

# December 12th Movement: In solidarity with the Palestinian right to resist

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Only history can place the October 7th Palestinian military action in Israel in its

proper context – an act of self-defense in response to a steadily increasing, all-encompassing Israeli assault on Palestinians in the occupied territories, in general, and the “open-air prison” of Gaza in particular. The December 12th Movement International Secretariat strongly supports the Palestinian people in the righteous exercise of their internationally-guaranteed human rights..

## **Why Black people should be concerned**

Black people cannot allow ourselves to be misguided by the U.S. government/mainstream media narrative of what is going on in the Middle East.

As with much of U.S. history, Israel began with a myth – “A land without a people, for a people without a land” – to justify its 1948 creation as a settler-colonial state. In many ways, the Palestinian struggle for liberation reflects our struggle in the U.S. Just as the U.S. government’s domestic policy has historically perpetrated and profited from Black people’s forcible oppression here. Its foreign policy does the same around the world, but particularly clearly in Palestine. The U.S. was instrumental in Israel’s establishment and the forced displacement of the Palestinians who lived there. It has unqualifiedly backed it with money, weapons, intelligence, aid, propaganda, and political cover ever since. Israel is the U.S.’s “eyes, ears, caretaker and bodyguard” in a critical oil-rich, non-white, non-European, geo-economic-political area.

Israel has now declared a “complete siege” on Gaza and has cut off water, electricity, fuel, and food to the already impoverished area. Israel has held Gaza in a state of siege for the last 17 years since Hamas began governing. Israel said that it will “exterminate” Hamas. Hamas is the government of Gaza, not simply a military force. Hamas is an integral part of the 2.4 million people of Gaza, an area the size of Detroit (population 620,000) and one of the most densely populated areas of the world. Israel cannot separate its extermination of Hamas from the people of Gaza.

Nevertheless, President Biden “has Israel’s back.”

When the entire world has united to condemn Israeli atrocities, the U.S. “has its back.” Between 1972 and 2021, the United States vetoed over 53 UN resolutions against Israel. [i] Major international human rights organizations have accused Israel of being an apartheid regime.[ii] And this is not surprising as Israel was one of the few open supporters of the South African Apartheid state. Nevertheless, the U.S. “had its back.”

So, we must pay close attention to what is going on in the world, even if it seems unrelated to us. Malcolm X said if we fail to do so, we’ll treat our friends as enemies and our enemies as friends.

The Palestinian people are our friends.

We must:

- Demand that the CBC support the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination and self-defense
- Condemn the Israeli State and colonial violence against the Palestinian people
- Demand that the U.S. end all aid to Israel
- Defend the Palestinian Movement and community in the U.S.
- Demand the Release of all (5000) Palestinian prisoners (including 1350 being held without charge or trial)

[i] UN Security Council Veto List; Newton, Creede, “A History of the U.S. Blocking UN Resolutions against Israel,” Al Jazeera, 5/19/2021

[ii] Amnesty International Report, “Israel’s Apartheid against Palestinians: a cruel system of domination and a crime against humanity,” 2/1/2022

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# **Stop the genocide in Gaza! Palestinian lives matter!**

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An immense war crime is being carried out by the Israeli apartheid regime that occupies Palestine. Over a million people in northern Gaza have been ordered to evacuate within 24 hours or face being exterminated by a military invasion.

This isn't a Hollywood movie with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu telling the inhabitants to "get out of Dodge." Netanyahu wants to carry out [another chapter of the 1948 Nakba](#) — meaning catastrophe in Arabic — during which 15,000 Palestinians were murdered, and 531 Palestinian villages were destroyed by

Zionists.

[In the village of Deir Yassin](#), the Irgun and Stern Gang Zionist militias killed at least 107 Palestinians on April 9, 1948. Children and the elderly were murdered.

Some victims were burned to death; others were stood up against a wall and killed by machine guns. Many bodies were thrown down a well.

This was no different than Nazi atrocities like those that wiped out the village of Lidice in the Czech lands or Oradour-sur-Glane in France.

Zionist leaders want to do the same to Gaza, which is the biggest ghetto on earth with 2.2 million inhabitants. Half of them are children under 18.

Half of the Gazans in this immensely crowded prison have now been ordered to flee to the southern portion of the ghetto within 24 hours.

Already a third of a million people have been made homeless, and over 2,000 people killed by Zionist bombs. Entire families have been buried in rubble. The Jabalia refugee camp, home to 116,000 people, was destroyed.

These war crimes are in revenge for the Al-Aqsa Flood uprising that showed that the apartheid regime is not invincible. The Zionist state is carrying out collective punishment, which is banned by international law.

### **Hospitals turned into morgues**

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant called Palestinians “human animals.” That’s the language of genocide.

Gallant announced on Oct. 9 a “complete siege” of Gaza, which has a population of over 2 million. He declared, “No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel – everything is closed.”

That means when hospitals run out of fuel in a few days, babies will die in cut-off incubators. So will the elderly and disabled who are attached to life-saving machines.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said that hospitals will turn into morgues. Israel refuses to allow anyone to escape.

The Zionist regime intends to kill thousands in Gaza and drive the rest into Egypt. This is part of a long-standing plan to expel all Arabs — the Indigenous inhabitants — from Palestine.

None of these crimes would be possible without the Pentagon's support and [\\$158 billion in U.S. aid](#). This wasn't charity. Israel is a Ku Klux Klan ready to intervene to preserve Big Oil's rule in Western Asia.

For Wall Street as well as older colonial powers like Britain and France — whose immense wealth began with the African Holocaust — Israel represents the open colonial rule that they want to restore.

Humiliated by Niger and other African countries, France is supporting the Zionist settler state and banning demonstrations in defense of Palestine. Fox News and other ruling class elements want to do the same in the United States.

We won't let them! Poor and working people in the U.S. have no interest in propping up the racist state of Israel.

We need to come out in larger and larger numbers to support the Palestinian people.

Stop the genocide in Gaza! Palestine will win!



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# Trans activist urges: All out for Palestine!

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Oct. 13 – Palestinians in Gaza are facing genocide. Now, today.

Anti-Semitic conspiracy theorists claim that Israel controls the U.S. government. Just the opposite is true. The U.S. funds, arms, and politically shields Israel, which is, in fact, a U.S. military outpost in the Middle East. Israeli policy is nothing but U.S. policy.

What does this mean? It means that those of us who live in the U.S. have the power

to stop the [impending genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza](#). We must make it clear to our rulers, the capitalists and politicians who pull the strings in Washington and Wall Street, that they will pay a very high price if Israel's ethnic cleansing of Gaza goes forward.

That could mean a lot of different things in the coming days. Right now, TODAY, it means EVERYONE needs to take to the streets and join the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine actions happening all across the country from Oct. 13-15. We must make it impossible to ignore through sheer numbers and visibility.

Trans people in the U.S. are also facing genocide. Right now, it's confined mostly to the political arena and acts of street violence. But the pieces are being swiftly moved into place for other forms of violence and suppression.

We trans people should be the first and loudest in solidarity with the Palestinian people, who are facing immediate genocide by military force. For anyone fearful that some people in that Palestinian community may not be accepting of us, let me tell you what I have learned over many years of activism: People who are facing the unthinkable are glad for solidarity, whoever it comes from.

A very important side-effect of solidarity is building understanding between marginalized groups. And we have much to learn from the Palestinian people's determination and unceasing will to resist and survive.

Trans people and all people of conscience must stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Palestinians today.

The people of Gaza have survived many years living in the world's largest open-air prison, subject to regular murderous bombings and deprived of the most basic necessities of life. They have resisted heroically, and we owe them, in turn, to do everything we can to stop the racist massacre being prepared by Washington and

Tel Aviv.

*Melinda Butterfield is an initiator of the [National March to Protect Trans Youth & Speakout for Trans Lives](#) held in Orlando, Florida, on Oct. 7, a member of Women in Struggle and co-editor of Struggle-La Lucha.*



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## **New York City: International Day of Action for Palestine, Oct. 13**

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# ALL OUT FOR PALESTINE

HANDS OFF PALESTINE!

NO ARMS TO "ISRAEL"!

END COLONIZATION & GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE!

FRI 10.13, 3PM

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ON BROADWAY



MAJLIS ASH-SHURA  
Islamic Leadership Council of New York



Friday, October 13 – 3:00 pm

Times Square (Broadway between West 41st and 42nd Streets), Manhattan



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## **Baltimore: Stand with Palestine solidarity rally, Oct. 13**

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# STAND WITH **PALESTINE**

**NO TO U.S./ISRAEL WAR ON PALESTINE! U.S. DOLLARS FOR  
HEALTHCARE & EDUCATION, NOT ISRAEL'S WAR CRIMES!  
END ISRAELI OCCUPATION & APARTHEID!**

## **FRIDAY OF AL-AQSA FLOOD SOLIDARITY RALLY**

Friday, October 13, 2023, 6pm  
MLK Blvd. & Howard St., Baltimore MD

**PEOPLES POWER ASSEMBLY – PALESTINIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT DMV  
– SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY Baltimore – WOMEN IN STRUGGLE / MUJERES  
EN LUCHA – Anti-Imperialist Action (AIA) UMBC – Black Alliance for Peace  
(BAP) Baltimore – CPUSA Baltimore Club – Friends of Latin America (FOLA)  
– International League of People's Struggles (ILPS) Mid-Atlantic Region**

**Text (301) 327-4799 to receive notice for upcoming actions**

Friday, October 13, 6 p.m.

STAND WITH PALESTINE - solidarity rally  
MLK Blvd. & Howard St., Baltimore

The crimes of Israel are the crimes of the United States and its allies. Israel is a loyal dog on a leash firmly held by the U.S. military-industrial complex.

The people of Palestine are now the ones who require and deserve solidarity from the entire planet, people, and governments alike. Unions, religious institutions, community centers, and student organizations all must come together to demand an end to Israeli apartheid and no U.S. military intervention against the Palestinian people.



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## **Biden lied about seeing photos of beheaded Israeli children**

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The White House confirmed on Wednesday evening that President Joe Biden's claim that he had seen photos of Israeli children beheaded by Hamas fighters is false.

"I've been doing this a long time. I never really thought that I would see, have confirmed pictures of terrorists beheading children," Biden said to leaders of US

Jewish organizations at the White House on Wednesday evening.

The president was echoing lurid claims by the Israeli government that women and children had been beheaded by Hamas fighters who took over an Israeli settlement across the boundary from Gaza in recent days.

But the administration quickly backtracked on the president's seeming confirmation of a story Israel has been using to justify its ongoing mass slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza.

"A White House spokesperson later clarified that US officials and the president have not seen pictures or confirmed such reports independently," *The Washington Post* [reported](#). "The president based his comments about the alleged atrocities on the claims from Netanyahu's spokesman and media reports from Israel, according to the White House."

*Clarification from the White House regarding Biden's remarks*  
<https://t.co/8fXaf5Bpn> <https://t.co/zsEf93bH0g> [pic.twitter.com/N7ci2jHXf2](https://pic.twitter.com/N7ci2jHXf2)

— Evan Hill (@evanhill) [October 12, 2023](#)

## **Journalists spread unverified claims**

As Israel pursues its indiscriminate bombardment of Gaza, it is exploiting unverified claims of atrocities to lay the justification for its campaign of mass destruction and starvation of its 2.3 million people - half of them children - who are cut off from food, water and electricity.

In the absence of a full, independent investigation of what took place since Hamas fighters launched their offensive across the boundary on Saturday, the Israeli military and political leadership have been feeding world leaders and media with

shocking claims that have not been independently verified.

The claims that Hamas fighters had beheaded 40 children in the Israeli settlement of Kfar Aza near the Gaza boundary were splashed all over the front pages of British newspapers, Israeli media and circulated widely on social media.

*Britain's biggest newspapers are all leading with unsourced atrocity propaganda that even the IDF refuses to confirm.*

*The battle for public opinion is every bit as important as the fighting on the ground.* [pic.twitter.com/BVZ4gdVKfJ](https://pic.twitter.com/BVZ4gdVKfJ)

— Alan MacLeod (@AlanRMacLeod) [October 11, 2023](https://twitter.com/AlanRMacLeod/status/1446803310107534080)

*"They chopped heads of children and women," says David Ben Zion, Deputy Commandee of Unit 71 to our @Nicole\_Zedek, while reporting from the massacre in Kfar Aza in southern Israel* [pic.twitter.com/IHSB0ywMbF](https://pic.twitter.com/IHSB0ywMbF)

— i24NEWS English (@i24NEWS\_EN) [October 10, 2023](https://twitter.com/i24NEWS_EN/status/1446803310107534080)

It was [amplified](#) by a spokesperson for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who asserted that women, children, toddlers and elderly people were "brutally butchered in an ISIS way of action."

However even the Israeli army – normally not slow to accuse Palestinians of any crime – [refused to confirm](#) the report.

## Unchallenged

[According to Mondoweiss](#), the story "can be traced back to an article by Bel Trew," a

reporter for the British newspaper *The Independent*.



Trew went to Kfar Aza on 10 October and  published a video with her article in which Israeli army Major David Ben Zion makes the lurid claim that people in the settlement including women and children were beheaded.

Trew never says in the video that she saw such sights nor does she challenge Ben Zion's claim. She says she saw bodies lying around Kfar Aza, but they were those of Palestinian fighters.

In her [article](#) she quotes Ben Zion asserting that "When Hamas came here they cut the heads of women, they cut the heads of children."

Trew wrote that "*The Independent* did not see evidence of his claims."

Oren Ziv, an Israeli journalist who went to Kfar Aza with other reporters, wrote on Twitter on Wednesday that "we didn't see any evidence" to back up the claims of beheadings "and the army spokesperson or commanders also didn't mention any such incidents."

[https://twitter.com/OrenZiv\\_/status/1712038436910055925](https://twitter.com/OrenZiv_/status/1712038436910055925)

Trew herself later [tried to backtrack](#), but by then the damage was done.

Other atrocity stories with no evidence behind them have included claims that

Hamas fighters raped several Israeli women. At least one publication, *The Los Angeles Times* retracted the assertion.

*LA Times retracts allegations of rape & concludes "such reports have not been substantiated".*

*The unproven rape allegations can only cause pain to the families of detained Israelis & fan the flames for flattening Gaza & killing scores of civilians... Reality is ugly enough! [pic.twitter.com/OblZ9hncXT](https://pic.twitter.com/OblZ9hncXT)*

— Muhammad Shehada (@muhammadshehad2) [October 10, 2023](#)

But despite the lack of evidence, as *The Intercept* [noted](#), Biden in remarks on Tuesday repeated the claims that women had been “raped, assaulted, paraded as trophies.”

*“We cannot confirm it officially, but you can assume it happened and believe the report,” the IDF told me.*

*“We don’t have the time to check every report.”* <https://t.co/4kD5xju2eS>

— Alice Speri (@alicesperi) [October 11, 2023](#)

## **Deadly lies**

It should be recalled that the United States invaded Iraq in 2003, ending and destroying millions of lives, based on lies about “weapons of mass destruction” - lies that then Senator Joe Biden had himself [pushed for years](#).

In an earlier notorious incident used by the United States government to justify its

1991 war to expel Iraqi occupation forces from Kuwait, the American public were fed totally fabricated stories of Iraqi troops tossing hundreds of Kuwaiti babies out of incubators.

*This atrocity propaganda is designed to justify genocide. We don't know what Israel showed Biden, and Biden is a known liar, as is the United States which killed a million people based on lies about "weapons of mass destruction."*

<https://t.co/QjUxaVkFKa>

— Ali Abunimah (@AliAbunimah) [October 11, 2023](#)

Biden himself is a notoriously unreliable source, having regularly fabricated significant parts of his own life story.

During the 2020 election campaign, Biden repeatedly claimed that he had been arrested in the 1970s while trying to visit Nelson Mandela, the resistance leader then imprisoned in apartheid South Africa.

Biden later acknowledged the story was false.

As the latest atrocity stories have spread, Sarah Leah Whitson, the former Middle East director for Human Rights Watch, warned, “unless you’ve got some hard facts (not more allegations) to support gruesome allegations of decapitated babies and mass rape – which [the] Israeli army says it can’t confirm – please take a pause from asserting it has happened.”

*Folks, unless you've got some hard facts (not more allegations) to support gruesome allegations of decapitated babies and mass rape -which Israeli army says it can't confirm – please take a pause from asserting it has happened.*

*Recall the allegations of mass rape in...*

— Sarah Leah Whitson (@sarahleah1) [October 11, 2023](#)

“Recall the allegations of mass rape in Libya and Syria all turned out to be false, though that did not stop media from repeating it,” Whitson, who now heads the human rights advocacy group DAWN, added.

Source: [Electronic Intifada](#)



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## **George Habash on morality and the Palestinian revolution: ‘Our code of morals is our revolution’**

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In June 1970, after the Western-backed regime in Jordan had shelled Palestinian refugee camps in the country, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), under the leadership of its Secretary General, George Habash, took a group of nationals from the USA, West Germany and Britain - Israel's primary sponsors - hostage at two hotels in the capital, Amman.

In return for their safe release, the PFLP demanded that 'all shelling of the camps be ended and all demands of the Palestinian resistance movement met'. Shortly before the hostages were all safely released a few days later, on June 12, 1970, Habash addressed them in person at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in Amman and thoughtfully explained the group's actions from a Palestinian revolutionary perspective.

Habash's words - published in full below - should be listened to very carefully,

especially by those who sympathize with the Palestinian cause but waver in their solidarity when the Palestinians [dare to fight back](#). The unprecedented armed resistance launched by the united factions in Gaza recently - of which [the PFLP is one](#) - must be understood in the context that Habash so eloquently describes:

For 22 years our people have been waiting in order to restore their rights, but nothing happened... After 22 years of injustice, inhumanity, living in camps with nobody caring for us, we feel that we have the very full right to protect our revolution. We have all the right to protect our revolution...

The urgency that underlines his message is even more palpable half a century later, for the Palestinians - consistently refusing passive victimhood - have now lived in the wretched conditions Habash depicts for 75 long years, not 22.

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Ladies and gentlemen;

I feel that it is my duty to explain to you why we did what we did. Of course, from a liberal point of view of thinking, I feel sorry for what happened, and I am sorry that we caused you some trouble during the last 2 or 3 days. But leaving this aside, I hope that you will understand, or at least try to understand, why we did what we did. Maybe it will be difficult for you to understand our point of view. People living in different circumstances think on different lines. They cannot think in the same manner, and we, the Palestinian people, and the conditions we have been living for a good number of years, all these conditions have modeled our way of thinking. We cannot help it. You can understand our way of thinking when you know a very basic fact. We, the Palestinians, for 22 years, for the last 22 years, have been living in camps and tents. We were driven out of our country, our houses, our homes, and our lands driven out like sheep, and left here in refugee camps in very inhumane conditions. For 22 years, our people have been waiting in order to restore their

rights, but nothing happened. Three years ago, circumstances became favourable so that our people could carry arms to defend their cause and start to fight to restore their rights, to go back to their country and liberate their country. After 22 years of injustice, inhumanity, living in camps with nobody caring for us, we feel that we have the very full right to protect our revolution. We have all the right to protect our revolution. Our code of morals is our revolution. What saves our revolution, what helps our revolution, what protects our revolution is right, is very right and very honorable and very noble and very beautiful, because our revolution means justice, means having back our homes, having back our country, which is a very just and noble aim. You have to take this point into consideration. If you want to be, in one way or another, cooperative with us, try to understand our point of view.

We don't wake up in the morning to have a cup of milk with Nescafe and then spend half an hour before the mirror thinking of flying to Switzerland or having one month in this country or one month in that country. We don't have the thousands or millions of dollars that you in America and Britain have. We live daily in camps. Our wives wait for the water, whether it will come at 10 o'clock in the morning, 12 o'clock, or 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We cannot be calm, as you can. We cannot think as you think.

We have lived in this condition, not for one day, not for two days, not for three days. Not for one week, not for two weeks, not for three weeks. Not for one year, not for two years, but *for 22 years*.

If any one of you comes to these camps and stays for one or two weeks, he will be affected. He cannot think and handle things regardless of the conditions he will be living.

When our revolution started three years ago, so many attempts were planned to strike our revolution. Actually, all commando organisations after June 1967, a very well-known date to you, started and their eyes aimed at the conquered land. But

when the revolution went on, so many forces - our enemies - put so many plans to beat this revolution. America is against us. We know this very well. We feel this very well. We felt it last year from the aid of the [Phantoms](#). America is against our revolution. They work to crush our revolution. They work through the reactionary regime in Jordan and the reactionary regime in Lebanon. They tried on the fourth of November in 1968 to crush the revolution. Nevertheless, during events here, all of us were aiming for the conquered land. This was the first attempt on the 4th of November 1968. A second attempt, four months ago, on the tenth of February, and during the last week, we lived the 3rd attempt. Actually, they are working daily against the revolution, every day. These dates are the peaks only when their attempts reached a certain high level. Every time we lose men, we lose blood; we give sacrifices. On the 10th of February, there was something like 50 casualties, at least. Regarding this third attempt from the reactionary regime to smash the revolution - and people who live here in Jordan know it very well and feel it very well - the reactionary regime started this. Anybody who lives in Jordan knows this very well. We cannot base our revolution on lies. I am talking facts here.

Last Saturday, there was an incident here in Amman. On Sunday, there was an incident in Zerqa, and then things flared. This time we felt, to be frank with you, that this attempt, at least from their own point of view, seems to be the final attempt. I mean to say, we felt that this time they are determined to smash the revolution no matter what level the sacrifices were.

Here, we felt that we have all the right in the world to protect our revolution. We remembered all the miseries, all the injustices, our people and the conditions they lived, the coldness with which world opinion looks at our case, and so we felt that we will not permit them to crush us. We will defend ourselves and our revolution by every way and every means because - as I told you - our code of morals is our revolution. Anything that protects our revolution would be right. This is our line of thinking. So we put counterplans deciding that we should win.

One of the items in this plan was what happened here. We felt that we have the full right to make pressure here on the reactionary regime and in America and all forces, and this will be a winning card in our hand. I am talking very frankly, and I have also to be frank and tell you something. We were really determined. We were not joking.

I am so glad that things and conditions went the way they should because - to be frank - we were fully determined that, in case they will smash us in the camps, we will blow all this building and the Philadelphia [Hotel] all over. We were really determined to do this: Why? Because we know that our revolution will continue even if they crush us here in Amman, and we want your governments to know that from now on the Front will mean every word it says.

We were fully determined to blow this hotel and the Philadelphia Hotel on one condition and in one circumstance. We were very keen not to lose our nerves. We were very keen not to lose our nerves. They were very determined, by their tanks, artillery, and airplanes, to smash us. You are not better than our people. In the last incidents, there were something like 500 casualties, the least number, believe me, the least number.

Yesterday I was in one hospital only, where the doctors told me that there are 280 wounded and 60 dead. Dead fighters.

Ladies and gentlemen;

I feel so much released now that we were not put in the corner and forced to do all that we were determined to do in case conditions went in that way.

I know the liberal way of thinking. I know it very well. I know how much it would be difficult to convince you. I know that some of you will be saying at present: "What have I to do with these conditions? This is very unfair and very unjust and rude and selfish." All right.

Conditions in which people live - these conditions actually determine their way of thinking and code of morals.

We tried our best - and I hope we succeeded in this - that during your presence in the hotel under the auspices of the Front, that you would be treated the best way we can.

This is the first time we manage a hotel. Our men, I am sure, know how to fight very well, but I don't know to what extent they were good at managing the hotel. But instructions were very clear. I hope they succeeded in this. I think we always helped you by keeping our nerves. The day before yesterday, [Al-Wahdat Camp](#) was shelled for more than half an hour. Anyone of you can go to Al-Wahdat Camp and see the places affected. It is very natural to start thinking [at] that time of executing the item. We held our nerves very well.

Ladies and gentlemen;

You have to excuse my English. From the personal side, let me say; I apologize to you. I am sorry about your troubles for three or four days. But from a revolutionary point of view, we feel, we will continue to feel that we have the very, very full right to do what we did.

Thank you very much.

[George Habash](#)



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# **Los Angeles Solidarity with Palestine: End the Occupation Now!**

## **Oct. 12**

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Thursday, October 12 at 5 p.m.

LOS ANGELES SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE! END THE OCCUPATION NOW!  
Martin Luther King Blvd and Figueroa

Event by Union del Barrio - Los Angeles and Harriet Tubman Center for Social

Justice - L.A.

Join this emergency action to demonstrate our solidarity with the Palestinian people and their struggle against Israeli occupation of their land!

LOCATION: Martin Luther King Blvd and Figueroa (next to BMO Stadium)

This event is NOT an anti-Semitic event! It is in solidarity w the people of Palestine and against the occupation of their lands by the state of Israel.

This event is being organized and endorsed by Union del Barrio, Socialist Unity Party, Black Alliance for Peace, Jews for Palestinian Right to Return, Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Association of Raza Educators, LA4PALESTINE and many more!

If your organization would like to endorse this action please contact us!



# **'We are not attacking civilians': Hamas says amid Operation Al-Aqsa Storm**

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**The Palestinian resistance movement  
Hamas has rejected accusations of  
targeting civilians.**

**Fighting raged across the occupied territories since the resistance groups launched Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on Oct. 7.**

Osama Hamadan, senior spokesperson of Hamas, has told *Al Jazeera* that they are not attacking civilians.

"You have to differentiate between settlers and civilians; settlers attacked Palestinians," Hamdan said.

"We are not targeting civilians on purpose. We have declared settlers are part of the occupation and part of the armed Israeli force. They are not civilians," Hamadan added.

His remarks came after a number of Western-backed rights groups, including Amnesty International, accused the resistance movement of killing "Israeli civilians" in their retaliatory strikes.

Asked whether civilians in southern Israel were considered settlers, the Hamas spokesman said, “Everyone knows there are settlements there.”

On Saturday, the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement launched its large-scale operation, with a heavy barrage of rockets in response to Israel’s desecration of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and increased settler violence.

At least 400 Israeli settlers and forces have died as a result of the large-scale operation — code-named Al-Aqsa Storm — and more than 2000 others have sustained injuries.

Following the operation, a spokesperson for the Israeli defense forces confirmed that Israeli settlers and soldiers are held captive in Gaza. However, the spokesperson declined to specify the number of hostages.

According to Israeli media outlets, unofficial estimates suggest that approximately 750 Israeli soldiers and settlers have been missing since fighting broke out.

Hospital officials in the Gaza Strip have recorded the death of 320 Palestinians and the injury of 1,990 others. A large number of buildings, homes, and public facilities have also been badly damaged due to heavy Israeli bombardments.

The Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, said on its Telegram channel that the group had directed a “major missile strike on the settlement of Sderot with 100 missiles.”

The Qassam Brigades also called on Palestinians “to join this battle” as fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas fighters continues.

Meanwhile, Mohannad Aklouk, Palestine’s permanent representative to the Arab League, said he had submitted a request for an emergency meeting of the regional body’s foreign ministers in the wake of the latest Israeli onslaught.

"The urgent meeting comes in light of the ongoing Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, including the escalation of incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by thousands of settlers and Israeli officials over the past days," Aklouk was quoted as saying by the official Wafa news agency.

The retaliatory operation by Hamas on the occupied territories is the largest after the 11-day Israeli war against the Gaza Strip in May 2021, which took place after weeks of violence against Palestinians in Al-Quds and a brutal crackdown on worshipers at the al-Aqsa Mosque, as well as attempts to steal their land in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

At least 260 Palestinians, including over 60 children, were killed during the Israeli offensive as the Gaza-based resistance movements retaliated. The regime was eventually forced to announce a ceasefire brokered by Egypt.

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# No U.S. intervention in Palestine!

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**The time has come for Zionism to fall. Political support for Palestine is more important than ever.**



The fall of Zionist apartheid in occupied Palestine is long overdue. For the past 75 years, the colonial project of Israel has terrorized Palestinian people throughout

Gaza, Golan, the West Bank, and the [1948 borders](#). What began as a British and U.S.-backed colonial project bathed in the blood of [Nakba](#) quickly reached its full evolution into Israeli fascist apartheid.

With every passing year, Israeli violence against nearby countries only seems to escalate, whether it be Palestine, Syria, or Iran. From continuous illegal airstrikes on Syrian airports to the ghettoization of the Gaza Strip, Israel's crimes against humanity in furtherance of the U.S. imperialist agenda have no bounds.

Because yes, ultimately, the crimes of Israel are the crimes of the United States and their allies. Israel is not the master but is instead a loyal dog on a leash firmly held by the U.S. military-industrial complex.

Resistance to this terrible regime is not terrorism. It is freedom fighting. If the methods of Hamas at times seem extreme, it is only because their Zionist enemies are that much more extreme in their everyday persecution of the Palestinian people. These horrors range from the systemic deprivation of [basic human necessities](#) in Gaza to the intentional IDF [execution of pregnant Palestinian women](#) in the hopes of wiping out a generation of resistance. How long are people supposed to live under that sort of violent, racist oppression?

Unfortunately, the Pentagon and the defense industry will not want to cede their racist satellite without a fight. As such, war criminal Joe Biden ordered a carrier strike force closer to Israel. It is not yet clear whether this move's purpose is to support the pending Israeli siege of Gaza or as a safety net in case the Israeli occupation forces cannot stem the tide.

*It is* clear that all those who consider themselves friends of working and oppressed people must raise their voices and take to the streets to support the Palestinian people. The world must come to the aid of Palestine in its fight against occupation the same way it came to the defense of Black South Africans living under apartheid.

Ultimately, apartheid fell due to the combined efforts of international protests, the South African working-class movement, and [African and Cuban](#) military intervention.

The people of Palestine are now the ones who require and deserve solidarity from the entire planet, people, and governments alike. Unions, churches, community centers, student organizations, and, yes, synagogues all must come together to demand an end to Israeli apartheid and no U.S. military intervention against the Palestinian people!

### **Personal note**

Earlier in this article, I asked how long people are supposed to tolerate brutal, racist apartheid. For an answer, we only have to look as far as the communist Jewish resistance fighters of the Warsaw ghetto in 1943. Facing another round of forced deportations from Warsaw to Nazi death camps, the socialist Jewish Fighting Organization, or “ZOB,” attacked the column of Nazi troops sent to oversee the next shipment of Jews to the notorious Treblinka concentration camp.

The fact that there were only 600 resistance fighters and they only had small arms to fight armored vehicles and heavy weaponry did not deter [Mordechai Anielowicz and his comrades](#). The ZOB was fighting for the very existence of Jewish people, the same way that the Peoples’ Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Hamas are fighting for the very existence of the Palestinian people.

To think that the people playing the role of the Nazis in Palestine are none other than the people whose grandparents and great-grandparents rose against the exact same type of oppression.

I am a Jew whose ancestors were killed and terrorized by tsarist pogroms and, later, by the SS at Auschwitz. For the life of me, I cannot understand how so many of my

people have allowed the last 75 years of genocide and war in Palestine to be carried out in their name.

Every Yom Kippur, Jews convene at synagogue to ask forgiveness from a higher power for not just the sins of the individual but for the sins of the community. The structure of these confessions is “we sinned when we did such a thing.” This year, a woman and leader at my congregation read a psalm of sorts that she wrote. I paraphrase, but this was roughly her point:

“We (the Jewish community) sinned when he stood silent as innocents were killed in our name. We sinned when we allowed olive trees to be demolished in the West Bank. We sinned when we looked the other way when Israeli stormtroopers attacked the funeral procession of a reporter. No more.”

No more. Zionist apartheid is a stain on my people and a stain on humanity. Any Jew who considers themselves concerned with our people or the future of all people has the responsibility to say, No More. Israel does not deserve our support, only our condemnation and rage.

It is time for our people to stop being stooges on behalf of the real enemy, the Western war profiteers and capitalist fat cats. That is our enemy. That has always been our enemy. It is time to stand with Palestine.

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