



Palestine is all of us

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Ever since the Oct. 7 events at the Supernova rave festival on an illegal Israeli settlement, just over three miles from Gaza, the corporate media has labeled this latest phase of the heroic Intifada (uprising) as a war just between Israel and Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement.

This is a myth meant to disarm activists and confuse the masses, especially in the U.S. While Hamas has played a leading role in the armed resistance against the terrorist Zionist state, this movement has consistently made clear that, in essence, the struggle is between Israel and Palestine. Hamas and other liberation forces have never distanced themselves from the masses, and the besieged Palestinian masses have never distanced themselves from the Intifada.

Consider the fact that according to the Gaza Ministry of Health, as of Nov. 19, over 12,400 Palestinians have been killed, many of them children. In both Gaza and the West Bank, Israel has declared war on the entire Palestinian population.

It bears repeating that this is a racist genocidal war. Demonizing Hamas is just an excuse and distraction for this ongoing ethnic cleansing, in some ways similar to what the Koreans and the Vietnamese faced during their struggles for liberation against U.S. militarism.

Hamas considers every one of its fighters, along with every adult and child — including the premature babies who died at the hands of the Israeli occupying forces — a martyr. Being Palestinian means that since birth, the Israeli state has viewed every Palestinian, even children, as a threat to its existence.

The Palestinian people have given their lives to the just cause of liberating themselves, their stolen land and exploited labor from 75 years of white supremacist, settler colonialism backed by the high-tech weaponry of imperialism, especially from the U.S.

Hamas and its allies — the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the



Pro-Palestine protest at Philadelphia marathon, Nov. 19, 2023.

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Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and others — understand the strategic role that the world movement plays in supporting their resistance on the ground in all its forms.

These movements frequently make appeals for millions of people — in the developing countries and imperialist centers — to stay in the streets, to carry out direct actions, to boycott, divest and sanction Israel and to shut down schools and workplaces in order to put pressure on their own governments to end complicity with Zionist apartheid.

Liberation fighters in neighboring Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen are also targeting Israeli forces on their borders along with bases of the U.S. military, which has no

right to be on their soil or in their waters.

The Palestinian resistance, in whatever form, deserves and needs our steadfast solidarity to not only eventually abolish the heinous Zionist state, which never had the right to seize Palestinian lands, but to take a gigantic step forward in eradicating imperialism worldwide. Imperialism is the enemy of every worker of every nationality, religion, gender, gender expression, sexuality, disability and social status.

The Palestinian people are now on the front lines of the battle for national liberation and worker emancipation worldwide, and we must continue to struggle shoulder to shoulder with them. Palestine is all of us.

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

The courage to resist

By Betsey Piette
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Against a political atmosphere that increasingly mirrors the repressive McCarthy period of the 1950s, a new wave of activists are braving the backlash to speak out for Palestine and against the horrific genocidal war being waged by the

U.S. and Israel. Facing doxxing, firings, the loss of potential job opportunities, the suppression and even suspensions of campus organizations and the threats of state repression, young people are pushing back.

After Columbia University suspended campus chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace on Nov. 10, over 40 other Columbia student

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groups formed a coalition to demand that the school divest from Israeli apartheid. The formation of Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD) was announced at a rally of hundreds of students and faculty on Nov. 14. CUAD is also calling for the cancellation of a new Columbia campus planned in Tel Aviv.

Attendance at the pro-Zionist rally in Washington on Nov. 14 was diminished by several hundred people who had flown on chartered planes from Detroit, only to be left stranded on the tarmac of the Dulles International airport when charter bus drivers called out sick after learning the buses would be taking people to the pro-Israel rally.

Journalists challenge corporate media bias

On Nov. 4, the New York Times Magazine announced that award-winning journalist Jazmine Hughes “resigned” after being cited for violating newsroom policy. She said it was “under pressure.” She had signed a letter from Writers Against the War on Gaza on Oct. 26, accusing Israel of targeting journalists and “conducting genocide against the Palestinian people.”

Two weeks later, Anne Boyer, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, essayist and poetry editor of the New York Times Magazine, resigned, noting: “The Israeli state’s

U.S.-backed war against the people of Gaza is not a war for anyone — I won’t write about poetry amid the ‘reasonable’ tones of those who aim to acclimatize us to this unreasonable suffering.”

Over 750 journalists from dozens of news outlets, including the Times, signed another open letter published Nov. 9, condemning Israel’s killing of reporters in Gaza and criticizing the Western media’s coverage of the war. Their letter said, “Newsrooms are accountable for dehumanizing rhetoric that serves to justify ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.” (Washington Post, Nov. 9)

According to Semafor.com, the Los Angeles Times is now blocking writers who signed the letter from writing about the war for three months. (Nov. 17)

On Nov. 17, the Washington Post reported that Iraqi-American freelance writer and illustrator Mona Chalabi, who won a Pulitzer Prize for the New York Times earlier in 2023, publicly criticized the Pulitzer awards ceremony for overlooking Palestinian journalists. On Instagram, where she has 468,000 followers, Chalabi posted a chart depicting the Times’ obvious bias regarding coverage of Israel deaths versus Palestinian deaths, even though the number of Palestinians killed has skyrocketed.

A pro-Palestine statement calling for a cease-fire in Gaza, presented by nominee



Freelance writer and illustrator Mona Chalabi, who won a Pulitzer award for The New York Times this year, criticized the awards ceremony for overlooking Palestinian journalists.

Aaliyah Bilal, flanked by 18 finalists, closed the 74th National Book Awards Ceremony in New York City on Nov. 15. It read: “We oppose antisemitism and anti-Palestinian sentiment and Islamophobia equally, accepting the human dignity of all parties, knowing that further bloodshed does nothing to secure lasting peace in the region.” (BNN.Network, Nov. 16) □

Hamas on ‘falsehood of the Zionist narrative’

The following statement was issued by Hamas — Islamic Resistance Movement — on Nov. 19, 2023, on new revelation regarding the Oct. 7 events.

What the Hebrew media published reveals the falsehood of the Zionist narrative that underpinned the genocide in the Gaza Strip, aiming to displace our Palestinian people from their land.

The Hebrew media’s reports, which confirmed that a Zionist warplane bombed [settler] partygoers in the Gaza envelope on Oct. 7, indisputably prove that the occupation government fabricated lies and false narratives about the events of that day to justify the murder and genocide committed by the terrorist occupation forces, aiming to displace Palestinians from their lands and homes.

This investigation refutes all the official

Zionist claims and narratives, which promoted many lies, including the lie of killing children and beheading them, which the occupation could not prove, as well as the burning of civilians.

A revelation by an occupation official about approximately 200 bodies among hundreds of charred corpses, analyzed to be Palestinian, debunks the Zionist claim of the resistance burning settler corpses. This confirms they were killed by Zionist bombing based on the Hannibal Directive, which dictates killing captives and their captors to prevent hostage operations.

The facts that have begun to unfold reveal the deception and misinformation practiced by the fascist occupation government to the world and which are still ongoing in its frenzied war on hospitals and civilian facilities like the Al-Shifa Medical Complex, under false pretexts and

fabricated stories.

What’s demanded is a firm international stance to stop these unprecedented violations being committed today in the Gaza Strip, based on false and misleading narratives. It must bring all those involved in these violations to accountability, by forming an international court for war crimes committed by the occupation and its leaders against civilians in the Gaza Strip.

We call on the U.S. administration, Western capitals and Western media, which adopted the false Zionist narrative without verification, to retract their positions supporting the genocide against our Palestinian people, violating all international laws and conventions. They should take responsibility for stopping the aggression and halting the massacres and ethnic cleansing crimes against our people. □