

# Stop the genocide in Gaza! Palestinian lives matter!

By Stephen Millies

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



Thousands flooded into Times Square, NY on Oct. 13

portion of the ghetto within 24 hours.

Already a third of a million people have been made homeless, and over 2,000 people have been 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 de-

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# Trans activist urges: All out for Palestine!

By Melinda Butterfield

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.

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Palestine solidarity on display at Oct. 7 National March to Protect Trans Youth in Orlando, Florida.

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# No U.S. intervention in Palestine!

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

By Lev Koufax

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 the 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 con-

sider 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, 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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# Victory to Palestine! Resistance isn't terrorism

By Stephen Millies and Bill Dores

*Updated, Oct. 9* — For 75 years, the Palestinian people have been driven from their land by the Israeli apartheid state. Millions of Palestinians live in exile, often in refugee camps.

Gaza is the biggest prison on earth, with over 2 million people living on just 16 square miles. That's twice the population density of Manhattan.

Nearly 1 million of Gaza's people are children. And 1.7 million are refugees. They or their families were driven from their homes in what is now "Israel" in 1948 by terror, force, and massacre. They can only return to their own land as day laborers, building shorefront hotels and condos for tourists and settlers. And if they're not back in Gaza by sundown, they go to jail.

Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza is the most densely populated place on earth. Israel is now attacking it with U.S.-made bombs, and missiles dropped from U.S.-made warplanes, which Washington supplies Israel for free. At least 50 people died there on the morning of Oct. 9 when the Israeli air force bombed a crowded market.

Israel is also dropping U.S.-made white phosphorus on Gaza's civilians. As of Oct. 9, Israel's bombs and missiles have killed 500 civilians, including 91 children. Apartment buildings, schools, mosques, and hospitals have been destroyed. Entire families have been wiped out. These crimes are being committed with the full support of the Biden administration and Republican and Democratic politicians.

For 16 years, Gaza has been under a U.S.-backed Israeli blockade, reinforced by frequent aerial bombing. People cannot leave or enter. Medical supplies and equipment cannot come in. As a result, unemployment is 45%; some 53% of its people live in poverty. Gaza's water, according to UNICEF, is unfit for human consumption. Raw sewage pours into its sea. People get electricity for about two hours a day.



On Oct. 8, Israeli "defense" minister Yoav Gallant announced "a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel; everything is closed. ... We are fighting 'human animals,'" he said, "and we are acting accordingly."

Israel was founded with 70 massacres in 1948 during the Nakba, meaning catastrophe in Arabic. Fifteen thousand Palestinians were murdered, and 531 Palestinian villages were destroyed by Zionists.

Thousands of more Palestinians have been killed since then. Just in May 2021, 67 Palestinian children were killed in Gaza by the Israeli military. Israeli forces have murdered over 200 civilians in the occupied West Bank this year. Thirty-six were children.

The U.S.-funded Israeli state is trying to complete the genocide it started in 1948. On the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, Israeli troops and armed settlers terrorize civilians, attacking towns and villages and driving people from their homes. They routinely invade mosques, including the holy site of Al Aqsa in Jerusalem, and beat and brutalize worshippers.

Yet the corporate media is screaming "terrorism" because Palestinian freedom fighters are fighting back. That's how southern slave masters and their newspapers demonized Nat Turner when he led a revolt of enslaved Africans. Palestinians are also breaking their chains.

The same capitalist mouthpieces are howling about the prisoners taken by the Palestinian liberation fight-

ers. They have been silent about the 5,250 Palestinians held hostage by Israel, 1,350 of whom are being held without trial. One hundred seventy of these prisoners are children.

Racist Israel could not have been able to commit its crimes without the backing of the Big Oil and banker government of the United States. Washington has shoveled \$158 billion into the Zionist regime. In the United States, all those opposed to racism, injustice, and oppression must stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. We must demand no more arms and money to the Zionist settler regime.

That's money stolen from U.S. ghettos to keep Palestinians in ghettos.

In a dangerous move, President Biden has ordered ships of the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet to move toward Palestine. This is an attempt to intimidate Palestinians, as well as to threaten Iran and the resistance forces in Lebanon, led by Hezbollah. The last thing we need is another U.S. big business war.

Poor and working people in the United States have no interest in propping up the Israeli apartheid regime that gave the old apartheid regime in South Africa nuclear weapons.

Many years ago it was written, "As ye sow, so ye reap." For 75 years, the Zionist regime has been terrorizing the Palestinian people. The Israeli rulers and their Pentagon backers shouldn't be surprised by the eventual reaction.

The only road to peace is for the right of the Palestinians to return to their homeland. Just as the people of Zimbabwe wiped racist "Rhodesia" off the map, so will Palestinians defeat the racist state of Israel.

Here in the United States, all those who oppose racism, injustice, and corporate rule must stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. We must demand no more U.S. arms and dollars to the racist Israeli settler regime.

From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free! 🇵🇸



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

In June 1970, after the West-ern-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  
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# PFLP: U.S. aid to Israel aims to undermine Al-Aqsa Flood

**By Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine**

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) confirmed Oct. 8 that U.S. President Joe Biden's decision to provide all forms of support to the Zionist entity [Israel] comes in the context of continued American support for Zionist terrorist crimes of aggression, stemming from the depth of their organic partnership, which always aims to liquidate the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people.

The Front stressed that the statements of the U.S. president, which were similar to statements made by NATO, express the state of shock and astonishment at the defeat and humiliation that the Zionist entity suffered in the face of the Palestinian resistance. It also represents an authorization and a green light for the Zionist entity to launch more aggression and massacres against defenseless Palestinian civilians.

The Front believes that the U.S. administration hastened these urgent decisions to try to contain the strategic results of the Al-Aqsa Flood Bat-



PFLP rally in Gaza.

tle and its major repercussions on the Zionist entity, and its negative repercussions on U.S. presence and plans to control the region.

The Front pointed out that when the U.S. administration emphasizes the right of the Zionist entity to defend itself, it ignores that it has thwarted hundreds of draft resolutions to condemn the massacres and crimes of the Zionist entity in the United Nations Security Council through a veto vote, and has always sought to block calls that reject the entity's survival.

The Zionists are above interna-

tional law, and continue to ignore the role of the United Nations and international resolutions regarding the Palestinian issue, replacing them with a U.S. position biased towards the Zionist entity.

The Front concluded by emphasizing the necessity of exploiting the historical opportunity, following the strategic achievements of the resistance in Gaza in

addition to the stormy international transformations, by calling for the formation of the largest international global front that brings together the living forces and the free people of the world to confront global imperialism and its protegee the Zionist entity, and confront the American-Zionist plans in the region.

**Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine**

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## In solidarity with the Palestinian right to resist

**December 12th Movement International Secretariat**

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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

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# Biden lied about seeing photos of beheaded Israeli children

By Ali Abunimah

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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."



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## 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.

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." [📄](#)

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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 [📄](#)

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

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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 organizations 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 in-

cident 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** 



# Demonizing the oppressed from Kenya to Palestine

By Stephen Millies

A deluge of racism against the Palestinian people goes hand-in-hand with the missiles fired by Israel in revenge for the Al-Aqsa Flood uprising. Israeli defense minister Yoav Gallant called Palestinians “human animals.”

There’s nothing new about Zionist officials dehumanizing Palestinians. Back in 2014, Ayelet Shaked, who later became the Zionist state’s justice minister, posted an article on Facebook that referred to Palestinian children as “little snakes.”

Israeli bombs are now killing hundreds of Palestinian children in the Gaza ghetto.

Apartheid Israel is a colonial settler state, and defending colonialism requires racist falsehoods. One whopper was President Joe Biden’s lying statement — which had to be retracted — that he saw pictures of Israeli children who had been beheaded.

Another one was the gruesome picture being shopped around by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of a burnt Israeli baby, which was actually created by artificial intelligence (AI).

The conquistadors that pillaged the Americas claimed the inhabitants were cannibals. Both Indigenous and African peoples were considered “subhuman,” or as the Zionist Gallant put it, “animals.”

One of the biggest lies — in an attempt to deny centuries of genocide — is that the area now occupied by the United States was barely populated by Indigenous nations. Charles C. Mann debunked this falsehood in his book “1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus.”

Similarly, a favorite Zionist slogan was “a people without land for a land without people.” This implied that Palestine was uninhabited.



Times Square, NY on Oct. 13.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir declared in 1969 that “there was no such thing as Palestinians.” She lived in a house stolen from a Palestinian family.

The oppressor always lies about the oppressed. Hundreds of Hollywood movies featured “innocent settlers” in wagon trains being attacked by “merciless Indian savages.” The actual massacres of Indigenous peoples were rarely mentioned.

Those whose land was being stolen had the right to resist by any means necessary. General Custer had it coming.

## Demonizing the ‘Mau Mau’

Seventy years ago the most notorious “terrorist” — as labeled by the U.S. and British media — was not a Palestinian, an Arab, or a Muslim. The person demonized was Jomo Kenyatta, who became the first president of independent Kenya.

At the time, Kenyans were fighting for their freedom from British colonialism. Queen Victoria’s stormtroopers seized Kenya in 1895.

British aristocrats stole the land, with Lord Delamere alone grabbing 160,000 acres. Africans were forced at gunpoint into “native reserves,” modeled on Indian reservations in the United States.

Palestinians were similarly driven from their land during the founding of Israel in 1948. Called the Nakba — meaning catastrophe in Arabic — 15,000 Palestinians were murdered, and Zionists destroyed 531 Palestinian villages.

Oppression sparks resistance. On May Day in 1950, the East African Trade Union Congress issued a call for independence and majority rule.

One hundred thousand workers joined a general strike to protest.

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# Demonizing the oppressed from Kenya to Palestine

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Nairobi was paralyzed for nine days. It took a mobilization of the British army and colonial police to crush this uprising.

Freedom demanded that an armed struggle be launched. Kenya's Land and Freedom Army was born. The capitalist media called it the "Mau Mau."

Kenya's colonial governor, Evelyn Baring, responded by declaring a state of emergency on Oct. 20, 1952. The governor's family-controlled Barings Bank was founded in 1762 by the slave trader Francis Baring.

Baring ordered the colonial police to frame up Jomo Kenyatta and other independence fighters. There was no jury.

According to Caroline Elkins' Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Imperial Reckoning," Baring guaranteed a conviction by paying Judge Ransley Thacker a 20,000-pound bribe. That's worth nearly 710,000 pounds or \$874,000 today.

Baring hoped Kenyatta's frameup would demoralize Africans. Instead, it ignited years of guerrilla warfare.

Mau Mau fighters liberated weapons and ammunition from the colonialist army and police. Mau Mau-supporting blacksmiths made hundreds of guns.

Britain mobilized 55,000 soldiers and cops to fight the freedom fighters. Caroline Elkins estimated that the colonial forces threw 300,000 Kenyans into concentration camps and forced another million into 800 "emergency villages" built with the Africans' own slave labor.

The media helped this genocide by printing lurid stories about alleged Mau Mau atrocities, like Netanyahu's awful baby photo. Typical was Time magazine's description of a former Land and Freedom Army leader as "one of the Mau Mau's bloodthirstiest killers."

## **Zionists wanted Uganda**

Theodor Herzl — the "father" of the Zionist movement — proposed in 1903

that a Zionist state be built in Uganda, which was then a British colony.

British colonial secretary Joseph Chamberlain, whose empire held a quarter of humanity in chains, was in favor. The British government agreed to establish a "Jewish territory" in East Africa.

Joseph Chamberlain was the father of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. The younger Chamberlain's appeasement of Nazi Germany in the 1938 Munich Agreement was telling Hitler to go east and invade the Soviet Union.

Much of the proposed Zionist settlement was actually in present-day Kenya. If Herzl's Uganda project had taken place, 50 years later, Zionist settlers would have been fighting Mau Mau freedom fighters.

Zionism was always a colonial project, not a liberation movement. In 1902, Herzl wrote to Cecil Rhodes, seeking support.

Rhodes was one of the war crim-

inals who carved up Africa for himself and other European and U.S. millionaires. Rhodes founded the De Beers' diamond monopoly and invaded Zimbabwe, which he renamed "Rhodesia."

The people of Zimbabwe waged a decades-long liberation war, or Chimurenga, against the white settler state. Just as they slandered Kenya's Land and Freedom Army, U.S. and European media called the Zimbabwe freedom fighters "terrorists."

The U.S. State Department kept Nelson Mandela on its "terrorist watch list" until 2008.

Nelson Mandela defended Palestine. In a 1997 speech on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, he declared, "We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians."

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

# Stop the genocide in Gaza! Palestinian lives matter!

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clared, "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! 🇵🇸



# Gaza, the truth by name

By Rosa Miriam Elizalde

No medicine, no water, no electricity, no fuel. Hunger and desperation as a political weapon. “We are fighting animals and we act accordingly,” said Israel’s Minister of Defense, Yoav Gallant, when announcing the total encirclement against the Gaza Strip.

There is a thread of steel linking the genocidal rhetoric of the Israeli commander with the architects of the U.S. blockade against Cuba. Lester Mallory, undersecretary of the State Department, made similar arguments in 1962, as Joseph Goebbels had done before after visiting the Lodz ghetto in 1939: “These are no longer men, they are animals. That is why this is not a humanitarian task but a surgical one.”

The Nazi Minister of Propaganda wrote in his diary: “We must make radical incisions here, and radical ones at that.”

Gallant’s threat is serious.

Euro-Med Monitor, a Geneva-based organization, recorded in the first four days of declared war the death of 880 Palestinians, 59 percent of whom were civilians, including 185 children and 120 women. Around 5,000 more people have been injured, and hundreds remain trapped under rubble along the border areas. Israel claims to be focusing on military targets but is hitting residential buildings, hospitals, and mosques, where there are no shelters and no way to protect against the unannounced shelling that has already killed entire families.

The new escalation began this time with the Hamas attack, but the revanchist and vengeful mood that now reigns in media and networks, and which naturalizes the conception of Palestinians as animals worthy of being led to the slaughter, completely forgets that Israel has been adding fire to the pressure cooker for years and it finally burst last Saturday. Foreign Policy in Focus has compared the current situation in Gaza to the Attica, New York, prison riot in 1971, which ended in a bloodbath: “If you put prisoners in a cage and torture them, they will revolt.”



Fawwar Refugee camp, 1950s.

Aida camp, West Bank, 1956.

SOURCE:  
UNRWA'S ARCHIVE, GAZA.



The deafening noise in favor of Israel in this war has buried, along with the Palestinian victims, the history of that people, the tragedy they have lived through for decades, and the grotesque irony that the original and legal owners of Israeli land live in Gaza today. The only explanation for the strip’s existence is that the Palestinians were dispossessed of their land in 1948 when Israel was created. They – or their children and grandchildren – are among the 2 million Palestinian refugees crammed into the most densely populated territory on the planet, where 80 percent of its inhabitants come from families who lived in what is now Israel. Most of the people in Gaza are not from there. They are refugees who have been victims of dehumanization for far too long now.

“It is the most terrifying place I have ever seen,” wrote the intellectual Edward Said after one of the countless bombings of Gaza in 2001. “It is a horribly sad place because of the despair and misery in which people live. I wasn’t prepared to see the refugee camps, which are far worse than anything I saw in South Africa.” It was not a leftist intellectual, by the way, but Amnesty International, who declared a few months ago that “the scheme of domination of the Palestinians by Israel constitutes a system of apartheid,” and that it is “a crime against humanity.”

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, issued a statement on Tuesday in which he reiterated that “the imposition of sieges that endanger the lives of civilians by depriving them of goods essential to their survival is prohibited by international humanitarian law.”

It should only be added that the blockade has not appeared now as a result of this war. It has been going on for decades. It is the long prologue to the punishment and forced dehumanization of a people in order to create the perfect alibi leading to their annihilation. We Cubans know it very well. In this particular case, there are layers upon layers of pain for the kidnapping of thousands of Palestinians who were taken away by Israeli soldiers without a trace, for the desolation and helplessness of hundreds of thousands of ordinary people who have tried to survive among ruins, for the electricity and water cuts, for the endless curfews, for the shortage of food and medicine, for the wounded bleeding to death, for the systematic attacks against ambulances and humanitarian personnel, for the teenagers attacked with dogs of Tel Aviv’s army, for the murdered children ...

The truth by name. It is genocide, and it comes from afar.

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# Gaza, la verdad por su nombre

Por Rosa Miriam Elizalde

Ni medicinas, ni agua, ni electricidad, ni combustible. El hambre y la desesperación como arma política. “Estamos combatiendo contra animales y actuamos en consecuencia”, dijo hace nada el ministro de Defensa de Israel, Yoav Gallant, al anunciar el cerco total contra la franja de Gaza.

Hay un hilo de acero que une la retórica genocida del comandante israelí con los arquitectos del bloqueo de Estados Unidos contra Cuba. Lester Mallory, subsecretario del Departamento de Estado, esgrimió argumentos similares en 1962, como antes lo hizo Joseph Goebbels tras visitar el gueto de Lodz, en 1939: “Éstos ya no son hombres, son animales. Por eso no se trata de una tarea humanitaria, sino quirúrgica.

Hay que hacer incisiones aquí y enteramente radicales”, escribió en su diario el ministro de Propaganda nazi.

La amenaza de Gallant va en serio.

Euro-Med Monitor, organización con sede en Ginebra, registró en los primeros cuatro días de guerra declarada la muerte de 880 palestinos, de los cuales 59 por ciento eran civiles, incluidos 185 niños y 120 mujeres. Alrededor de 5 mil personas más han resultado heridas y cientos permanecen atrapadas bajo los escombros a lo largo de las zonas fronterizas. Israel afirma centrarse en objetivos militares, pero alcanza edificios residenciales, hospitales y mezquitas, donde no hay refugios ni forma de protegerse de los bombardeos sin previo aviso que ya han provocado la muerte de familias enteras.

La nueva escalada empezó esta vez con el ataque de Hamas, pero el revanchismo y el ánimo de venganza que reina ahora en medios y redes, y que naturaliza la concepción de los palestinos como animales dignos de llevar al matadero, olvida por completo que



Israel ha aumentado por años el fuego a la olla de presión y ésta finalmente reventó el sábado pasado. El Foreign Policy in Focus ha comparado la situación actual en Gaza con el motín en la cárcel de Attica, Nueva York, en 1971, que terminó en un baño de sangre: “Si metes a los prisioneros en una jaula y los torturas, se rebelarán”.

El ruido ensordecedor en favor de Israel en esta guerra ha enterrado, junto con las víctimas palestinas, la historia de ese pueblo, la tragedia que ha vivido durante décadas y la ironía grotesca de que los originales y legales propietarios de la tierra israelí viven hoy en Gaza. La única explicación de que exista la franja es porque los palestinos fueron desposeídos de sus tierras en 1948, cuando se creó Israel. Ellos –o sus hijos y nietos– están entre los 2 millones de refugiados palestinos atiborrados en el territorio más densamente poblado del planeta, donde 80 por ciento de sus habitantes proviene de familias que vivieron en lo que ahora es Israel. La mayoría de la gente de Gaza no es de ahí. Son refugiados que han sido víctimas de la deshumanización desde hace ya demasiado tiempo.

“Es el lugar más aterrador que he visto”, escribió el intelectual Edward Said, después de uno de los innumerables bombardeos contra Gaza, en 2001. “Es un lugar horriblemente triste a causa de la desesperación y de la miseria en que vive la gente. No estaba preparado para ver los campos de refugiados,

que son mucho peores que cualquier cosa que vi en Sudáfrica.” No fue un intelectual de izquierda, por cierto, sino Amnistía Internacional, quien declaró hace unos meses que “el esquema de dominación de los palestinos por Israel constituye un sistema de apartheid”, y

que se trata de “un crimen contra la humanidad”.

El alto comisionado de la ONU para los Derechos Humanos, Volker Türk, ha emitido un comunicado este martes donde reitera que “la imposición de asedios que ponen en peligro la vida de civiles al privarlos de bienes esenciales para su supervivencia está prohibida por el derecho internacional humanitario”.

Habría que añadir solamente que el bloqueo no aparece ahora a consecuencia de esta guerra. Lleva décadas. Es el largo prólogo del castigo y la deshumanización forzada de un pueblo para crear la coartada perfecta que lleve a su aniquilación. Lo conocemos muy bien los cubanos. En este caso en concreto, hay capas sobre capas de dolor por el secuestro de miles de palestinos a los que los soldados israelíes se llevaron sin dejar huella, por la desolación y el desamparo de cientos de miles de personas comunes y corrientes que han intentado sobrevivir entre ruinas, por los cortes de electricidad y agua, por los interminables toques de queda, por la escasez de alimentos y medicinas, por los heridos desangrados hasta morir, por los ataques sistemáticos contra ambulancias y personal humanitario, por los adolescentes agredidos con perros del ejército de Tel Aviv, por los niños y las niñas asesinados...

La verdad por su nombre. Es genocidio y viene de lejos.

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