

To support the struggle of Palestine is to support the struggle against anti-Semitism

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In these crazy days, the mainstream narrative in many Western countries, especially the U.S., is that to attack the apartheid state of “Israel” is to attack the Jewish community. This narrative is pushed by [corporate media](#), [politicians](#), [academic institutions](#), and even [Evangelical Christian churches](#).

This multi-institutional blitz has been effective. In the wake of Oct. 7's "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood," many individuals and institutions in the United States rushed to the defense of the Zionist entity. A [Gallup poll](#) conducted between Nov. 1 and Nov. 21 found that 50% of people in the U.S. support the Israeli Occupation Forces' military actions in Gaza.

Now, 45% answered they did not support the IOF's action in Gaza. It is important to note that this poll does not ask whether the individual sympathizes with Israel or condemns Hamas. 50% of these individuals responded that they **supported** the IOF's specific actions in Gaza. As the IOF's actions in Gaza constitute genocide, to support the IOF is to support genocide.

A [Marist poll](#) conducted from Nov. 6 to Nov. 9 found that 60% of people in the U.S. say their sympathies mostly lie with Israel. However, the same poll found that 38% of people in the U.S. believe that Israel's military has gone too far with its attacks on Gaza. This marked a 12% jump from a similar poll held in October.

To be clear, bourgeois political polls are not the end-all and be-all. These polls are flawed and are often constructed with political agendas. However, there are still insights that can be gleaned from them. These polls would appear to support the idea that while there is still widespread support among the U.S. population for fascist Israel, it is eroding as the genocide against Palestine escalates.

And one doesn't even have to read a mainstream poll to sense this. One only has to look as far as the massive demonstrations across the United States and their consequences to see that solidarity with Palestine is growing beyond just the Arab community and the organized left.

Many different communities within the working class have joined the movement for Palestine. This includes students. This includes many in the [Black community](#). This even includes several prominent [Jewish protests and sit-ins](#) that targeted corporate

politicians who support the Zionist entity and its genocide of Palestine. The development of an anti-Zionist protest wing of the Jewish community is certainly a new one.

Young people are another section of the working class that has joined this movement in thought and action. A recent Harvard-Harris poll found that [51%](#) of people between the ages of 18 and 24 support Palestine and view Israel as the oppressor. The phenomena have manifested materially in the struggle as one of the leading organizations of the current movement is literally named the [Palestinian Youth Movement](#).

All of this would seem to indicate that Zionism still has a support base in the U.S., but it is eroding due to the large cross-sectional movement for the liberation of Palestine. Western media and politicians have enforced Zionism ideologically by drawing an equivalence between the Jewish community and Israel. [Israel=Judaism](#). So if the Zionist apartheid state is one and the same as the Jewish community, to attack that state is to attack the Jewish community. This rationale is the one the U.S. military complex has used for 75 years to justify vast military aid to Israel. This rationale is how Zionism has enjoyed such popular support.

Many of the institutions and people who support Zionism [could give a damn](#) about the Jewish community. They are simply supporters of imperialism who benefit financially from the pillaging of Gaza.

However, there is a section of people, many of them Jewish, who genuinely believe that they are standing in solidarity with the Jewish community in their support of the Zionist entity. In that same thread, there is a widely propagandized and instilled belief that it is impossible to be in solidarity with both the Jewish community and the Arab world.

When in reality, one cannot be in solidarity with either community without being in

solidarity with both. To support the struggle of Palestine **is** to support the struggle against anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism. The only real way to support Jewish liberation is to stand in opposition to Zionism and the perversion of Jewish values and people to justify a genocidal land grab.

On a personal note, during my recent visit to Cairo, I was amazed at the level of explicit and overt solidarity with the Jewish community expressed by the Egyptian and other Arab people I met through the Global Conscience Convoy. Everyone I met wanted to make it so clear that they had nothing but love and adoration for the Jewish community, particularly those who have taken mass stands against Zionism in recent weeks and months. Nonetheless, these were all people attempting to organize an explicitly anti-Zionist aid convoy to the Rafah border Crossing.

This is not to say that there is no anti-Semitism in the Arab community. There surely is, but the U.S. media also surely exaggerates it. This is also not to say that we should all take time to individually convert every person who is misplaced in their support of Israel.

This is all to say that we, as a movement against the genocide of Palestine and all imperialism, have to continue to challenge the false narrative circulated in the political and media mainstream that to support the Zionist entity is to support Judaism.

Whether through protest, sit-ins, education, writing, whatever. We must all have the courage to risk facing false allegations of anti-Semitism in an attempt to squash dissent against Zionism. Because ultimately, the only way to defend the Jewish community is to stand against the false ideology of Zionism and the atrocities committed in our name.



Protests at Biden gala in L.A. amid Gaza genocide

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Dec. 14 — Genocide Joe Biden flew into Los Angeles under heavy guard on Dec. 8. Well over a thousand protestors let him know that he wasn't welcome in L.A. or anyplace else. The demonstration was organized by the Palestinian Youth Movement, which has a strong following at nearby UCLA, and was supported by numerous other anti-war and progressive organizations.

Biden and his entourage had come to cash in at six fundraising stops over the weekend. His reelection campaign crew hoped that bolstering their war chest would make up for his ever-sinking poll numbers.

Indeed, donors from the glitzy side of town threw in \$15 million during the weekend - more than any amount raised by a candidate from an L.A. visit. Jeffrey Katzenberg, the multi-millionaire co-founder of Hollywood Pictures, DreamWorks Pictures, and

DreamWorks Animation, pulled together the star-studded event. Katzenberg is a co-chair of Biden's reelection campaign, a position awarded to him for his long history of channeling millions of Hollywood dollars to the Democratic Party.

But the warmonger-in-chief needs far more than money to overcome growing anger over his escalating support for Zionist genocide in Gaza. The protest was a great reflection of the growing worldwide movement.

Hundreds had gathered in a park near the posh, Beverly Hills-adjacent Holmby Hills site of his event by 3:30. Later, the growing crowd marched right to the gate of the mansion where Genocide Joe spoke, with their sound system booming the chants, hoping the murderer-in-chief could hear the message, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!"

Speakers denounced the horrible ethnic cleansing of Gaza and the widespread murder of Gazans being carried out with total support from the administration. Palestinian flags and Keffiyehs - the traditional scarf that has come to symbolize the Palestinian liberation struggle - were everywhere.

The Los Angeles police, numbered in the hundreds, were clad in riot gear. They declared an "unlawful assembly" and issued a dispersal order. When the protest finally concluded, many marched south and blocked traffic on Wilshire Boulevard, one of the busiest traffic corridors in the U.S.

Later, Chief Michael Moore accused the crowd of violence, and L.A. County District Attorney George Gascón told the media he had activated the Hate Crime Unit to investigate claims that protesters threw debris at police and spraypainted pro-Palestinian slogans on Starbucks stores and other locations as they left the protest.

Los Angeles is a city adorned by beautiful murals that express the struggle of the largely immigrant population. Even if the claims of vandalism were true, no graffiti

artists would disagree with pro-Palestine messages being added to the anti-racist and anti-imperialist character of the collection.

The most recent count of the Biden/Netanyahu horror puts the death toll in Gaza at 17,000. Two-thirds are women and children. Just as they have done since the beginning of the war, the occupation forces are currently carpet-bombing the very place they told people would be a safe area. The bombing has targeted nearly all hospitals and schools throughout Gaza. The entire population is without adequate food and water; there is nowhere left to flee, and humanitarian assistance is being blocked.

John Parker of the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice in L.A., and a candidate for U.S. Congress on the Peace and Freedom Party slate, was part of the Convoy of Conscience, organized by Egyptian journalists trying to enter Gaza with aid but who were blocked from entering and detained by the Egyptian authorities.

Reports of Israel using white phosphorus in Gaza have surfaced in the major media this week. When questioned about it while aboard Air Force One, White House spokesperson John Kirby — without denying it has been provided by the U.S. — said, “White phosphorus has a legitimate military utility for illumination and producing smoke to conceal movements. ... Obviously any time that we provide items like white phosphorous to another military, it is with the full expectation that it will be used in keeping with those legitimate purposes ... and in keeping with the law of armed conflict.”

Former State Dept. official Josh Paul, who had resigned over the increased shipments of U.S. weapons when Israel began its assault in October, reported to Democracy Now, on Dec. 13 that only hours after the U.S. vetoed a ceasefire resolution at the United Nations, Biden bypassed congress to send 14,000 more artillery shells to the racist Zionist army at a cost of \$106 million.

With all the threats by LAPD and the District Attorney, there were no arrests in L.A. on Dec. 9. It's likely the cops had a more-or-less "hands-off" orientation from on high. Of course, there is plenty of repression and slander of ceasefire protesters across the country and internationally. But clearly, the emergence of this powerful wave of protest has the administration and the whole capitalist state grappling over the question of how to tamp down the protests. Ceasefire now! Down with the Zionist state and U.S. imperialism.



Say NO to anti-Muslim bigotry!

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Islamophobia is racist poison



The wealthy and powerful want us to hate two billion Muslim people, a quarter of the human race. While Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has killed over 20,000 Palestinians in Gaza with U.S.-made bombs, a green light is given to racism against Muslims everywhere.

Super bigot Florida Gov. [Ron DeSantis](#), in the Dec. 6 Republican presidential candidates' debate, mocked the robes worn by many Muslim men as "man dresses." This is the traditional clothing in many parts of North Africa and West Asia, most suitable for the climate. Most Christian depictions of Jesus show him wearing a robe. Catholic priests also wear robes.

DeSantis — who wants to kick Black history out of Florida schools — deliberately said "man dress" to appeal to homophobic and transphobic bigotry along with attacking Muslims. DeSantis was a Navy lawyer at the Guantánamo concentration

camp, where Muslim inmates were tortured.

Another Republican candidate, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, is no better. He rose to prominence as the U.S. attorney who framed the [Fort Dix 5](#): Mohamad Ibrahim Shnewer, brothers Dritan Duka, Shain Duka and Eljvir Duka, and Serdar Tatar.

The five Muslims were entrapped by the FBI and framed on fantastic charges of planning to murder soldiers at the Fort Dix army base in New Jersey. They've been jailed since 2007.

Framing the five was key to Christie becoming New Jersey's governor, where he attacked teachers and their unions.

The Fort Dix frame-up was carried out in the wake of the anti-Muslim witch-hunt that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Hundreds were arrested and/or deported, including the operators of the newsstand at a Newark, New Jersey, railroad station.

Racism flows from the top

Anti-Muslim hate comes from the top of capitalist society. Former U.S. State Department official [Stuart Seldowitz](#) was arrested in November for harassing Mohamed Hussein, a Muslim food vendor on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Seldowitz called Hussein a terrorist.

Seldowitz screamed, "If we killed 4,000 Palestinian kids, it wasn't enough." This pig had actually been deputy director of the State Department's Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs. How many other U.S. "diplomats" are like Seldowitz?

Comedian [Bill Maher](#) is notorious for his bigotry against Muslim people. On his HBO show in 2010, Maher said he was afraid that so many babies with the name Muhammad were being born in Western countries.

Maher continues to have his TV show, while Mehdi Hasan, a Muslim, had his MSNBC show canceled. Hasan had been “vocal for human rights in Gaza,” as one report of the cancellation put it.

Within his first week as president in January 2017, Donald Trump placed travel bans on residents from seven Muslim-majority countries. This bigotry went hand-in-hand with Trump calling Haiti a “s—hole country.”

At the time, [thousands of people flooded airports](#) across the United States to protest Trump’s executive order against Muslims and refugees.

Joe Biden’s sending thousands of bombs and shells to the Israeli apartheid regime worth billions of dollars is worse. The blood of 10,000 murdered children in Gaza is on Genocide Joe’s hands.



Biden claimed he saw pictures of Israeli children who were beheaded by Palestinian freedom fighters. The White House had to walk back this big lie. There were no pictures because there were no beheaded children.

The massive propaganda campaign claiming the Palestinian resistance soldiers committed mass rapes is also a filthy lie.

The fighters were on a disciplined, tight schedule, trying to safely capture as many people as possible so they could be exchanged for thousands of Palestinian political prisoners. It was the [Zionist state’s military that killed many of the Israeli soldiers](#)

and settlers by indiscriminate shooting,

The accusations of mass rapes are being used to justify the massive bombing that has killed thousands in Gaza. That's how the Ku Klux Klan defended lynchings.

9-11-01 and 'Christ killing'

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres pointed out that hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza are "simply starving." Civilians in Gaza "are being told to move like human pinballs - ricocheting between ever-smaller slivers of the south, without any of the basics for survival," he said.

The United States was the only country to vote against, and thereby veto, a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza. A few days later, 153 countries representing over 90% of the world's population voted for a ceasefire in the UN's General Assembly on Dec. 12.

The Israeli military is parading nearly naked Palestinian men to humiliate them. It's reminiscent of how, in 1970, former Philadelphia Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo had his cops strip naked Black Panther Party members.

Bigotry against Muslims and the Islamic religion is considered acceptable within broad sections of U.S. politics, certainly among Trump supporters. Leading the way are many Protestant evangelical preachers.

Racism and religious bigotry have long been part of these ministers' toolkits. The largest protestant denomination — the Southern Baptist Convention — was founded in 1845 to defend slavery.

During the 1960 presidential race, the [Rev. W. A. Criswell](#) of the First Baptist Church in Dallas — the largest in the SBC — condemned John F. Kennedy for being a Catholic. Criswell, who defended racial segregation, later became SBC president.

Now, these preachers are telling us to hate Muslims. In the 1930s, bigots fought to keep Jewish refugees out of the United States.

Time magazine referred to French premier Léon Blum as “Jew Blum.” Capitalists blamed Jewish people for the Bolshevik Revolution, which inspired workers and oppressed people around the world.

The Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon are being used as a “Christ killing” charge against all Muslims. This was the old lie that Jewish people were responsible for the death of Jesus Christ, a Jewish rebel crucified by the Roman Empire.

Anti-Muslim bigotry went hand-in-hand with hatred against Jewish people. Both Jews and Muslims were expelled from Spain in 1492. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish people were given refuge in Muslim lands.

People flocked to Mohamed Hussein’s food cart after the former State Department diplomat attacked him. It didn’t hurt that Hallal food is clean and tasty. The poison of Islamophobia has to be exposed and fought.



'Free, free Palestine!': Thousands march in New Orleans, shut down tourism district

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New Orleans, Dec. 10 - A coalition of some 20 organizations brought out some 3,500 protesters for Palestine, shutting down street after street in the Central Business District.

This was a busy Sunday evening because the New Orleans Saints were playing against the Carolina Panthers at home. The city's ruling class never welcomes disruptions to the hotels and restaurants, so these demonstrations hit them where it hurts.

Imagine if the movement does this during the city's biggest cash cow: Mardi Gras. It comes early this year, Feb. 13, just saying.

This was likely the biggest New Orleans demonstration for Palestine so far and possibly the biggest protest for anything in the city since the 2020 national upsurge for George Floyd.

After brief remarks and a poem by a local Palestinian activist, the marchers set off from 333 Canal Place in front of a major shopping mall and a casino at the heart of New Orleans tourism. This was a battle-tested crowd, made up of people who have been in the streets week after week. The protest leaders knew what they were doing, and the crowd moved with purpose, strategically shutting down various streets.

The energy was pitched throughout, with few lulls - one exception being the time reserved for Muslim evening prayer. The marchers stopped for around 20 minutes in the middle of one street, with non-Muslims waiting respectfully.

As at other Palestine events, Palestinian youth led the way.

At times, I was overwhelmed with great sadness as I looked at local Palestinian elders, children, and even babies held in the arms of their loving families. Beautiful people just like them are dying every day. But I saw so much joy on people's faces, too. It's the joy that comes from solidarity and resistance.

One notable change is the development of more organized contingents. In addition to known organizations that had endorsed the march, I noted different groups carrying banners, such as New Orleans Healthcare Workers for Ceasefire and Queers for Palestine. That was good to see. The working class has the power to thwart the imperialist war machine. And queer and trans people - who are victims of violence almost everywhere, including in Palestine, as U.S.-made bombs are falling on them - are and should be at the forefront of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Organizers of this march also made creative use of props to raise awareness about Israel's genocide. One truck was draped with mock body bags covered in blood. Another trailer - not so unlike a Mardi Gras float - was covered in beautiful art and messages like "liberation is the future," "land back," and "ceasefire now." Yet another truck displayed huge video screens, showing images of carnage and excerpts of Genocide Joe Biden's callous speeches.

Harvey, Louisiana, mosque Masjid Omar, was the lead organizing group of the march. Endorsing organizations included NOSHIP (New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports), Jefferson Muslim Association, Jewish Voice for Peace, Workers Voice Socialist Movement, Freedom Road Socialist Organization New Orleans, and many more.



Denver erupts: Palestine solidarity protests converge on Zionist

genocide conference

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In Denver, a significant gathering occurred from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 as thousands of individuals united against the Jewish National Fund's "Global Conference for Israel" held at the Colorado Convention Center. While Zionists congregated to strategize about the infrastructure supporting their oppressive actions, protesters from various organizations rallied throughout the weekend.

At the Auraria campus near the conference venue, Nadeen Ibrahim, an organizer with the Colorado Palestinian Coalition, addressed a large assembly demanding an immediate ceasefire, an end to occupation, and unequivocal Palestinian liberation.

As demonstrators claimed the streets, occupying the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Speer Boulevard, their chants resonated, expressing disdain for the Denver police and the conference: chanting, "DPD, KKK, JNF, you're all the same." Meanwhile, the police, outfitted in militarized gear, attempted to separate the conference attendees from the demonstrators.

Within the convention center, the true nature of the Zionist gathering unfolded. Israeli UN representative Gilad Erdan, speaking at the event, rejected calls for a ceasefire, emphasizing an unyielding stance, disregarding the ongoing suffering of thousands of Palestinians under the Israeli apartheid regime.

On Dec. 2, the protest momentum surged as a new wave of demonstrators gathered at the Colorado State Capitol. Organized by Colorado Palestinian Coalition, Palestinian Youth Movement, SDS-Denver, DSA, PSL, Denver Communists, and others, the demonstration, fervently advocating for Palestinian liberation, swelled in numbers, echoing calls for justice and an end to the oppressive structures

perpetuated by the Zionist gathering at the Colorado Convention Center.

With fervor and determination, the crowd embarked on a march from the Capitol, their steps resonating with chants demanding accountability and solidarity with the Palestinian cause. As they traversed the streets, their voices grew louder, drawing attention to the plight of the Palestinian people and denouncing the complicity of institutions in upholding an unjust status quo.



Biden gives green light to Gaza massacre

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Thousands of more Palestinians have been murdered in Gaza by U.S.-made bombs since Israel broke a ceasefire on Dec. 1. On Dec. 8, the United States vetoed a United Nations Security Council ceasefire resolution that had 97 co-sponsors. Even France and Japan voted for the resolution.

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The Zionist regime is determined to push hundreds of thousands of Palestinians into Egypt, with Genocide Joe Biden’s approval. This would be an even larger catastrophe than the 1948 Nakba when Palestinians were driven from their homeland.

Thousands of protesters flooded Wall Street as the U.S. vetoed the ceasefire resolution. At the same time, thousands were protesting Biden’s visit to Los Angeles. We have to keep fighting to stop the massacre in Gaza. Palestine will win!



Palestine solidarity protest disrupts Baltimore City Council, demands

divestment

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On the evening of Dec. 4, the Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly led a banner drop and disruption at a Baltimore City Council meeting. The demonstration was held to place pressure on the city to pass a resolution that calls for a ceasefire, pledges complete divestment from the Israeli government, and ends all training exchange programs between Baltimore law enforcement and Israeli security forces.

Approximately 45 pro-Palestine protesters entered the city council meeting at approximately 5 p.m. This was after Baltimore Police initially stopped the group from entering for about half an hour after they attempted to enter at 4:30. This is usually when the public is allowed into the meetings. Other individuals waiting to enter the building commented that the delay was strange.

After the group entered, they proceeded to the sixth-floor balcony overlook. The sixth-floor balcony contains far more seating than the main council chamber, which is located on the fourth floor. The balcony was open at first. However, the police informed the group that the balcony was suddenly closed.

The activists complied and split into two groups: those in a cramped “overflow” room and about six to eight who made it into the main chamber. After the opening benediction, four protesters unfurled a banner that read “Free Palestine! Divest from Genocide!” All protesters in the main council chamber chanted “Free, free Palestine!” until they were escorted out of the building by a large number of Baltimore cops.

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Even the [Baltimore Sun](#), a notoriously pro-police publication, commented that the police presence at the meeting was far larger than normal. Everywhere those in solidarity with Palestine go in Baltimore, they are met with a disproportionate police presence that only serves to repress the struggle.

Simultaneous with the banner drop, 30 to 40 protesters in the overflow room began chanting pro-Palestine slogans and demands. This continued for several minutes until they too were escorted out of the City Hall building that is paid for with their tax dollars - much like the tax money going to the militarized Baltimore Police and the Israeli military.

In the wake of the disruption, Zionist hack Yitzhak Shleifer [proposed a resolution](#) to condemn Hamas and express support for Israel. The resolution was cosponsored by four other council members. Nonetheless, it failed to reach the 12-vote threshold required to pass. Nine voted for the resolution and four abstained.

Schleifer's resolution is tantamount to genocide denial, as it made no mention of the over 15,000 innocent Palestinians who Israel has slaughtered. Shame on him.

The protesters remained outside City Hall for over an hour after the disruption, where they continued to chant and hold picket signs. Baltimore will not let the political establishment rest until they do the right thing on Palestine.

Ceasefire now! Divest now! Free Palestine now!



Global Conscience Convoy in Cairo: A meeting with Popular Socialist Alliance Party

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Even as the Egyptian government's obstruction of the Global Conscience Convoy continued, we continued meeting with local pro-Palestine groups. On Nov. 24, we visited the headquarters of the Popular Socialist Alliance Party (SPAP) in Cairo.

SPAP is one of many organizations working in conjunction with the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate to organize the Global Conscience Convoy to the Rafah crossing. It was founded in the wake of the Egyptian Revolution of 2011, after the merger of several socialist organizations that faced repression under [U.S.-backed dictator Hosni Mubarak.](#)

SPAP leaders were kind enough to welcome us for an afternoon of Turkish coffee and discussion. We spoke about a variety of topics, including the genocide in

Palestine and the class struggle in Egypt. Over the last decade, the El-Sisi military junta has escalated anti-worker policies in the form of crackdowns on labor unions.

Since Egypt's independence struggle in the mid-1950s, trade unions have played an important role in Egyptian society. Many trade unions were actually integrated into the state structure during President Gamal Abdel Nasser's Arab socialist administration.

In 2011, trade unions played a massive role in the political revolution that deposed President Hosni Mubarak. This is precisely why the current U.S.-backed military regime has declared open season on Egyptian unions. Ever since Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and the military launched their coup in 2013, the status of trade unions in Egypt has significantly worsened.

Workers under attack

Egyptian trade unions face repression from both the capitalist bosses, many of whom are contractors for Western conglomerates, and a government that is entirely chained to big business and U.S. imperialism. In 2018, the government decertified over 1,000 independent unions. Only 122 of those unions were able to regain state recognition.

El-Sisi's administration has also made it nearly impossible for Egyptian workers to strike. For workers to go on strike, their union must provide management and the government with a full list of workers who intend to strike, how long they will be on strike, and where they intend to picket. This notice must be provided three months prior to any planned strike.

El-Sisi keeps the working class weak and the Western capitalists well-fed with investment opportunities, development deals, and military aid requests - requests that the [U.S. government happily obliges](#).

This is the reality that the SPAP and other parties must contend with every day in Egypt. And all the while, they must also continue the struggle for Palestinian solidarity, a struggle that has been [met with growing hostility](#) from the El-Sisi military regime.

Solidarity with Palestine

We witnessed people flowing in and out of the SPAP office to donate money and supplies to the Palestinian aid effort. This included a family with two small children, both under the age of 10.

One child's name was Nadim. He goes to one of the best elementary schools in Cairo. He speaks fluent Arabic, English, and Italian.

While we finished our meeting, we asked Nadim how the death of children in Gaza made him feel. He told us it made him angry, and it made him want to fight Israel.

He told us that if he could, he would hack Israel's "Iron Dome" missile system and turn it back on Israeli neighborhoods so they could feel the terror that Palestinians feel every second of the day.

This child is angry, and justifiably so. He is tired of watching fellow Arab children be butchered for the profits of a few.

Aren't we all?



#Cairo4 solidarity activists freed

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Parker launches campaign after Egypt detainment over Gaza aid

Dec. 3 — After 37 hours of detainment by Egyptian authorities, John Parker and the rest of the #Cairo4 were deported and traveled safely home.

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The mass movement made it happen. Forces from around the world, already united for Palestine, united against repression and for our right to stand with Palestine.

As of today, John is home safe in Los Angeles. This very same day, he launched his candidacy for California's 37th congressional district. His campaign will stand in

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People Power Wins the Day: John Parker is HOME SAFE

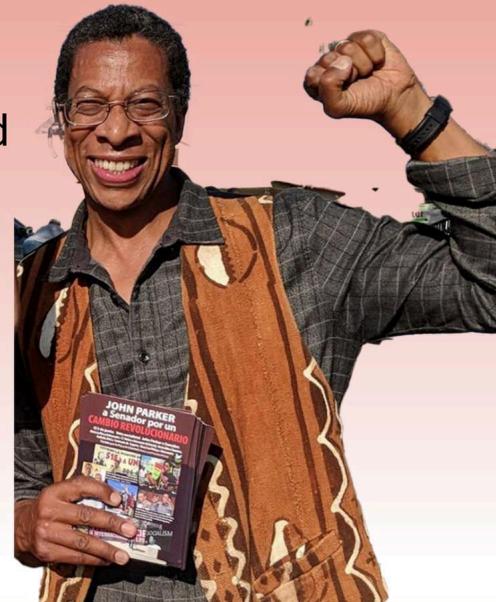
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New York City says no to the renewed bombing of Gaza

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As the biggest U.S. aircraft carrier — which is what the former Secretary of State Alexander Haig called Israel — resumed its bombing of Gaza Ghetto, protests erupted across New York City.

The new bombing has killed hundreds of Palestinians. Meanwhile, soldiers and armed settlers continue to terrorize Palestinians on the West Bank.

Even before the Zionist regime broke the truce, hundreds of people held a vigil on Nov. 29, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. They gathered at Manhattan's Columbus Circle.

Columbus was a genocidal murderer of Indigenous people who started his maritime career as an enslaver of Africans. When Columbus set sail for the Americas in 1492, the Spanish monarchy began the expulsion of both its Jewish and Muslim

inhabitants.

Hundreds of thousands of Jewish people were given refuge in the Arab world and Türkiye. In contrast, the Zionist regime in 1948 expelled 800,000 Palestinians from their native land.

People gathered at the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue on Dec. 1 to demand peace and freedom for Palestine. Despite the rain, a thousand people marched through Times Square and then past the New York Times headquarters on Eighth Avenue.

Three hundred people came out on Dec. 2 to protest at the office of Congressperson Daniel Goldman in the Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn. Goldman makes some liberal noises, but he's really a pro-Israel war hawk.

Also, on Dec. 2, hundreds of people protested at the American Museum of Natural History to support Palestine. Its board is full of trustees that support genocide in Palestine.

That's not surprising considering one of its former trustees was Madison Grant, author of the super-racist "Passing of the Great Race." Adolf Hitler loved the book and wrote Grant that "this book is my bible."



Marching through Bay Ridge

Nearly a thousand people rallied on Dec. 2 in the Palestinian community of Bay Ridge in Brooklyn. People listened to speakers and then took to the street chanting "Gaza, Gaza, don't you cry, Palestine will never die!"

They marched to the Muslim American Society Youth Center. Families came out of their homes to greet the marchers.

Many protests have been organized by Shut It Down for Palestine, which includes the Palestinian Youth Movement, Al-Awda NY, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, National Students for Justice in Palestine, The Peoples Forum, ANSWER Coalition, and the Party for Socialism and Liberation.

Other large protests have been led by Within Our Lifetime, Muslim American Society, Jewish Voice for Peace, Black Alliance for Peace, Anakbayan (Filipino anti-

imperialist youth organization), DRUM (Desis Rising Up and Moving), Neturei Karta (Orthodox Jews United Against Zionism), Nodutdol for Korean Community Development, and Struggle-La Lucha are among many other organizations that have organized or taken part in protests in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Palestine will be free from the river to the sea!



