was or is the Hamas leadership's.

The distinction is key to the destruction of propagandists' edifice. The most infamous piece of rubbish published on this point — Jeffrey Gettleman's long Dec. 28 takeout, the piece that lit the fuse — was headlined, "[Screams Without Silence: How Hamas Weaponized Sexual Violence on October 7.](#)"

'Inherited Trauma'

Having surfaced this fraud in an influential mainstream newspaper, Philps and Weiniger are simply without equal as they investigate just where the Israelis' platoons of fabricators and outright liars got the imagery that made the propaganda op so explosive. They mark it down to the "inherited trauma" — Gabor Maté's phrase, not Philps and Weinger's — European Jews bear within from all those centuries of pogroms and from the Reich's concentration camps.

Here are the two *Sunday Times* reporters explaining this use of the past. Their reference in this passage is to Sarai Aharoni, a scholar at Ben-Gurion University who is assembling an archive of the events that began Oct. 7 (and may it prove accurate when it is opened after a 50-year embargo):

"For Jewish Israelis, the specter of rape was more closely associated historically

with the pogroms of Eastern Europe, in which thousands of Jews were killed and Jewish women raped by Christian soldiers and antisemitic mobs. That persecution would become one of the driving forces behind modern Zionism and the resettlement of European Jews in the Ottoman province that became British mandate Palestine.

These ‘historical memories,’ Aharoni notes, have become a cultural inheritance for the Jewish people, particularly those without a secular education, a fact that would come to play a role in the reporting of what happened on October 7.”

And later in the piece:

“Aharoni and others are struck by how closely the Zaka accounts cleaved to stories handed down about the horrors of the pogroms. ‘The first framing of rape and sexual violence was automatically linked with European histories,’ she says, particularly by those with a religious education. ‘So there is a Zaka [an ultra-orthodox rescue group known for fabricating evidence] volunteer whose main education is religious. He’s read a lot of Jewish texts that depict the raping of women. These texts kind of reappear again and again in Jewish stories and they reappear every time there is a major event against Jewish communities.”

And further on:

“The now debunked story of the pregnant woman and her slaughtered foetus is well known from the pogroms. Many other erroneous tales involved babies — one Zaka figure claimed to have found a baby baked alive in an oven.”

Very fine journalism. Philps and Weiniger are also excellent on the sociology of the worsening of Israel’s ever-present racism since Benjamin Netanyahu, in the cause of

his political survival, formed a government of beyond-belief freaks in the final days of 2022.

“The idea of the Arab male as an explicit sexual threat to Jewish women,” they write, “developed in tandem with the movement of Israeli politics to the right.”

Philps and Weiniger are too kind, in my view, to put the framing of Hamas for directing sexual abuse down to the Jews’ past traumas. It seems to me more in the line of amateurishly sloppy propaganda and yet another case — how heartily sick one grows of this — of pimping the historical sufferings of Jews to maintain the Zionists’ cynical claim to be the world’s eternal victims.

Will *The Sunday Times* exposé cause the propagandists and Zionist zealots to desist, now that a mainstream newspaper adds its voice to the honorable work of the independent publications noted earlier? In the long term, yes. The story of gang rapes, baked babies, and disemboweled mothers is dead.

Maintaining the Facade

In the short term, no. One of the defining characteristics of propagandists is that they can never admit to being wrong when exposed. Surrender is out of the question when your objective is not to convey realities but to construct a façade obscuring them: Façades collapse like poorly built walls if a single chink appears in them.

Jeffrey “I don’t want to even use the word ‘evidence’” Gettleman is our case in point.

While there is no question of the *Times* firing him — this would be to admit the paper’s dishonor — I had predicted he would be reassigned to the police blotter in Trenton or some other such ignominious fate. I was wrong. Gettleman is back in Ukraine, from whence he was reporting until the morning of Oct. 7.

His first piece, after a hiatus of three and some months, appeared May 11 and was

actually a very good report on the recent Russian advances into northeastern Ukraine. Several others in this line followed, all more or less balanced — or more balanced, let's leave it, than the obvious propaganda the Times has long given readers in its Ukraine reports.

Gettleman's latest, datelined June 8 — a day after *The Sunday Times* ripped him a new one without mentioning his name — was a weirdly long report on how popular caffeinated energy drinks are among Ukrainian soldiers at the front. I read this, war correspondence at its pithiest, as an indication the *Times* has begun a lengthy rehabilitation of a reporter in whom it has long taken pride.

Will you ever again trust a Gettleman byline? Not I. An "X" user named Mazen Labban put it nicely as *The Sunday Times* piece got around: "Every day the NYT keeps Gettleman on its staff, and does not retract the drivel he's written, is an insult to journalists and journalism."

No, there is no erasing a disgrace of the magnitude of Gettleman's, Mazen. But Gettleman will stay — he must. His job from here on out is to stand in place so the façade does not crack.

There is also the case, at least as egregious as Gettleman's, of Sheryl Sandberg, the longtime propagator of, let's call it, corporate feminism. Sandberg took on the sexual violence fraud with what we have to count reckless abandon given how eagerly she adopted the unexamined Israeli propaganda and how indifferent she has since proven to contradicting facts.

On May 2 Sandberg released a 60-minute film on Hamas' "weaponization" of sexual violence theme titled "Screams Before Silence." If this suggests to you she is fine replicating all the demonstrated lies of the infamous Gettleman takeout, stay with the thought.

Sandberg calls the film a documentary, and also the worthiest work she has ever done. It is a straight-out rehearsal of the original Israeli line, complete with Zaka and all the other discredited non-witnesses and liars paying attention readers will have encountered in the Gettleman piece and countless others like it.

Screams Before Silence was released two months after the Patten report and the independent journalism previously mentioned, but never mind all that. Sheryl Sandberg will soldier on regardless. She is determined to make hatred of Hamas, and one suspects by extension Palestinians, some kind of feminist cause. Pitiful. No mention of the 20-odd thousand women the IOF has slaughtered, Ms. Sandberg?

This is feminism weaponized in the Zionist cause, plainly and simply. Genuine, worthwhile feminism, feminism as a subset of humanism, went out the window long, long ago, I am perfectly aware. But this seems to me a degradation too far, even with the sorry history of a cause that was once so promising in view.

Maybe because of Sandberg's obsessive motivations and the repetition of so many false narratives, *Screams Before Silence* has earned faint praise indeed in mainstream media.

CNN and *The Wall Street Journal* covered it, mutedly. Few others have had anything to say.

Lies in the cause of our hegemonic orthodoxies have afterlives, certainly. But they rarely, if ever, live eternally, and they often die slow, painful deaths.

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has been permanently censored.



People's red line surrounds the White House

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Stop Biden's mass murder in Gaza!

One hundred thousand people surrounded the White House on June 8 to stop the genocide in Gaza. They held a two-mile-long red banner that stretched around the White House grounds.

This people's "red line" not only symbolized the 40,000 Palestinians killed with U.S.-made and paid-for bombs and shells. Protesters were also making a vivid challenge to President Joe Biden's lying statement that an Israeli invasion of Rafah would represent a "red line" to him.

Over a million Palestinians fled to Rafah City from other parts of devastated Gaza. While Israeli tanks and planes are attacking Rafah, one of the most crowded places on earth, Genocide Joe continues to feed the Zionist war machine.

As people were coming to the White House, Zionist forces murdered 250 Palestinians in a so-called hostage rescue that was supported by U.S. military assets. This latest massacre shows that only the power of the people can stop the genocide.

People in buses, cars, and trains came to Washington, D.C. from more than a dozen states. One bus, taking activists from Des Moines, Iowa, took 20 hours to make the 1,000-mile trip to the capital.

Later that afternoon, a People's Court of Justice was held indicting the war criminals responsible for the death of 15,000 Palestinian children in Gaza.

Among the organizations helping to build this action were the Palestinian Youth Movement, PAL-Awda: the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, U.S. Palestinian Community Network, ANSWER Coalition, December 12th Movement, Black Men Build, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Jewish Voice for Peace, Veterans for Peace, Struggle-La Lucha newspaper, and Socialist Unity Party.

Many participants were union members, including those belonging to Healthcare Workers for Palestine. A contingent of Filipino supporters numbered in the hundreds. The People's Power Assembly and Struggle-La Lucha brought people from Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

Only the people can stop the genocide!



Nuseirat: Civilians shot execution style during ‘near perfect’ Gaza rescue op

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Testimony from Palestinians indicates Israeli forces deliberately executed civilians in their homes with gunfire and indiscriminately bombed civilians from the air as part of the military operation in Gaza to rescue captives held by Hamas.

Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth* [described](#) the 8 June operation in the Nuseirat refugee camp, which killed 210 Palestinians, as a “near-perfect execution in broad daylight.”

“Precise intelligence, meticulous planning and execution, and quick and professional action resulted in a successful operation to free four hostages,” the paper added.

But Euro-Med Human Rights monitor documented that Palestinian civilians were

shot execution-style in their homes and in the street as the operation began.

Chairman of the Euro-Med Human Rights organization Rami Abdu [reported](#) that according to preliminary testimonies, Israeli forces used a ladder to enter the home of Dr. Ahmed Al-Jamal and immediately executed 36-year-old Fatima al-Jamal upon encountering her on the staircase.

Israeli troops then executed her husband, journalist Abdullah al-Jamal, 36, and his father, Dr. Ahmed, 74, in front of his grandchildren. The army also shot Dr. Ahmed's daughter, Zainab, 27, who sustained serious injuries.

According to [i24 news](#), this was the house where 26-year-old Israeli captive and conscript Noa Argamani was being held.

في إطار محاولة تبرير إعدام مواطنين من عائلة الجمل في النصيرات تحاول مصادر إسرائيلية وبعض داعمي الاحتلال الإسرائيلي تبرير الجريمة بالقول أن الأسيرة أرغماني ربما كانت تتواجد لدى العائلة. لقد وثقنا مبدئياً عمليات قتل ميداني وإعدام في 7 منازل على الأقل بينها منزل الطبيب المسن أحمد...
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— Rami Abdu | رامي عبده (@RamAbdu) [June 9, 2024](#)

Abdu reported further that Israeli forces executed Muhammad Salhiya with a bullet to the head while he was sitting on a chair reading the Quran in his home in the Nuseirat refugee camp.

Abdu [stated](#) that Euro-Med had initially documented field executions and killings in at least seven homes during the operation.

“In this world, the blood of a white westerner is equivalent to the lives of thousands of innocent non-westerners,” Abdu concluded, noting the focus of the western and Israeli press on the fate of the four rescued Israeli captives.

Euro-Med compiled a [preliminary list](#) of the identified Palestinian victims in Saturday's Al-Nuseirat massacre, committed by Israeli forces in just one hour.

Israeli army spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari [stated](#) in a press conference that the operation began at 11 am and "was a high-risk, complex mission based on precise intelligence conducted in daylight in two separate buildings deep inside Gaza. While under fire, under fire inside the buildings, under fire on the way out, our forces rescued our hostages."

This has led some to believe that Israeli forces only bombed the Nuseirat Camp, killing hundreds of civilians, to clear the way for the special forces and the captives to escape.

However, Palestinian witnesses report that Israeli forces indiscriminately bombed the Nuseirat refugee camp in multiple locations before they heard any fighting break out, indicating that the bombing was to create chaos and prepare the way for the rescue operation to begin.

One woman from Nuseirat [stated](#), "Around 10:30, the assault began. Various types of aircraft bombarded us, and drones fired at anyone moving. It was as if it were the Day of Judgment. People around me were torn apart, limbs scattered everywhere. They annihilated us, they truly annihilated us."

She stated further, "I was taken by surprise as bullets rained down on us and rings of fire encircled us. Then, I found myself gathering the remains of my son. Yes, I collected the pieces of my child's body."

A Palestinian woman named Nour [stated](#), "At 11 am, Yamen and I were sitting by the tent when suddenly, an Apache helicopter appeared above us, dropping thermal bombs and then live ammunition on the people by the sea and around the tents. Then, heavy shelling began, and the tents next to us were bombed and caught fire.

We started running with the crowd as if it were the Day of Judgment.”

One Palestinian man [described](#) how Israeli special forces disguised as civilians entered the camp in a car and large truck used for delivering humanitarian aid. He said the Israeli forces “were in a truck carrying clothes and cooking pans.”

After the driver in the car put a mask on, people gathered around. The driver reversed the vehicle and drove it next to the truck. People started saying these were Israeli special forces.

“While we were standing in the street, suddenly, there was a strike. Where, how, how, or why, nobody knew what was going on.”

Israeli news website *Ynet* wrote, citing an *Asharq Al-Awsat* report, that the special force, which included women, infiltrated the Nuseirat camp using a truck full of equipment characteristic of the displaced in the Strip, such as mattresses and clothes. They pretended to be civilians who had fled Rafah due to heavy airstrikes and were looking for a place to rent in the market area.

Source: [The Cradle](#)



U.S. army aided Israel in bloody military op launched from Gaza ‘Aid Pier’

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The operation saw the mass killing of over 200 Palestinians, with health officials describing the inside of Al-Aqsa Hospital as a ‘slaughterhouse’

A video shared widely by Hebrew Telegram channels on 8 June shows that the Israeli army made use of the U.S.-built pier installed in central Gaza as part of a bloody rescue operation that saw the killing of at least 210 Palestinians in the Nuseirat refugee camp.

قلنا سابقاً أن اهداف الميناء العائم هي عسكرية — وليست "إنسانية" كما تدعي الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية.

تم استخدام الرصيف العسكري اليوم لنقل اسرى الاحتلال الأربعة الذين تم تحريرهم من وسط قطاع غزة
... بعد ارتكاب قوات الاحتلال مجزرة كبيرة— عبر طائرة مروحية
pic.twitter.com/2qcAs9lWHR

— الحكيم (@Hakeam_ps) [June 8, 2024](#)

Furthermore, according to Israeli journalist Barak Ravid, a special U.S. military unit [specialized](#) in rescuing captives “supported the effort” that decimated the Nuseirat camp.

BREAKING: A U.S. official told me that the U.S. hostages cell in Israel supported the effort to rescue the four hostages <https://t.co/o4P7ECMOiC>

— Barak Ravid (@BarakRavid) [June 8, 2024](#)

Multiple Israeli media outlets reported on Saturday afternoon that a special forces unit penetrated deep into the Nuseirat camp to recover four living captives amid heavy bombing by Israeli warplanes.

They were then flown out of Gaza via the U.S.-built pier, which had been reinstalled on the coast on Friday after undergoing tens of millions in repairs.

On Saturday, the Israeli army [announced](#) that it has started “securing the coastal area of the U.S. military’s Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore (JLOTS) pier in Gaza.”

Upon announcing the project earlier this year, Washington stated that the floating pier was built to serve as a “maritime corridor” to deliver desperately needed aid into Gaza.

“I’m directing the U.S. military to lead an emergency mission to establish a

temporary pier on the Gaza coast in the Mediterranean. This pier will facilitate the arrival of large ships loaded with food, water, medicine, and temporary shelters,” U.S. President Joe Biden said earlier this year when announcing plans for the pier, purportedly to make up for an Israeli blockade of all land crossings into the besieged enclave.

Nevertheless, the Palestinian resistance repeatedly warned that the floating pier was built to deliver weapons to Israel.

“The pier is intended to provide cover for Washington’s support for the occupation state with weapons ... International and regional talk about introducing aid has had no real impact on the famine in the strip,” Hamas said last month.

[The Cradle](#) columnist Suat Delgen recently questioned whether the U.S.-built pier is meant to serve as a “smokescreen for political maneuvers.”

“The suspicion is that the project, while ostensibly ‘facilitating’ aid delivery, might also allow for increased control over the entirety of Gaza under the guise of humanitarian assistance. This control could potentially streamline Israel’s military operations and fortify its strategic positions within Gaza, ultimately influencing the broader geopolitical dynamics of the conflict.”

Source: [The Cradle](#)



Hamas calls for a permanent ceasefire, Israeli withdrawal

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Hamas sent a letter to the Palestinian factions and Arab parties regarding the ongoing ceasefire negotiations, which Quds Network (<https://qudsn.co/post/205116>) obtained and translated by RNN on June 6.

In the message, Hamas stated that, in agreement with the resistance factions, it has always shown flexibility and positivity towards the efforts of mediators throughout all previous rounds of negotiations, according to Quds Network.

This culminated in the announcement of the acceptance (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/38531>) of the mediators' proposal on May 6th (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/38580>), when the movement found that the proposal included the necessary foundations and aligned with the logic of permanently ending the war, responding to our people's demands, including a permanent cessation of aggression and fire, a complete withdrawal from the Strip, the return of displaced

persons, the flow of humanitarian aid, reconstruction, and a serious prisoner exchange deal.

Excerpts can be found below:

“The occupation rejected the mediators’ proposal and responded with blatant aggression on Rafah and the occupation of the crossing. They committed many massacres and burned the tents of the displaced along with their occupants, and continued the starvation war, which is a systematic policy to exterminate the Palestinian people. All of this led to the obstruction of the mediators’ efforts.”

“When President Biden made his statements, the movement announced its welcome of what he said because it provided the necessary foundations to reach an agreement that achieves a permanent ceasefire, the withdrawal of the occupation army from the Strip, the flow of large amounts of aid, the return of the displaced, reconstruction, and prisoner exchange. The movement did not hesitate to announce its positive stance immediately towards these statements as they are in line with the May 6th paper and contain the required foundations, the most important of which is a permanent ceasefire and complete withdrawal from the Strip.”

“When the movement reviewed the content of the proposal mentioned by President Biden, which he said was the “israeli” proposal, it found it devoid of the positive foundations mentioned in Biden’s statements. There is a difference between what is in the paper and what Biden said, causing a lot of confusion and debate. Is what Biden spoke about his personal interpretation of the paper, or are they verbal agreements with “israeli” parties, or something else?”

“After reviewing the content of the “israeli” proposal, it was found that it does not set the correct foundations for the required agreement. It does not guarantee a permanent ceasefire but only a temporary one. It does not closely link the three phases stipulated, but on the contrary, it has dismantled the bridges that transition

the agreement from one phase to another, aiming to disrupt the unity of the agreement in all its stages, reducing it to a single phase where the aggression stops temporarily, while their forces remain on the ground of the Strip. In exchange, the occupation obtains the segment of prisoners that concerns them, then resumes the genocide war against our people.”

In its letter, Hamas and the resistance factions adhered to the correct foundations for reaching an agreement and expressed their readiness to agree to any agreement that includes those foundations, which are fundamental principles, “for there is no meaning to any agreement that does not explicitly stipulate a permanent ceasefire, and there is no meaning to an agreement that allows occupation forces to remain on our land and only achieves what the occupation wants in terms of releasing their prisoners while continuing the genocide and starvation war against our people.”

In the letter, Hamas noted its awareness of the risks of a Security Council resolution being issued before an agreement is reached between the parties, in addition to the preemption of this with a draft resolution aimed at pressuring the movement and Palestinian factions.

Source: [Resistance News Network](#)



Pride 2024: Solidarity with Gaza

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Meet danger with resistance

LGBTQIA+ people greet Pride Month this year with a mixture of joy, fear, and anger.

Joy at the annual celebration of our vibrant, diverse community and our struggle for liberation, marking the anniversary of the heroic 1969 Stonewall uprising of trans and other queer youth in New York City.

Fear at the growing tide of anti-trans laws and violence and attacks on all LGBTQIA+ people that seek to kill us or drive us back in the closet.

Anger that so many cisgender and straight allies have not answered our increasingly desperate appeals to join us in fighting back while others have allowed themselves to be influenced or bought off by our enemies.

Queer people, especially trans youth and adults, are in danger. Over half of U.S. states have now enacted laws and regulations aimed at harming trans people.

These attacks on gender-affirming health care, bodily autonomy, free speech, sports participation, and even our right to use public restrooms feed violence and hate – like the attacks that led to the death of Nex Benedict and so many others.

The corporate-owned media have joined in this hate campaign, gleefully spreading misinformation and stoking the far-right campaign by “just asking questions.” It’s not just Fox News but also mainstream and liberal outlets like the New York Times and the Guardian that are responsible.

In April, the FBI issued a warning that Pride Month activities were again likely to be targeted by violent extremists. But we know all too well that the FBI, the police, and the military are no friends of queer people. From Stonewall 1969 to West Hollywood 2023, the state’s repressive agencies not only attack us outright but regularly aid and abet neo-Nazis threatening our events.

The cops and the federal government want us to be too scared to resist while state governments peel away our rights and our ability to even exist in public.

But we refuse to sit by as our rights are stripped away by the far right while Biden offers only “thoughts and prayers.” We refuse to run, and we refuse to stay silent while the Democratic Party and the administration arm, fund, and provide political cover for the ongoing genocide of our Palestinian siblings in Gaza.

Supporting our Palestinian siblings

June marks eight months of genocide in Gaza by the terrorist apartheid state of Israel. Over 35,000 Palestinian people have been killed so far, including over 14,000 children. Among them are uncounted numbers of LGBTQIA+ people.

Yet there are still people trying to convince us that Israel is a “democracy” that is “queer-friendly” while Palestinians are all homophobic and transphobic barbarians.

The best answer to this racist lie comes from Palestinian queers themselves:

“We refuse the instrumentalization of our queerness, our bodies, and the violence we face as queer people to demonize and dehumanize our communities, especially in service of imperial and genocidal acts. We refuse that Palestinian sexuality and Palestinian attitudes towards diverse sexualities become parameters for assigning humanity to any colonized society. We deserve life because we are human, with the multitude of our imperfections, and not because of our proximity to colonial modes of liberal humanity. We refuse colonial and imperialist tactics that seek to alienate us from our society and alienate our society from us on the basis of our queerness.

“We are fighting interconnected systems of oppression, including patriarchy and capitalism, and our dreams of autonomy, community, and liberation are inherently tied to our desire for self-determination. No queer liberation can be achieved with settler colonization, and no queer solidarity can be fostered if it stands blind to the racialized, capitalist, fascist, and imperial structures that dominate us.

“We, queer Palestinians, are an integral part of our society, and we are informing you: from the heavily militarized alleys of Jerusalem to Huwara’s scorched lands, to Jaffa’s surveilled streets and cutting across Gaza’s besieging walls, from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

“We call on queer and feminist activists and groups around the world to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people in their resistance to displacement, land theft, and ethnic cleansing and their struggle for the liberation of their lands and futures from Zionist settler-colonialism. This call cannot be answered only by sharing statements and signing letters but by an active engagement with decolonial and liberatory struggles in Palestine and around the globe.”

(Full text: [A Liberatory Demand from Queers in Palestine](#))

Queers for Palestine

From coast to coast, a mass movement against genocide and for Palestinian liberation has shaken U.S. society to its foundations. The powers that be, from the White House and Congress to universities and city halls, have failed to repress or brainwash this solidarity movement with false charges of “antisemitism.” Anyone can see that anti-Zionist Jewish people are in the front ranks of this movement.

Also at the center of it, from day one, have been mobilizations of Queers for Palestine. Why?

For eight decades, Palestinians have been:

- Told they do not actually exist
- Demonized and dehumanized
- Driven from their homes
- Forced to build and rebuild communities of resistance wherever they can
- Targeted by capitalist powers as scapegoats for the crimes of the system

No wonder so many queer people, especially trans youth, have put their bodies on the line for Palestine! These attacks on the whole Palestinian people parallel on a global scale what so many of us have experienced in our own lives. We empathize, we are in solidarity, and we feel compelled to act.

Just a few decades ago, it was nearly forbidden to mention Palestine even at progressive events in the U.S. But Palestinians’ courage, resistance, and refusal to be silenced, no matter the odds, has won them the solidarity of millions here and billions worldwide. We can, and we must, learn from their example as we work together to end U.S.-Israeli war crimes.

It's the same U.S. ruling class, the same bosses and profiteers, the same reactionary politicians and media – the same capitalist system – aiming at people in Gaza and trans and queer people here at home. We are all sand in the gears of their efforts to turn back the clock on people's rights worldwide.

Let's do whatever we can to unite our struggles, together with all workers and communities under attack, to say: Our rights are not negotiable, and we are not going anywhere!



Hamas leader: Ceasefire framework positive, but details crucial

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Senior Hamas leader Osama Hamdan to Al-Jazeera:

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The general framework of what was stated in the Qatari-Egyptian-American statement (<https://t.me/thecradlemedia/16137>) is generally good, but we need to

know the details of the plan.

Biden's speech included positive ideas, but we want that to crystallize within the framework of a comprehensive agreement that achieves our demands.

It is not possible to accept the occupation forces remaining in Gaza or managing the Rafah crossing.

The Ministry of Interior in Gaza was managing the Rafah crossing before the war and will continue to manage it after the ceasefire.

The day after the war is decided by the Palestinians without dictation from any party.

We deal with any proposal that includes a ceasefire, withdrawal from Gaza, its reconstruction, a fair exchange deal, and the occupation's commitment to that.

Source: [Resistance News Network](#)

