

Palestinians, supporters: Trump-Netanyahu plan intends to cement apartheid

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A Palestinian flag as long as a city block was carried outside New York's City Hall on Jan. 31 as hundreds rallied to protest "the deal of the century" that Trump and Netanyahu seek to impose on the dispossessed Palestinian people.

Among the protesters was a large contingent of religious anti-Zionist Jews from Neturei Karta International-Jews United Against Zionism. A bus brought members of New Jersey's large Palestinian community to the protest. Organizers included

American Muslims for Palestine, Al-Awda NY: Palestine Right to Return Coalition, the New York for Palestine Coalition, the Palestinian American Community Center NJ, the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, Students for Justice in Palestine at John Jay College and Within Our Lifetime-United for Palestine.

A statement read, “The ‘Deal of the Century,’ crafted by U.S. and Israeli officials to the exclusion of Palestinians, was met with protests across the world, organizers said in a statement. The Trump-Netanyahu plan intends to institutionalize illegal settlements, expand Israeli land theft, entrench military occupation and cement the segregation of Palestinians from each other by the Apartheid Wall, declared illegal by the International Court of Justice in 2004.”

Sayel Kayed of American Muslims for Palestine-New Jersey chapter, said, “Palestinians have suffered under Israeli apartheid, colonization and violence for over 72 years and this so-called deal is an attempt to normalize Israeli violence and erasure of Palestinians.”

Ahmad Khatib from the Palestinian American Community Center added, “The steal of the century is another Nakba, all prior similar plans and impositions of the past seventy years have excluded Palestinian refugees, who are the majority of the Palestinian population.”

Human rights attorney Lamis J. Deek noted that “this is not a deal. It is an admission of criminal intent. It is an admission of intent to commit grave breaches of international law by expanding apartheid, population transfer, military occupation and military violence against an already subjugated Palestinian people. This so-called deal not only threatens Palestinian lives but threatens the international mechanisms designed to protect the world from returning to an era of barbarism and racialized subjugation. For the sake of global morality and safety, this declaration should be condemned by all people and governments and should be treated as evidence by the ICC in any future prosecution or investigation of Israel.”

“I think the only good thing that has come from the Trump-Netanyahu plan is that it has united and galvanized Palestinians in Palestine, in the refugee camps and across the world to work even harder to pursue their right to return to their homes in freedom and justice. We know now that our work for justice is more difficult, but we are ready, and we have a lot of support here in New York and across the world,” said Nerdeen Kiswani, of Within Our Lifetime – United for Palestine.

Supporters of Struggle-La Lucha took part and spoke at the rally.

Photos: American Muslims for Palestine and Bill Does



Bring down the path of Oslo for the liberation of Palestine - Khaled Barakat

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The following article, by Khaled Barakat, the international coordinator of the Campaign to Free Ahmad Sa'adat, [appeared first in Quds News Network \(in Arabic\)](#).

There are no longer many roads or options available to the Palestinian people other than rejection and popular revolt against the historical stage that can be described as the "stage of the Authority." This historical moment was developed on the basis of an agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Zionist entity under U.S. direct sponsorship. The terrible and disastrous agreement known as the "Declaration of Principles," signed behind the backs of the Palestinian people in

closed rooms, does not bind our people to anything. However, its catastrophic outcome was parallel to the Nakba of 1948: The Palestinian Authority, an entity without popular, revolutionary or even constitutional legitimacy, an entity whose tasks (security, political, economic, cultural) all work for the same of protecting the Zionist entity in Palestine. They also work to secure the privileges of a particular Palestinian social sector, whose number does not exceed hundreds of individuals, yet whose interests have hijacked the PLO and its representation of the Palestinian cause. They enthusiastically have participated in the process of “economic peace,” together with the occupying entity.

The class of the Authority is a defeated capitalist class

With the announcement of the so-called “deal of the century,” this stage reaches its final conclusion. What is required today is popular action first, to hold those accountable who decided to deceive the people and take the path of neglect and manipulation. They adopted a policy of oppression, exclusion, exclusivity and domination of all of the institutions of the Palestinian people, making concessions in their name after these forces executed a public surrender before the world on the threshold of the White House on September 13, 1993.

Our people know the rest of the story best and how we arrived at this endpoint. The Palestinian people are also aware through their historical and present experience that the “Oslo entity” has become a sinkhole that traps them from all sides, and “Oslo” was the biggest deception of all. How, then, can the people break these shackles and loosen the hangman’s noose? This is the first essential step to confront the central enemy of the Palestinian people and accomplish their only goals: return and liberation.

With the announcement of the Trump “deal,” some are looking for a project to save themselves and their own interests while the Palestinian people are searching for a collective national salvation project for their homeland, their cause and their future. Tens of thousands of martyrs and around one million prisoners of struggle have been jailed in the enemy’s prisons since 1948. Our people have sacrificed everything that they have in order to remain and to preserve Palestine, the cause, the rights and the struggle. They have no choice but to continue the struggle, from generation until generation, until they achieve their full national goals and rights, their liberation. But they are once again bound by the shackles of the Oslo entity.

Since 1968, the Zionist enemy has attempted to create what it calls a local “Palestinian entity,” in cooperation with “senior personalities” of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, from the representatives of big Palestinian capital, tribal leaders and traditional figures, on both banks of the Jordan river. These personalities and forces have relied, and continue to rely, on their close relationship with the Jordanian regime in particular. Many initiatives and liquidation projects have continued to produce and reproduce themselves under various and countless names. The “project of administrative autonomy” or the “self-rule government” were the first, but the essence and content have remained the same through many titles.

It can be said that these liquidation projects are a reactionary Zionist colonial “solution,” as an alternative to the revolutionary historical solution presented by the Palestinian revolution, with its escalation of guerilla struggle: The project of liberation, return and the establishment of a democratic society in all of Palestine. The proposed name for “limited administrative autonomy” has been changed through the context of numerous political initiatives delineating the nature of the relationship between the occupation entity and the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza according to a master-slave relationship. The goal is to legitimize the settler colonial occupation entity in all of Palestine, not only to prevent its withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza.

The substance of these projects remained unchanged until they were translated on the ground by the signing of the Oslo agreement by the leadership of the Fateh movement and the subsequent creation of the Palestinian Authority (1994). The birth of the Authority was accompanied by a complete coup in the international and Arab frameworks and forums of the representation of the Palestinian people, and with the collapse or deliberate destruction of the PLO and its institutions as well. Thus, Palestinian capital found an opportunity to establish this meager and subordinate entity under the name of the "Palestinian Authority," leaning on its political party, the vehicle that it would ride: the Fateh movement.

The Palestinian Authority then came as a poisoned fruit, an accumulation of previous destructive and capitulationist policies that began in 1974, but that is for another time.

A new stage of destruction and retreat began, and we are still living its catastrophic consequences to this day. The truth is that the danger of the existence of the Oslo entity (the so-called "Palestinian National Authority") in the era of globalized neoliberalism, after the collapse of the socialist camp, amid the direct American military presence in the region and the ensuing wars, all lie in the fact that it has become a tool in the arsenal of liquidation of the Palestinian cause. That is, a tool for the liquidation of the national liberation project under a Palestinian cover. This is because "the castle is taken from the inside;" the enemy could not advance a single inch without the presence of the Palestinian tool, which was provided specifically by the Fateh leadership, for total liquidation.

The Palestinian popular anger against the Oslo entity is, in essence, anger against the occupation first. The Authority that exists today is a privileged creation, an Israeli-European-American Authority. Rebelling against it and bringing down its absurd and destructive path is the popular, practical and only necessary response to the liquidation project. This means the release of

all of the political detainees in its prisons by all means, and it means restoring respect to the Palestinian National Charter and the unity of the people and the land of Palestine. This also means a new beginning for the establishment of the Palestinian popular leadership, a true authority that restores the essence of the Palestinian national cause and its goals: the return of the Palestinian people and the comprehensive, complete liberation of Palestine.

Source: [Free Ahmad Sa'adat](#)



Global Actions and Demonstrations Confront Trump-Netanyahu “Steal of the Century” - Schedule of

Events

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Palestinian communities and supporters of Palestine inside occupied Palestine, in the refugee camps and everywhere around the world have mobilized a series of events, actions and demonstrations to express their outrage at the latest colonial insult proffered by U.S. imperialism, the Zionist state and complicit reactionary regimes, the [Trump-Netanyahu “deal of the century.”](#)

A list of actions is below, organized by a wide range of community groups and solidarity movements. This list focuses mostly on events outside Palestine and the camps - there are countless mobilizations taking place there. **We know this list is incomplete and growing! will add your action and demonstration to the list if you send us the time, date and location. Send us a [message on Facebook](#) or email us at samidoun@samidoun.net to add your mobilization** to the growing international rising that makes clear that the people of the world stand with the Palestinian people and will never accept apartheid, land theft and colonization.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Saturday, 1 February

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

2:00 pm, Aotea Square, New Zealand. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/auckland-palestine-human-rights-rally/>

NAPOLI, ITALY

11:00 am Metro Toledo, Napoli. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/giovanipalestinesi.italia/posts/2829767097086466>

MILAN, ITALY

4:00 pm, Piazza Duomo/Arengario, Milan. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/giovanipalestinesi.italia/posts/2829767097086466>

PARIS, FRANCE

3:00 pm, Fontaine des Innocents, Paris. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/paris-protest-trumps-declaration-of-war-on-palestinians/>

BARCELONA, CATALONIA (SPAIN)

6:30 pm, Placa Sant Jaume, Barcelona. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/comunitat.palestina/posts/2957069284326653>

KOBLENZ, GERMANY

12:00 pm, Herz-Jesu-Kirche, Koblenz. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/koblenz-no-to-the-deal-of-the-century-demonstration/>

HAMBURG, GERMANY

3:00 pm, Steindamm 55, Hamburg. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/PalastinensischeGemeinschaftInDeutschlandEv/posts/3309641825727274>

BORAS, SWEDEN

12:00 pm, Stora Torget, Borås. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/484555255807680/>

GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

1:00 pm, Gustaf Adolfs torg, Gothenburg. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/170475410928798/>

HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN

1:00 pm, Söder, Helsingborg. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/helsingborg-protest-the-trump-deal/>

RONNEBY, SWEDEN

1:00 pm, Ronneby torg, Ronneby. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/pal.in.se/photos/a.777417652281878/2914966685193620/>

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

2:00 pm, US Embassy, Dag Hammarskjolds Vag 31, Stockholm. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2692925357660447/>

ODENSE, DENMARK

3:00 pm, Banegardspladsen, Odense. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/odense-no-to-the-deal-of-the-century/>

BERGEN, NORWAY

3:00 pm, Den Bla Steinen, Torgalmenningen, Bergen. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/637045693730573/>

ENNIS, IRELAND

1:00 pm, The Height, O'Connell Square, Ennis. More info:

<https://www.ipsc.ie/event/ennis-emergency-vigil-reject-the-trump-netanyahu-steal-of-the-century-ipsc>

DUBLIN, IRELAND

2:00 pm, General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Dublin. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/185899832814621/>

LIMERICK, IRELAND

3:00 pm, Bottom of Thomas Street, Limerick. More info:

<https://www.ipsc.ie/event/limerick-emergency-vigil-reject-the-trump-netanyahu-steal->

[of-the-century-ipsc](#)

LONDON, UK

1:00 pm, US Embassy, 33 Nine Elms Lane, London, More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2883478418385390/>

MANCHESTER, UK

1:00 pm, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/281779089464036/>

BIRMINGHAM, UK

3:00 pm, opposite Waterstones (by the Bullring), Birmingham. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/birminghampalestineaction/posts/2467249560203413>

TORONTO, CANADA

1:00 pm, US Consulate Toronto, 360 University Ave, Toronto. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/120157812630391/>

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

1:00 pm, Norman Bethune Square, Montreal. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2649259201840051/>

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, US

1:00 pm, 11000 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/519680402004224/>

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, US

1:00 pm, Copley Square, Boston. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/205983373778802/>

DALLAS, TEXAS, US

2:00 pm, Dealey Plaza, Dallas. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1780900755375497/>

HOUSTON, TEXAS, US

3:00 pm, Corner of Westheimer and Post Oak, Houston. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/173949043954721/>

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, US

5:00 pm, Five Points Fountain, Columbia. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/UofSCSJP/photos/a.764959730266462/2645478312214585/>

Sunday, 2 February

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

2:00 pm, Dam Square, Amsterdam. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/837728293341115/>

BERLIN, GERMANY

3:00 pm, Brandenburger Tor, Berlin. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/806759639837552/>

OSLO, NORWAY

2:00 pm, Stortinget, Oslo. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1405052866339368/>

COLUMBUS, OHIO, US

12:00 pm, 15th Avenue and High Street, Columbus. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/200398221090879/>

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, US

1:00 pm, Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2325279181096737/>

VANCOUVER, CANADA

2:30 pm, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/172540570673079/>

Monday, 3 February

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

2:00 pm, US Consulate General, Museumplein 19, Amsterdam. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/774905216326149/>

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

3:00 pm, US Embassy, Boltzmanngasse 16, Vienna. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/566191377123146/photos/a.586026968472920/754733871602228/>

Tuesday, 4 February

GIJON, ASTURIAS, SPAIN

7:00 pm, Plaza del Parchis, Gijon (Xixon). More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/causaarabe.asturies/posts/2799750740083680>

Friday, 7 February

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

2:30 pm, Rond-point Schuman, Brussels. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10158109192094456&set=a.10151621688824456&type=3>

HELSINKI, FINLAND

4:00 pm, Helsingin Tuomiokirkko, Helsinki. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/186304922443411/>

Sunday, 9 February

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, US

3:00 pm, Oakland (Pittsburgh). More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/487529305243500/>

COMPLETED ACTIONS

Friday, 31 January

ROME, ITALY

3:30 pm, Piazza Barberini, Rome. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/giovanipalestinesi.italia/posts/2829767097086466>

VALENCIA, SPAIN

7:00 pm, US Consulate, Calle de Dr Romagosa 1, Valencia. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/valencia-palestine-not-for-sale/>

DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

2:00 pm, U.S. Consulate, Willi-Becker-Allee 10, Dusseldorf. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PGBonn/permalink/1473238826160474/>

BERLIN, GERMANY

4:00 pm, Platz der Republik, Berlin. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/530309781175895/>

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

3:00 pm, US Embassy, Dag Hammarskjolds Alle, Copenhagen, More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3178607339031478/>

AARHUS, DENMARK

4:00 pm, Aarhus Radhus plads, Aarhus. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/aarhus-no-to-trumps-deal/>

BELFAST, IRELAND

2:00 pm, US Consulate, 223 Stranmills Road, Belfast. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2960891240629075/>

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

2:00 pm, 3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/882001818914161/>

NEW YORK CITY, US

4:00 pm, City Hall Park, NYC. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2583972128551635/>

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, US

5:00 pm, 300 S 4th St, Minneapolis. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/803467200171810/>

LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

4:00 pm, Victoria Park, London. More info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/448805626001989/>

Wednesday, 29 January

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

5:00 pm, US Embassy, Boulevard du Regent 27, Brussels. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/brussels-rally-against-trumps-so-called-deal-of-the-century/>

MADRID, SPAIN

7:00 pm, US Embassy Madrid, calle Serrano 75, Madrid. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/madrid-palestine-not-for-sale-rally-against-the-deal-of-the-century/>

BERLIN, GERMANY

6:00 pm, Brandenburger Tor, Berlin. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/berlin-no-to-trumps-plan/>

Tuesday, 28 January

BERLIN, GERMANY

5:00 pm, Brandenburger Tor, Berlin. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/berlin-protest-trumps-deal-of-the-century/>

COLUMBUS, OHIO, US

5:00 pm, Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus. More info:

<https://samidoun.net/event/columbus-rally-for-palestine-no-deal-of-the-century/>

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Call Trump's 'peace plan' what it is: escalating apartheid

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On Jan. 27, President Donald Trump, side by side with his partner in crime, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, announced their joint ["Plan for Prosperity."](#) Trump touted this plan as a path to peace in the "Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

The plan received support not only from Netanyahu, but also his political rival [Benny Ganz](#). In particular, the continued existence of illegal Israeli settlements under the plan has been lauded by Israeli politicians. The Israeli ruling class is united on its apartheid policies against Palestine.

What Trump won't tell you is that this isn't a "conflict" at all. It's the brutal oppression of the Palestinian people at the hands of the white supremacist state of Israel, based on the theft of Palestinian lands, and made possible by the United States. For more than seven decades, Washington has spent billions of dollars making the Zionist settler state its forward military base in Western Asia.

Trump also won't tell you that his plan is about nothing more than setting in concrete the [existing apartheid conditions](#) in occupied Palestine.

A de facto state of apartheid has long existed for the Palestinian people. Nonetheless, Trump's plan presents an escalation of the U.S.-Israeli strategy. To claim peace while putting forward a plan that does nothing to ease the violence of the Israeli state against the Palestinian people shows the lengths to which the U.S. will go to maintain its control over the region.

This "peace plan" is nothing more than a repetition of the policy of ["Bantustan" territories](#) in apartheid South Africa or the "Reservation Plan" for Indigenous peoples in the U.S. In both cases, promises of "self-governance" and "autonomy" were made. However, the apartheid regimes in South Africa and Washington only delivered segregation, poverty and violence.

There is no reason to believe that Trump's plan is any different.

But there's every reason to believe that the Palestinian people will resist, as they have since the Nakba ("catastrophe") of 1948. Within hours of the Trump-Netanyahu announcement, Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem and throughout the global diaspora responded with a thundering "NO!" Palestinians and supporters have [taken to the streets in protest](#) and will continue to undertake acts of resistance.

It's the responsibility of people in the U.S. to support them.

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! End Israeli apartheid now!



Colonial ‘Deal of the Century’ sure to fail; time to fight back and defend Palestine

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January 28 — Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins our voice with that of Palestinians and all people of conscience around the world in rejecting and condemning Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu’s racist, colonialist, so-called “Deal of the Century.” This “deal” blatantly enshrines settler colonialism and Zionism without even a facade of concern for allegedly universal principles of justice, sovereignty, self-determination and international law from which Palestinians are systematically excluded.

While we are entirely certain of the utter failure of this “war plan” for occupied Palestine (it is certainly not any form of plan for peace) when confronted with the unified rejection of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and all supporters of justice around the world, we also emphasize the urgency of escalating our struggle to confront Zionism and imperialism and bring about their defeat. This must mean

expanding our campaigns for boycott, divestment and sanctions with material effect; defending Palestinian resistance; and advancing the demand for freedom for Palestinian political prisoners.

From Balfour to Trump

It is no surprise that this has been labeled the “Deal of the Century” – after all, it has been for just over 100 years that Palestinians have been fighting back against colonization in their homeland. The division of the Arab world under the Sykes-Picot agreement and British colonialism in Palestine led directly to the Balfour declaration, in which a British lord granted land that was not his – and was, in fact, the land of the indigenous Palestinian people – to the European colonialist Zionist movement. Palestinians were dismissively referenced as nothing more than the “existing non-Jewish communities.”

Today, Trump once again speaks with the perspective of an imperial lord, doling out land and property that is not his in the interests of imperial power and its partner, Zionist colonialism. For over a century, however, Balfour’s plan and its disastrous consequences, backed as they have been by imperial power, military might and capitalist billions, have failed on the rocky shoals of Palestinian existence and resistance, steadfast in all forms, from intifada until intifada, with a revolutionary vision of liberation that propels the struggle to continue for victory against all the forces of reaction, racism and repression.

Electioneering with Palestinian blood

Of course, the show in the White House today – attended by a slew of notorious, right-wing Zionists, including billionaire political donor Sheldon Adelson, sitting in the front row after bankrolling Trump’s campaign, and genocide promoter Brooke Goldstein of the Lawfare Project, responsible for repeated frivolous lawsuits targeting professors, students and people of conscience who speak about Palestine –

was also a campaign moment for its ultra-right hosts, Trump and Netanyahu. The fact that this colonial celebration was also backed by fellow Israeli politician Benjamin Gantz highlights the fact that Zionist political competition is only over how to manage the theft of Palestinian land and the taking of Palestinian lives, rather than over the nature of the state itself. Netanyahu was indicted for corruption today, while Trump is under impeachment and facing growing popular demands for real change, like Medicare for All, free public education and ending endless wars, that imperil his re-election campaign.

The distraction from these failing politicians' electoral crises, however, threatens a very real price for the millions of Palestinians who are threatened by their edicts as they seek to legitimize the ongoing apartheid, land confiscation, home demolitions, mass incarceration, extrajudicial execution, siege on Gaza, denial of refugees' right to return, ethnic cleansing in Jerusalem and many more ongoing war crimes and crimes against humanity. This international electoral sideshow is not simply a display for the cameras; it is built on a foundation of Palestinian blood.

The colonial alliance: Imperialism, Zionism, Arab reaction

The announcement of the "deal" once again laid bare that Palestinians continue to face the same enemy camp that they have confronted from the earliest days of the struggle: imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction, with Zionism taking the form of both the Israeli settler-colonial project itself and the Zionist movement that backs it with political and economic support and alliances with Western imperialist powers. Trump and Netanyahu boasted of the presence of the ambassadors of Bahrain, Oman and the UAE at the press conference, the latest reflection of the involvement of these reactionary regimes and their kings and princes not only in slaughtering the people of Yemen but in wholeheartedly siding with their imperialist sponsors to attack the Palestinian cause, at the heart of any movement for Arab liberation.

Of course, U.S. imperialism is the leading force of terror and destruction in the

Apartheid as a solution

The so-called “deal of the century” promotes the annexation of illegal Israeli colonial settlements, the confiscation of the fertile land of the Jordan Valley, complete denial of sovereignty over the skies and the seas for the indigenous people of Palestine and the construction of a complex network of tunnels and roads under complete Israeli security control for Palestinians to move back and forth between their isolated Bantustans. The “recognition of Israel as a Jewish state” is nothing more than a demand for official recognition of racism, permanent inequality for Palestinians and justification for ethnic cleansing. It views Jerusalem as a mosque for “Muslims to visit” rather than a thriving Palestinian and Arab city under occupation. It demands “demilitarized” Palestinians, while the Israeli military, backed by U.S. military aid of \$3.8 billion annually and serving as one of the largest U.S. proxy forces in the region, continues its domination.

Trump’s deal is a blueprint for apartheid as a solution and, in many ways, a reflection of the current reality in Palestine. It underlines once more the failure of the so-called “peace process” and the dead-end of the “two-state solution.” In reality, the best response to Trump, Netanyahu and the Zionist-imperialist regime in Palestine is the decolonization and total liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea, the dismantling of the Zionist colony and the construction of a truly just future.

A vision for capitalist exploitation

Imperialism is a capitalist project, and this is incredibly clear in the lengthy document establishing Trump’s vision for how exactly this particular form of apartheid should be financed and constructed in order to make Palestinian labor and resources most friendly to the exploitation of Zionist and international capital. It repeatedly demands of its envisioned Palestinian Bantustans that they must be “business-friendly,” welcoming to “multinational corporations” and “foreign direct investment.” They are also ordered to protect “private property” – while the private

property of Palestinians confiscated by Zionist forces in the Nakba remains stolen without justice, return or even compensation. Not only is the Trump “plan” an attempt to liquidate Palestinian struggle for national liberation, it is equally an attack on the ongoing Palestinian struggle for social and economic liberation, attempting to stamp out the vision of a Palestinian and Arab socialist future.

It must also be noted that while the plan is an appalling affront to any notion of justice or principles of international law and a blatant attempt to put Palestine on the market block for electoral votes for Trump and Netanyahu personally, it is also not a sharp break from but a continuation of U.S. imperialist policy in Palestine and the region more broadly. The apartheid “map” of bantustans accompanying the so-called “plan” bears a striking resemblance to those that have been promoted time and again through the “peace process,” while more Palestinian land is stolen and lives are taken. The demilitarization of Palestine, denial of sovereignty and self-determination, confiscation of air and water rights, promotion of “land swaps” and the use of “state” as an empty term that carries no meaningful independence or self-determination have all been part of the disastrous Oslo process.

From Oslo to Trump: End security coordination

The centerpiece of the Trump plan’s demands for Palestinian surrender includes an even more detailed vision of Palestinian agents working on behalf of Israel to criminalize and repress Palestinian resistance. As has been repeatedly observed by Palestinians, the occupier and the colonizer always seeks to create a local entity to carry out the work of the occupier – and then intensifies its further demands for subordination. The Trump-Netanyahu document claims to feign concern for Palestinian judicial independence, while simultaneously demanding intensified repression by specific “counter-terror” courts and prosecutions. The Palestinian Authority has, in fact, degraded Palestinian rights, through political detentions, judicial interference and “cybercrimes” prosecutions – as part and parcel of the

Palestinian Authority's "security coordination" with Israel, a process overseen by U.S. military authorities and developed under U.S. training. As we mark the [Weeks of Solidarity with Ahmad Sa'adat](#), we note that this imprisoned Palestinian leader was kidnapped by Israel from a Palestinian Authority jail, where he was held under a security coordination deal under U.S. and British guards.

Perhaps the most devastating outcome of the Oslo process has been "security coordination," under which the PA continues to detain Palestinians and attack the resistance, even while engaging in public political skirmishes with Israeli officials. In order to develop a unified Palestinian resistance to the "Deal of the Century," there is no more urgent task than bringing an end, once and for all, to PA "security coordination" with Israel and freeing all political prisoners held in PA jails.

Under attack: Prisoners, refugees, '48 Palestinians

Palestinian prisoners, a core issue in the liberation struggle for Palestinians, are raised in section 15 of the complete Trump plan, in a dismissive context that seems determined to extract political surrender as a requirement to release even one of the 5,000 Palestinians imprisoned by Israel for their involvement in the liberation struggle. "Each prisoner who is released will be required to sign a pledge to promote within their community the benefits of co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians, and to conduct themselves in a manner that models co-existence. Prisoners who refuse to sign this pledge will remain incarcerated," the document reads. The model of "co-existence" promoted throughout the document means nothing more than surrender and liquidation of the Palestinian people and the enshrinement of Zionist racism, an unacceptable condition for any Palestinian jailed as a struggler for freedom.

It specifically excludes "Israeli citizens," specifically those Palestinians of '48 imprisoned for their role in fighting for the liberation of their land and people - just as these prisoners face a renewed attack by Naftali Bennett, intended to impose

impoverishment and collective punishment on their families as they languish behind bars. This is far from the only disturbing content in Trump's plan for Palestinians in '48 - not only does the "recognition of Israel as a Jewish state" exclude these 1.2 million citizens, but its inclusion of "land swaps" for "populated and unpopulated areas" appears to envision a mechanism for the Zionist regime to transfer its unwanted Palestinian population - and their citizenship - to the isolated and subjugated Bantustans it promotes.

The entire Palestinian population - in occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank, besieged Gaza, colonized '48 and in exile and diaspora in the camps and around the world - are under attack in this plan. The plan's section on "Refugees" erases the existence of the Nakba, creates a false equivalence between Palestinian refugees and Jewish Arabs (rather than seeing both properly as peoples victimized by Zionism and colonialism) in which they can be exchanged for one another and attempts to obscure by all means the fact that Palestinian refugees remain refugees today, even those who have obtained citizenship elsewhere, excluded from their homeland and their right to return home, because of the systematic Zionist ethnic cleansing of Palestine, the Nakba of 1947-1948.

Palestinian refugees do need civil and human rights in their countries of refuge, but those will never be accomplished through alliances with the very states and entities perpetrating their ongoing dispossession and exclusion in violation of international law and fundamental principles of justice. Instead, Palestinian refugees need their civil, human, social and economic rights so that they can live their lives and fully participate in the struggle for the liberation of their occupied homeland, from the river to the sea, and in the struggle for the liberation of the entire region from the yoke of reaction and imperialism.

Confronting the comprehensive attack on Palestinian resistance

Finally, we note that at the core of this so-called "plan" is a comprehensive attack on

Palestinian resistance and the Palestinian people's right to struggle by all means to liberate their occupied homeland and obtain freedom from colonialism. Liberation struggle is recast as "terrorism" by the states responsible for terrorizing the peoples of the world in their drive for complete control over resources and wealth. The Palestinian people have created and built their liberation movements to struggle in all forms, and it is those resistance movements and revolutionary forces that have obtained every victory achieved by the Palestinian people through over 70 years of struggle.

The demand for Palestinian "demilitarization" amid intense Zionist militarism is nothing more than a demand for surrender and liquidation. The casting of Palestinian resistance organizations as "terror groups" is a malicious smear that is meant to confuse people around the world. Almost every liberation struggle in the world includes armed struggle as part of a comprehensive program of resistance to colonization, from Vietnam, to Algeria, to South Africa, to the fight to end slavery and achieve Black liberation in the U.S. The same is true of the Palestinian resistance.

If we are to fight back against the agenda expressed in the Trump-Netanyahu "plan," we must fight back against every attempt to label Palestinian resistance as "terror." This means fighting to scrap so-called "terror lists" and designations that label Palestinian freedom fighters as terrorists in the U.S., Canada, European Union, Britain and elsewhere. These types of laws serve to repress Palestinian diaspora and solidarity organizing around the world and attempt to isolate those Palestinians who sacrifice the most to defend their land and people from apartheid and colonialism. Over 5,000 Palestinians are imprisoned under the false label of "terror," while states that justify regime change wars through appeals to "democracy" exclude democratically supported Palestinian leaders by applying the "terror" label.

European complicity in anti-Palestinian repression

Right now, Palestinian grassroots and non-governmental organizations are facing a new European Union policy demanding that they sign agreements that no one associated with any of the Palestinian major political parties are involved with their work and their programs, even at the most public of political levels. Israeli officials like Minister of Strategic Affairs Gilad Erdan (the so-called “anti-BDS minister” – who also runs the Israel Prison Administration) travel the world to smear organizations that fight for Palestinian rights and defend Palestinian prisoners, all with vague allegations of “connections” to major political parties slapped with the bogus “terror” label. If the European Union and other parties claim to want a just alternative to the Trump-Netanyahu surrender demand, they can begin by ending this anti-democratic attack on Palestinian human rights and political expression.

They can continue further by ending the ongoing attempts to criminalize and repress organizing for the boycott of Israeli apartheid in Germany, Austria and elsewhere in Europe. These repressive attacks violate the rights of Palestinian communities in Europe and of all people concerned for justice to uphold basic human rights principles against apartheid. Today’s announcement made clear to many that Trump and Netanyahu promote apartheid as a solution. For every one of those people, the first response should be clear: Boycott, divestment and sanctions, and the international isolation of Israel.



Toward the liberation of Palestine

The grotesque Netanyahu-Trump spectacle in Washington, D.C., in the end, changes nothing. It provides us with a document of their envisioned blueprint, a reflection of the realities that Palestinians are confronting on a daily basis. Trump and Netanyahu have no authority to alter international law or legitimize colonialism, apartheid and ethnic cleansing, and we are certain that the unified strength and resistance of the Palestinian people will once again bring this “plan” crashing down on the shores of defeat.

We cannot, however, be silent or ignore this latest attack. The strategic alliance of our enemies is clear: imperialism, Zionism, Arab reactionary forces. Now is the time

to build our strategic alliance for a future of freedom and justice from the river to the sea: working together to stand for a vision of the total liberation of Palestine – and, indeed, the liberation of the world. Now is the time to build our movements, strengthen our alliances, and escalate the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement to the international isolation of Israel. It is also perhaps more urgent than ever to defend the Palestinian resistance, whose very right to struggle for freedom is facing a severe and comprehensive attack.

As Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, we also emphasize the critical importance of escalating campaigns everywhere to free the 5,000 Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli jails, many subject to severe torture. These are the leaders of the Palestinian liberation movement and the Palestinian people and securing their freedom is essential to the liberation of Palestine.

Just as we stand to confront Trump and Netanyahu, we must also stand with those who defend indigenous sovereignty against U.S., Canadian and Australian settler colonialism, with the Black Liberation movement, with all those in the Arab world who struggle for justice and confront reactionary regimes, with those fighting for justice for migrants and refugees and against racism and oppression in all forms, with workers on the picket lines and organizing for justice, with Venezuela, Cuba and all of the people in Latin America fighting to defend their land from rapacious imperialism and right-wing coup forces, with the people of the Philippines resisting killings and repression, with the movements on the streets of India defending people's rights against fascist attacks, with those fighting to bring down the sanctions devastating the people of Iran, with all of the movements, peoples and nations who confront imperialism, exploitation and injustice.

Every victory for the struggles of the people, every defeat for imperialism is also a victory for Palestine. We will celebrate them together in Jerusalem, the liberated capital of Palestine.

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!

Source: [Samidoun](#)



Under pressure, ICC opens official investigation into war crimes in Palestine

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The Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, issued a



statement on 20 December 2019 that the ICC will be opening

an official investigation into Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity in occupied Palestine. The announcement comes after years of Palestinian struggle for recognition and a fair hearing at the court, including the [support of international legal organizations](#) and advocates.

In particular, [Khalida Jarrar](#), the imprisoned Palestinian leftist, feminist and legislator, has played a leading role in the campaign to hold Israeli officials accountable before the ICC. She participated in drafting Palestine's application to join the ICC and has been a leading member of the Palestinian committee for presenting evidence to the ICC of Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity. On 31 October, Israeli occupation forces once again arrested Jarrar, a case that was [featured in Human Rights Watch's new report](#), "Born Without Civil Rights: Israel's Use of Draconian Military Orders to Repress Palestinians in the West Bank."

The Palestinian prisoners' movement has repeatedly urged the ICC to take action on Palestine, as highlighted in [this 2016 statement](#): "Fourth, we call upon the Palestinian Authority and the Prisoners' Affairs Commission, and all national, legal and human rights organizations to raise the issue of the Palestinian prisoners at the International Criminal Court, the UN Human Rights Council, and the United Nations, in order to prosecute the occupation, and to expose its practices and daily violations of the rights of prisoners in Israeli jails."

The move by the ICC comes just over a week after over 200 international organizations, including Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, signed on to a collective statement urging the court to end its delays and move forward with a formal investigation into Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The statement was delivered to the ICC in The Hague on 10 December, Human Rights Day, by [representatives of The Rights Forum](#), the Dutch NGO that initiated the campaign. Among the signatory organizations are human rights organizations, trade unions, lawyers guilds, solidarity groups, religious institutions and other civil

society organizations from 25 different countries. Large numbers of signatory organizations hail from Palestine, Germany, the USA, the Netherlands, Australia and France. The list also includes organizations from Malaysia, India, Japan, Lebanon and Nicaragua.

The [collective letter](#), reprinted below, was issued shortly after [hundreds of Europeans protested in The Hague](#) outside the ICC's offices on 29 November, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, to demand action and an end to Israeli impunity.

Background to collective statement

The ICC has been engaged in a [preliminary investigation into the situation in Palestine](#) for almost five years, aiming to establish if criteria are met for an official, full-scale investigation into possible war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The investigation should have led to a conclusion long ago.

The delay is not only inexplicable, it is also irresponsible. Absent an official investigation, Israel has been allowed to continue carrying out crimes with impunity. Most recently, on November 14th, over thirty Palestinians were killed in Gaza, many of them as a result of indiscriminate Israeli bombings. Among those killed were nine members of the same family, including five children. No wonder that – by stalling an official investigation – the ICC is in breach with its own mission, which it [describes](#) as follows:

“The Court is participating in a global fight to end impunity, and through international criminal justice, the Court aims to hold those responsible accountable for their crimes and to help prevent these crimes from happening again.”

The stalling of the ICC-investigation fits into a wider practice of inexplicable delays.

A database of companies involved in Israel's illegal colonization was mandated by the UN in March 2016, [but has not been published to date](#). A similar database of companies involved with the Myanmar military regime was completed within a year and issued last September.

It seems obvious that holding Israel accountable for its crimes against the Palestinians requires a loud voice. Over the last years many organizations have called on the ICC to take action, notably in September 2018, when a coalition of 25 organizations urged Ms. Bensouda to finalize the preliminary investigation. None of these calls bore fruit. That is why The Rights Forum has now taken the initiative to build a coalition that cannot be ignored.

APPEAL FOR ACTION

International Criminal Court

To the attention of Ms. Fatou Bensouda, chief prosecutor

Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, The Hague, The Netherlands

Amsterdam, December 10th, 2019

Dear Ms. Bensouda,

Today, on Human Rights Day, the signatories of this letter call on you to open an official, full-scale investigation into the 'situation in Palestine' without further delay.

Since January 2015 the International Criminal Court (ICC) has been engaged in a preliminary investigation into the 'situation in Palestine', focusing on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Unfortunately, almost five years into the investigation, you have yet to reach a conclusion. This delay is inexplicable.

It is also irresponsible. As the preliminary investigation drags on, the crimes continue. The Israeli colonization of occupied lands – a war crime under the Rome

Statute – comes with the systemic violation and abuse of the human rights of millions of Palestinians. The Israeli occupation continues to take Palestinian lives.

Concerning Gaza, you yourself have stated that the Israeli violence against Palestinian civilians could amount to war crimes, as could be the case for the violent activities of Palestinian groups. Nevertheless, we still witness Palestinian civilians being killed or wounded on a weekly basis.

The absence of an official investigation, this much is clear, has fueled the already existing culture of impunity. But it also affects the integrity and credibility of the ICC, and thereby the confidence of the public in a functioning legal order.

Over the last years, many have called on you to finalize the preliminary investigation. Among them human rights organizations, a broad civil delegation from Palestine, and Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki. In September 2018, 25 international organizations urged you to act. You did not respond.

That is why we repeat their call today, on Human Rights Day: Ms. Bensouda, open an official and full-scale investigation into the ‘situation in Palestine’ without further delay.

On behalf of the signatory organizations,

Yours sincerely,

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Hundreds in New York march to stand with Gaza, Palestinian resistance

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Hundreds of people took to the streets in Times Square in New York City on Friday, Nov. 15, to protest Israeli attacks on Gaza and support the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

The protest came as part of the call for an international day of solidarity with Palestinian resistance issued from Gaza after Israeli assassinations and bombing raids over two days of attacks killed 34 Palestinians, including eight members of one family, and injured 111 more.

Organizers of the protest included the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network as well as Al-Awda New York, Within Our Lifetime - United for Palestine, American Muslims for Palestine, the NY4Palestine Coalition, Labor for Palestine,

Jews for Palestinian Right of Return, Code Pink, the International Action Center and Struggle-La Lucha.

Demonstrators gathered for brief speeches and ongoing chanting in solidarity with Palestine.

Chants echoed through the evening as protesters carried signs and Palestinian flags.

Demonstrators marched through Times Square to Herald Square, chanting the entire route and calling for the boycott of Israel and a liberated Palestine from the river to the sea.

The protest ended with a strong call for further actions from Nerdeen Kiswani of Within Our Lifetime - United for Palestine.

Joe Catron, U.S. coordinator of the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, said that the demonstration was the largest and most enthusiastic action for Palestine in New York since December 2017, when Donald Trump announced that the U.S. recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

He emphasized the importance of continuing these activities against Zionist occupation, apartheid and colonization, and in support of the Palestinian resistance.

Catron noted that these are especially important in the U.S., which exercises its full imperial power in support of the Zionist colonization of Palestine, including through the provision of \$3.8 billion annually in military aid.

Photo: Joe Catron



New York Nov. 9: Protest to free Palestinian prisoners and #BoycottPuma

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armed force invaded her home with over a dozen military vehicles and 80 soldiers only eight months after she was last released from Israeli prison. She had been jailed there for 20 months with no charge and no trial under administrative detention. During Khalida's imprisonment, over 275 organizations around the world joined the call for her freedom, and protests and mobilizations around the world highlighted her case. It is time to act again and demand Khalida's immediate release!

Heba al-Labadi is a 24-year-old Palestinian with Jordanian citizenship. She has been on hunger strike since September 24, 2019 against her administrative detention - imprisonment without charge or trial. She is one of 425 Palestinians detained without charge or trial, many of whom spend years at a time jailed under indefinitely renewed administrative detention orders. There are over 5,500 Palestinians imprisoned in total by the Israeli occupation. Heba al-Labadi launched her hunger strike after five weeks of harsh interrogation involving techniques amounting to torture, including sleep deprivation, threats against her family, verbal abuse and sleep deprivation. Heba has been jailed by the Israeli occupation since 20 August, when she entered Palestine with her mother to attend a wedding in Nablus.

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From Damascus to New York, solidarity with imprisoned Palestinians

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Throughout the world, movements for social justice and people's liberation recognize that one of the most important acts of solidarity is support for political prisoners. Those who have sacrificed their freedom for the liberation struggle and suffer in the clutches of the oppressor must not be forgotten. The people must fight for their health and freedom to give confidence to others to join the struggle.

Occupied Palestine is a crucible of political prisoners. Subjected to decades of brutal military occupation and apartheid rule by the Zionist Israeli state and its U.S. masters, the Palestinian people continue to fight for their homeland. And today, up to 5,500 Palestinians, including children, are held in Israeli prisons, where they are subject to indefinite detention, isolation and torture of all sorts.

The incredible injustice that Palestinians are subject to, and the heroic resistance of prisoners imbued with the Palestinian spirit of resistance, is demonstrated by the case of Heba al-Labadi.

Al-Labadi is a young Palestinian woman with Jordanian citizenship — forced to live in the diaspora as are so many banished from their homeland by the racist occupation. In August, she was seized by the Israeli military at a border crossing as she accompanied her mother to a family wedding.

Al-Labadi was tortured and interrogated for weeks before being hit with a six-month “administrative detention” order — which allows Israel to hold Palestinians without

charge or trial, and can be renewed indefinitely. The charge against her was publishing “inciting posts” on social media. She launched a hunger strike on Sept. 24.

Finally, after weeks of international outcry and protests, Heba al-Labadi [suspended her hunger strike](#) on Nov. 5, after 42 days. According to al-Labadi’s attorney, an agreement was reached for her to be released and returned to Jordan, along with another Jordanian citizen illegally held by Israel, Abdelrahman Meri.

Supporters remain on alert until her safe return and concerned for the long-term effects of torture she endured.

Protest supports prisoners, hits Turkey-U.S. invasion

The fight for imprisoned and exiled freedom fighters intersects with many other struggles. Think of how Mumia Abu-Jamal and Assata Shakur have inspired the movement against racist police terror in the U.S.

And so in Damascus, the Syrian capital, an important rally was held on Oct. 29 in a public park. The action supported the struggle of Palestinian prisoners and condemned NATO member Turkey’s invasion of eastern Syria in collaboration with the Trump and Netanyahu regimes.

The action was organized by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a leading Marxist voice of the Palestinian resistance, and the Syrian Unified Communist Party, just a day after U.S. President Donald Trump [bragged at a conference of police chiefs](#) in Chicago that “We’re keeping the oil” in eastern Syria. “Remember that. I’ve always said: Keep the oil. We want to keep the oil – \$45 million a month. Keep the oil.”

“What I intend to do, perhaps, is make a deal with ExxonMobil or one of our great companies to go in there and do it properly,” Trump said at an [earlier news](#)

[conference.](#)

Washington, first under the Obama administration and later under Trump, violated Syria's sovereignty and international law by arming and funding reactionary groups in a failed attempt to overthrow the country's government. Earlier in October, Trump briefly bluffed that he was going to withdraw U.S. troops illegally stationed in eastern Syria — opening the way for Turkey to invade.

Many displaced Palestinians live in Syria, and Israel illegally occupies the Syrian territory of Golan Heights.

The Damascus protesters linked the struggle to defend Syria's sovereignty with the cause of prisoners in the Israeli occupation's prisons, "affirming that the detainees' case is not only a humanitarian one, but it is the most important case of the conflict with the Zionist enemy and a main part of the struggle of the Palestinian people for their legitimate and inalienable rights," the [Syrian Arab News Agency reported](#).

Speakers drew parallels between the determined struggle of the Palestinian prisoners and that of the Syrian people, who have persevered through years of U.S.-Turkish-Israeli sponsored terrorist war and continue to resist foreign interference in Syria's internal affairs and to defend the country's sovereignty.

They fear Khalida Jarrar

Before dawn on Oct. 31, some 80 heavily armed soldiers and a dozen military vehicles surrounded the home of Khalida Jarrar in the West Bank. Jarrar was seized and detained, as were other members of the PFLP. More raids were reported on [Nov. 5](#).

Jarrar was taken to Ofer prison, where an Israeli military court on Nov. 3 [extended her detention](#) for another eight days, citing "secret evidence" by the military prosecution.

An outspoken member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, a leading feminist and advocate for prisoners, Jarrar has been an implacable voice for the Palestinian cause at home and abroad. As such, she is deeply feared by the racist occupiers, and has been jailed many times — most recently for 20 months under administrative detention. She was released just eight months ago.

The [PFLP condemned the Israeli raids](#) against Jarrar, Ali Jaradat and “dozens of cadres in different parts of the West Bank, as well as the storming of the homes of detained comrades” as “nothing but a failed and desperate attempt to break the will of the Front and ... discourage it from continuing the path of resistance that it has planned with its solid positions and the sacrifices of its comrades, martyrs and prisoners.”

The PFLP called on the people to take the streets in protest and “pledged to the masses of our people that we will continue the path of resistance and will not deviate from it, however the targeting of its leaders, cadres and institutions escalates.”

Join Days of Action Nov. 8-11

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoners Solidarity Network has called for [Days of Action Nov. 8-11](#), highlighting the cases of Khalida Jarrar, Heba al-Labadi and Samer Arbeed.

Arbeed, a husband and father detained on Sept. 25, has been brutalized so severely that he is hospitalized and hooked up to a dialysis machine. But the torture continues — Israel interrogators even tear gassed Arbeed in his hospital room!

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Sanctions (BDS) movement.

In New York, an [action is planned for Nov. 9](#). In addition to raising the plight of the Palestinian prisoners, the protest will support the #BoycottPuma campaign to force the sneaker company to withdraw from lucrative dealings with Israel.

For more information on planned actions, updates on prisoners' cases, and downloadable protest signs and flyers, visit Samidoun.net.

Photos: Oct. 29 rally in Damascus, Syria, supports Palestinian prisoners.



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2) Write letters and make phone calls to protest the violation of Palestinian prisoners' rights. Demand your government take action to stop supporting Israeli occupation or to pressure the Israeli state to end the policies of repression of Palestinian political prisoners. In particular, demand that your political officials put pressure on Israel to end the policy of administrative detention, the imprisonment of Palestinians without charge or trial.

Call during your country's regular office hours:

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- Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland: +1-613-992-5234
- European Union Commissioner Federica Mogherini: +32 (0) 2 29 53516
- New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters: +64 4 439 8000
- United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt: +44 20 7008 1500

- United States President Donald Trump: 1-202-456-1111

3) Boycott, Divest and Sanction. Join the BDS campaign to highlight the complicity of corporations like [Hewlett-Packard](#) and the continuing [involvement of G4S](#) in Israeli policing and prisons. Build a campaign to boycott Israeli goods, impose a military embargo on Israel, or organize around the academic and cultural boycott of Israel. Learn more about the BDS campaign at [bdsmovement.net](#).

Let us know about your events. Contact us at samidoun@samidoun.net or [inform us on Facebook](#).

