

**WW STATEMENT**

**U.S., Israel:**

Stop the genocide!

*Bulletin: Oct. 17: Israelis bombed Al-Abi Hospital in Gaza City, killing over 3,000 people. An Israeli participant in the Kibbutz Be’erit festival said that many of the people who died were killed by Israeli troops who opened fire and shot at everyone present.*

Stop the bombing of Gaza! Pull back all Israeli troops! End the blockade and siege of Gaza and its 2.3 million Palestinian people! Even before Oct. 7, the Israeli regime’s murders, seizures of territories, illegal settlements and occupation made a response from the Palestinian people and their liberation organizations as inevitable as it was justifiable. By executing what amounted to a prison break and in turn taking prisoners, Palestinian resistance organizations provided a heroic example for people longing for liberation from imperialism around the world. Instead of opening talks for the possible exchange of captured Israelis for some of the 5,500 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons, the Israeli regime launched a vicious bombing of civilian targets in Gaza. In just its first week, this massacre killed more than 1,000 children. The air invasion displaced nearly a million people and was in preparation for a military invasion of Gaza. It is no exaggeration to characterize the Israeli attack as genocidal. An imminent Israeli land invasion threatens a new, vast “ethnic cleansing.” With the 1948 Nakba, from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! 4-10

Workers World newspaper dedicates this issue to the heroic Palestinian resistance.

**The real terrorists – then and now**

Ever since settler colonists arrived on this continent from Europe, these colonizers have relied on racist and dehumanizing labels to try to justify their repressive and often genocidal treatment of Indigenous peoples, including occupation of Indigenous lands. As long as the original inhabitants of the colonized lands were defined as less-than-human, the settlers convinced themselves and their offspring that the atrocities they engaged in— and still do engage in— were not to be questioned and were justified. Indigenous peoples were even criticized for taking frequent, whole-body baths. The Europeans rarely bathed beyond washing their hands or faces, but denigrated Native practices even though the Europeans were the unanjitary ones. African peoples, whose lands were invaded by the Europeans, were given dehumanizing labels and kid-napped in the tens of millions to be sold into slavery by the white traders. When the colonists won independence from Europe and wrote their constitution, based in part on principles governing the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Indigenous people were excluded from being U.S. cit- izens and enslaved Africans were defined as three-fifths human—a concession to Southern states that gave them additional representation in governing bodies. Fast forward to 1971, when again racist terms were used against the courageous incarcerated workers at Attica Prison for daring to rebel and take guards hostage. When the state finally took back control of the prison by brutal force, 10 guards were killed along with 33 prisoners. The state tried to frame prisoners for the mur- ders, but the truth came out that they were killed by the police raid.

Around this same time, freedom fighters in the Black Panther Party were attacked for carrying weapons of self-defense, which is a right under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The party became the target of state violence determined to Continued on page 10

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On World Day Against the Death Penalty
An execution in Texas

By Gloria Rubac
Huntsville, Texas

On World Day Against the Death Penalty, Oct. 10, Texas legally lynched Jedidiah Murphy in Huntsville, Texas. The execution was scheduled for 6 p.m., but due to ongoing appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, he wasn’t pronounced dead until 10:15 p.m.

The notoriously conservative 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had actually stayed his execution on Oct. 9, and Jedidiah, his family, friends and activists were hoping that it would continue. Jedidiah Murphy emailed this reporter and his supporters that court rulings were so up-and-down that he was worried about the toll it was taking on his family. “This back and forth is challenging because you go from a gut punch to hope, to a maybe. The torture of this punishment is not what will happen to me, but what I see happening to my wife and family.”

“They won’t make me suffer for what happened 23 years ago by giving me the rest of my life to think about it and everything life in prison brings. Instead, they make my loved ones suffer...”

But his final appeal was overruled by the Supreme Court around 9 p.m. and the execution was prepared to go forward. His spouse, Bella Murphy, witnessed the killing as his brother, sister and activities protested outside the death house until it was over. Murphy’s execution was the first in Texas in seven months. Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement activists held a press conference a few days before the execution to announce that the seven-month pause in executions hadn’t caused the sky to fall and that executions must stop. The irony of an execution on World Day Against the Death Penalty was emphasized.

“Texas need to know that the world is limiting executions and here in Texas we need to step outside of the box and examine what this state is doing,” the activists told the news media. “Last year, on October 10, there were over 1,000 actions in 64 countries for World Day Against the Death Penalty. But here in the U.S., Texas has executed 583 people and five more are scheduled. Most people around the world think Texas is reprehensible as it approaches 600 state killings since 1982.”

Jedidiah Murphy’s life as a child is all too familiar with those who follow the death penalty. Poverty, violence, physical and sexual abuse, starvation, abandonment, and the resulting mental illnesses are the life experiences so many incarcerated people grow up with, particularly those sentenced to death.

While Murphy admitted his guilt in his case, he expressed remorse almost daily. He had his mental health issues treated while living on death row, and he eventually regained a sense of self-worth. He was a mentor and a friend to many.

Texas has four more executions scheduled. The machinery of death is well-oiled in Texas.

A letter to WW from Miley Fletcher

On Aug. 10, 2023, I was transferred out of the State Correctional Institution for Women to SCI Greene. Before I left, my counselor Ms. Benson came to my door and said, “If you wouldn’t have written for that newspaper, you wouldn’t be getting transferred.” I guess she was supposed to just let them abuse prisoners in that special needs unit at SCI Forest. When she walked away with is sickening. They’ve even ten away with is sickening. They’ve even though some on the outside may believe what’s going on behind these walls and fences. Let us have recording devices — we will show what is really going on and being said to us — just like on the outside. But they won’t because they know we’ll be able to prove what they do to us.

It’s not about being transgender. It’s all of us prisoners as a whole. Just being transgender makes it harder on us because of who we are and with other prisoners joining in with the guards and staff. The same guards who use the n-word or abuse prisoners — they join in with them. So many years I’ve seen prisoners and guards do this. Then that same guard or staff member writes them up later, down the line.

I will be in contact, Workers World, to help push the movement forward.

In solidarity,
Miley S. Fletcher
SCI Greene

Uphill battle continues to stop multibillion dollar jail

By Martha Grevatt
Cleveland

Cuyahoga County Council approved spending $38 million Sept. 26 to purchase land in the suburb of Garfield Heights to build a new county jail. The jail itself has an estimated price tag of another $750 million, but with interest payments to bondholders on a 40-year loan, the actual cost to county taxpayers could easily top $2 billion.

Members of the Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition spoke out in opposition during a public comment session when the council met Oct. 10 and 11. The coalition and the No New Jail campaign have been actively opposing a new jail since plans for it were made public. Community members were able to apply enough pressure to prevent the new jail from being built on a toxic site in Cleveland, a former oil refinery.

However, the new site, while cleaner, is in an inconvenient location for many county residents with incarcerated loved ones. Most importantly, the campaign is to stop billions of dollars from going for any new jail. Speakers at council meetings have argued that money should be used for alternatives to incarceration, such as mental health services, along with jobs, education and other human needs.

Proposed funding plans for the jail include extending a county sales tax — currently the highest in any Ohio county — due to expire in 2027. Sales taxes are regressive, disproportionately impacting poor people, who have to spend a higher percentage of their income on necessities than rich people.

Days before the council met, on Oct. 6 Freddie Tackett died in the county jail after experiencing a medical emergency. This was the third jail death since July, with all of them blamed on jail staff negligence. Activists continue to ask the county council, “How will building a new jail prevent a single death?”

The new jail is not a done deal; while the purchase of the proposed site has been completed, the council has not approved the financing plan for construction costs. A 40-year extension of the sales tax after 2027 is widely unpopular. No new jail.
The fight for Palestinian liberation is a fight for the whole working class

By Arjua Red

On Oct. 7, the Palestinian people and their combat organizations launched a powerful attack against Israeli occupation forces and their settlements that they called “Al Aqsa Flood.” Their maneuver peeled away the Zionist state’s false sense of invincibility and demonstrated that even with billions of U.S. dollars and high-tech weaponry, Israel is far from invincible.

Now, Oct. 15, with U.S. naval forces positioned in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, and the imperialist media machine in a full frenzy attacking Hamas and vilifying the Palestinian people as a whole, the fight for Palestinian liberation has reached a critical stage that requires the world’s working class to join the fight.

Nearly 9,000 Ford workers at the Kentucky Truck Plant added their numbers to the 25,000 United Auto Workers members already striking the Big Three auto companies on Oct. 11. Over 100,000 Ford, General Motors and Stellantis workers who remain at work are ready to walk out when the UAW leadership gives the signal.

A collective of Black, Puerto Rican and Filipino activists from Black Lives Matter, Philly Boricua, Workers World Party and ANAKBAYAN-Philly called on area elected officials, in particular Black and Brown politicians, to stop supporting Israel and its genocide of the Palestinian people. Their statement read in part: “Palestinians did not rip a gate to invade Israel, they opened a path to go home to the land and homes that were brutally taken from them.” Black Alliance for Peace read a separate statement.

The students denounced the increasing targeting and doxxing of Palestinian students and others who speak out on their behalf. “The academic institutions are all actors in Israel’s ongoing erasure and elimination of the Palestinian people. They actively participate in misinformation, racism and orientalism, whether through their curricula or their statements of solidarity with the colonizer.”

By Martha Grevatt Streetsboro, Ohio

By Betsey Piette Philadelphia

Responding to a call from the Philadelphia-Palestine Coalition, hundreds of people turned out at noon on Oct. 12, outside the Philadelphia offices of local NPR/PBS affiliate WHYY TV and radio. Protesters called out the media censorship of Palestinian resistance and the media whitewashing of Israeli genocide.

“This fight is a critical fight for the whole world’s working class and oppressed peoples the world over,” said Madinah Wilson-Anton, Co-chair of the Philadelphia chapter of the CPUSA.

The students expressed their anger at the recent “Al Aqsa Flood,” the campaign that began on Oct. 7 with the massive attacks on Israel’s biggest settlement. They noted that the flood’s success was due to the resistance of the Palestinian people. They called out the Israeli military, which has been using disproportionate force against the people of Gaza, and the media, which have been persecuting Palestinian activists.

The students called on people to join the fight for Palestinian liberation, which is also a fight for national liberation. They emphasized that the fight is not just for the Palestinian people, but for all oppressed peoples around the world.


The demonstration marched from WHYY two blocks to the Philadelphia Inquirer offices, across the Liberty Bell. There, Delaware state representative Madinah Wilson-Anton addressed the rally to voice her support for the people of Palestine. “As a legislator, I’m telling everyone in my district what is going on. A lot of people like me are scared that the Zionist state will get away with it, but the more people speak out, the less they can get away with.”

As the rallies were taking place, individual supporters from both WHYY and the Inquirer came out to speak with demonstrators. Coverage on WHYY radio seemed to include more interviews with Palestine supporters than even the Zionist media.

Adam Horowitz, with Mondoweiss, told Black Power Media on Oct. 12 that no major U.S. media outlets have reporters on the ground in occupied Palestine. He described reports they are receiving from people inside Gaza that the situation on the ground is “completely catastrophic.”

Horowitz raised reports they are receiving that Israel has placed cities and villages in the West Bank under lockdown and is supplying already heavily armed Israeli settlers with over 1,000 additional M16 rifles. None of this is being reported by the U.S. corporate media.

As Israeli officials call for genocidal acts, horrific human rights abuses and collective punishment, the need for fair reporting is paramount.

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In solidarity with Palestinian resistance

Massachusetts activists blockade weapons dealers

By Steve Gillis
Cambridge, Massachusetts

A determined group of pro-Palestine activists, orga- nized word-of-mouth by the emergency Shut Elbit Down coalition, surprised the Cambridge, Massachusetts, police force and their corporate creditors it protects on Oct. 12. Arriving at the death-lab workplace in the early morning, they tagged the walls and locked down the doors outside the offices of the Israel-based weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems.

The nondescript multi-story laboratory with no sig- nage—nestled in a tree-canopied residential neighbor- hood between Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—in a flash became a battlefield. Red paint, splattered on the sidewalk and walls to rep- resent the blood of Gaza’s bombarded residents, spilled out the doors and windows onto the “Shut Elbit Down.” Three activists used bicycle chains to lock their necks to the doors as police, arrest wagons, fire trucks and ambulances scrambled to the scene, sirens blazing. In a lunged and tactically coordinated strike before sunrise the same day, activists with Demilitarize Western Mass blockaded the employee parking lot of Lytton’s Technologies—a $87 billion weapons manu- facturer in the leafy university town of Northampton which employs 50,000 worldwide. They used three boat manufacturers in the leafy university town of Northampton to liberate the prisoners from a position of power.

Palestinian prisoners in occupation prisons, including over 100 years of imperialist domination.

The occupation regime annually, but in the racist assaults on the Palestinian resistance.

The new resistance operation, titled the Al-Aqsa Flood of Gaza.

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Palestine: The resistance rises toward revolution, return and liberation

The following slightly edited statement was released by the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network on Oct. 7, 2023.

As the morning dawns on 7 October 2023, the resis- tance to the Zionist occupation of the occupied Palestinian people, the daily murder of Palestinians on the streets of the West Bank of occupied Palestine, the siege on Gaza, the theft of the fundamental rights for settlements, the denial of refugees right to return, imposing exile for over 75 years, the tor- ture and attacks on Palestinian prisoners, the ongoing invasions of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the 75 years of Zionist occupation and over 100 years of imperialist domination and colonialism throughout occupied Palestine.

It also comes to bring about the liberation of Palestinian prisoners, especially those who have passed away in Palestinian prisons in the occupied land and land. The occupation has repeatedly drugged its feet in conducting a prisoner exchange with the resistance, and now the resistance has announced that it has taken a step forward in reclaiming the Palestinian people from among the occu- pation soldiers and settlers in order to liberate the 5,250 Palestinian prisoners in occupation prisons, including the 9,500 who are on hunger strike. This trial under administra- tive detention, 39 women and 170 children.

The resistance is taking new steps to liberate Palestinian land, to confront the settlement project and to liberate the prisoners from a position of power.

News is developing rapidly. However, it is clear that the Palestinian resistance is determined to reset the sta- tus quo in the region and uncover the reality that the Zionist regime can no longer rely on its technological strength and imperialist weaponry to impose its domi- nation on the Palestinian people.

In particular, coming as it does on the 50th anni- versary of the 1973 war, it is a decisive rebuke to the entire path of Oslo and normalization imposed upon the Palestinian and Arab people for the past 50 years, indi- cating a new path forward with a clear goal: liberation and nothing less.

It builds upon the liberation Operation South Lebanon by the Lebanese resistance, led by Hezbollah in 2000, and the defeat of the Israeli invasion of Gaza in 2006, as well as the succes- sive heroic battles waged by the Palestinian resistance throughout occupied Palestinian land and act to confront the U.S.-led imperialist system, including the EU states, Britain and all imperialist powers, to end their complicit crimes against the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation from the ocean to the Gulf, and in the face of the wars of starva- tion and siege that the United States and its agents have engineered against our peoples in the region, especially in Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Iran.

The Palestinian resistance has opened a chapter of battles of dignity and pride at the dawn of October 7, 2023, and it is now responding to decades of continuous and repeated Zionist, American and European aggression against the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation from the ocean to the Gulf, and in the face of the wars of starva- tion and siege that the United States and its agents have engineered against our peoples.

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Imperialism is the primary enemy

Samidoun joins the Masar Badil, the Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement, in calling “the masses of our Palestinian people, supporters of the resistance in exile and diaspora, allies from the libera- tion forces and movements, and solidarity committees in solidarity with the Palestinian people everywhere, to express their support for the heroic Palestinian resistance, raise the flag of Palestine and the banners of resistance, and orga- nize popular, political and media demonstrations and events to expose the Zionist crimes against our people in occupied Palestine.

“The heroic Palestinian resistance defends the land and people, the right to return, imposing exile for over 75 years, the torture and attacks on Palestinian prisoners, the ongoing invasions of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the 75 years of Zionist occupation and over 100 years of imperialist domination and colonialism throughout occupied Palestine. These crimes are reflected not only in the Balfour Declaration and the $8.8 billion in U.S. military aid to the occupa- tion regime annually, but in the racist assaults on the Palestinian people in exile and diaspora throughout Europe, and especially in Germany for speaking out and organizing to take up their role in the cause for their return to Palestine and the liberation of their land.

Imperialism is the primary enemy of the Palestinian cause — creating the Zionist project and arming it to the teeth as a mechanism of attack against the Arab and Iranian peoples — alongside Zionism, the “Israeli” occupa- tion regime and reactionary, complicit Arab forces.

Today, the resistance is making clear that despite the weaponry and brutality of the occupier, the promise of liberation is closer than ever before.

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! 3
FREE, FREE PALESTINE!

This is what SOLID

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 13, 2023

Paris, France, Oct. 13, 2023

Tripoli, Libya

Munich, Germany, Oct. 9, 2023


Pretoria, South Africa, Oct. 11, 2023

San Francisco, Oct. 14, 2023

Sydney, Australia, Oct. 9, 2023

Lahore, Pakistan
SOLIDARITY looks like!

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 2023
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Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 15, 2023
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Sydney, Australia, Oct. 9, 2023
San Diego, Oct. 15, 2023
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Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Oct. 14, 2023

Pretoria, South Africa, Oct. 11, 2023

Protesting CNN headquarters in Atlanta, Oct. 14, 2023
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Cleveland, Oct. 13, 2023

Buffalo, New York, Oct. 13, 2023
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Brown Berets, Houston, Texas, Oct. 14, 2023
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San Diego, Oct. 15, 2023
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Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 15, 2023
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Voices of resistance and support

The following excerpts are from statements on the recent uprising in Palestine against the white settler, Zionist regime of Israel. More of these statements can be read at workers.org.

Let our voices resound with unwavering conviction, shaking the foundations of U.S. government complicity in these crimes, including nearly $4 billion in annual military aid to the Zionist colonizer. Let us rally the international community, igniting an unquenchable fire of solidarity. For it is in unity that we find strength, and it is through collective action that we shall dismantle the walls of oppression.

The time for action is upon us. Let us march forward, unwaveringly, to protect the Jewish women, men and children in our commitment to justice. Together, we shall unleash a tidal wave of transformation, where the Palestinian people rise victorious over colonialism, reclaiming their freedom, claiming their right to return, exercising their right to live in dignity in a liberated Palestinian, free of imperialist, colonialism, racism and Zionism.

— Al-Awda The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, Oct. 8

There are a large number of “Israeli” captives, and their families are suffering. The battle is still at its peak, and the freedom of our captives in prisons is imminent.

We captured senior officers from the occupation army, and we will capture more until the prisons are emptied.

The resistance is prepared for the worst scenarios, including a ground invasion. An “Israeli” ground invasion would be the best scenario for us to settle the conflict against the enemy.

— Deputy Head of Hamas, Sheikh Saleh Al-Aroui, Oct. 7

The Popular Front urges our heroic people across Palestine to actively participate in the Al-Aqsa Flood battle. Everyone from their respective positions and with the tools they possess, should attack the enemy’s army and its settlers, cut off its supply routes, sabotage its vital facilities, and pursue the terrified Zionist invaders in the face of resistance strikes, striking at them on every inch of Palestinian soil.

The Front emphasizes its call for everyone who bears arms, especially members of the (Palestinian Authority) Security Forces, to engage in the battle of the Palestinian people against their enemy and to take the natural position of every free Palestinian fighting for starvation from occupation, achieving the goals and rights of all our people.

— Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Oct. 7

What started is not just an operation but a battle that will expand, escalate and deepen.

The battle has a goal: the freedom of our people and the liberation of our sanctuaries. Therefore, the battle consolidates forces and their will to win the victory with the deserved freedom of our people.

We will not continue to accept the desecration of our sanctuaries, or the continuation of injustices and occupation by our people in jails, or the continued siege of Gaza.

What we have in our hands will free all the prisoners from the occupation jails.

This blatant aggression against our people in Gaza resulted in the deaths of more than 770 martyrs, most of them women and children, and the displacement of more than 75,000 people from their homes. The women have lost their children and cannot find their bodies or give them a proper burial. Occupation forces also attacked schools and mosques where the displaced people had taken refuge.

Palestinian access to parts of their occupied lands is the result of the Palestinian people’s belief in their right to freedom, justice and self-determination, since they are a people under Zionist occupation.

We appeal to all people of conscience around the world to support the Palestinian people and their just cause in their struggle against the Zionist occupation.

— Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees, Oct. 10

[Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions]

For decades, the people of Palestine have been enduring a brutal, illegal and unlawful occupation by Apartheid Israel. The human rights organization #Africa4Palestine, together with fellow Africans, salute the Palestinians as they continue to rise in defense of their land, families and human rights.

Under international law, all oppressed peoples have the right to armed self-defense. Several United Nations resolutions affirm this. The U.N. General Assembly, in 1985, reaffirmed “the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for their independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial domination, apartheid and foreign occupation by all available means, including armed struggle.”

The international community should be consistent in supporting armed self-defense of sovereignty. Israel’s ongoing oppression and its military attacks on Gaza, together with its over 15-year siege, is entirely illegal under international law and the root cause of the suffering of the Palestinian people.

— Muhammed Desai, Africa4Palestine, Oct. 7

We remember the solidarity that Black people in the U.S. received from Palestinians in 2020 as they fought against the Israeli-trained police forces across the U.S. during the George Floyd protests. We also say that the attack on Gaza mirrors the pending attack on Haiti by the racist, Western colonialist forces. Both represent the racist violence and absolute contempt for human life that have been the cornerstone of the rise of European rule over the planet.

The Black Alliance for Peace will not abandon the Palestinian people. Solidarity must be reciprocal. Our peoples both suffer the consequences of living in a white supremacist settler-colonial state; we are bound together in that reality and our collective support must reflect this.

— Black Alliance for Peace, Oct. 11

The Israeli government may have just declared war, but its war on Palestinians started over 75 years ago. Israeli apartheid and occupation — and United States complicity in that oppression — are the source of all this violence. Reality is shaped by when you start the clock.

For the past year, the most racist, fundamentalist, far-right government in Israeli history has ruthlessly escalated its military occupation of Palestinians in the name of Jewish supremacy, violent expulsions and home demolitions, mass killings, military raids on refugee camps, unrelenting siege and daily humiliation. In recent weeks, Israeli forces repeatedly stomped the holy Muslim sites in Jerusalem.

— Jewish Voice for Peace, Oct. 7

Palestinian women reject the false narrative of a two-state solution and instead know that their liberation can only come through ending the military occupation of Zionist forces in all territories, and for the right of return of all refugees and displaced people expelled from their homes in 1948 liv- ing in exile. Women across the world must unite together in solidarity against U.S. imperialist and vio- lence against women in all its forms. Our unity globally is critical to advance the movement to oppose U.S. imperialist support for the Zionist occupation of Palestine. The International Women’s Alliance is in unconditional sup- port of the Palestinian resistance against Zionist geno- cide of the Palestinian people.

— International Women’s Alliance, Oct. 12

The BDS movement strongly condemns the govern- ments of the colonial West for, once again, hypocriti- cally standing with apartheid Israel and duly adopting its deceptive timeline of the current “violence” as if it all happened this month with the current armed reaction of the oppressed Palestinians in Gaza. This skewed timeline is meant to hide the initial and escalating decades-long colonial violence of the oppressor.

Regardless of how people around the world view armed resistance and how international law regulates it, they cannot but agree with the Brazilian educator Paulo Freire who says: “With the establishment of a relationship of- ship of oppression, violence has already begun. Never in history has violence been initiated by the oppressed. ... Violence is initiated by those who oppress, who exploit, who fail to recognize others as persons — not by those who are oppressed, exploited, and unrecognized.”

— Palestinian BDS National Committee, Oct. 7

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A fight for the whole working class

Indigenous Peoples Day in Houston

Continued from page 4 over — including the hundreds of Native Nations and other oppressed nations within the U.S. imperial core, as well as other sovereign peoples designated as “states” by the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In Africa, this process has already begun, with French colonialist forces and their neo-colonial proxies being overthrown and expelled throughout the Sahel, and the U.S. forces under pressure to leave.

In Europe, NATO member regimes have had to reach deep into their pockets to fund their proxy war against Russia, often against the interests of their own national capitalists and always against the interests of the working-class population, while the war has devolved into a protracted stalemate with heavy Ukrainian casualties.

Imperialism’s dominant position is on the decline, and there is an opportunity for the working class and oppressed peoples of the whole world to bury that decline along.

The fight for Palestine’s national liberation is in a new phase and is part of this world-wide class struggle. The fight for Palestine must take sides, and with conviction. The fate of the Palestinian people is inextrica- bly tied to the fate of all working-class people.

— Amman, Jordan, Oct. 13, 2023

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Southeast Tejas Brown Berets, a grassroots Xicanx/o organization dedicated to education and defense of the community, held a successful banner drop over Houston’s busiest freeway on Indigenous Peoples Day, Oct. 9. One banner read “Indigenous Resistance” and the other said “Not Your Mascots — Indians, Chiefs, Redskins.” The two banners were greeted by a cacophony of honks from the freeway below in response to a sign reading “Honk if you agree.”

— Report and photo by Gloria Rubac
Israel is on its colonial deathbed

By Susan Abulhawa

The following article first appeared on The Electronic Intifada on Oct. 12.

After 17 years wherein Palestinians pleased with the EU for help, and activists tried in vain to break Israel’s criminally merciless siege of Gaza, Palestinian fighters finally broke free on Oct. 7 in a spectacular moment that shook the world.

In a stunning display of low-tech guerilla warfare, a few dozen sparsely armed commandos disabled Israeli watchtowers and paraded over the enslaved puebloas that have kept 2 million people caged in appalling conditions for nearly two decades. To the horror of the world, while Israel bombed them repeatedly to test its latest weaponry on Palestinian bodies and psyches.

These brave Palestinian fighters overtook Israeli colonies built on their ancestr- al villages, seeing their stolen lands for the first time in their lives even though their families have lived there 75 miles away. For 75 years, Israel has killed, maimed, robbed, brutalized, humiliated, dispossessed, harassed and terrorized Indigenous Palestinians with utter impunity. Decades of graphic photos and videos attesting to Israel’s wholesale barbarity against a principally unarmed Indigenous civil- isation population failed to elicit an iota of the outrage and headlines now aimed at Palestinians for daring to fight back.

Israel and its Western allies claimed shock and surprise and vowed “retalia- tion,” with analysts pondering such an outrageous failure of their intelligence system that extended into all our lives around the world. But we are to believe the Israelis had no idea what was planned right under their noses. They probably knew. And they waited for it.

Having watched American hawks unfurl their imperial plans across mil- lionsof dead and devastated lives across Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria and beyond, Israel has probably been salivating at the possibilities for its own such moment.

And now, just like that, the unrelent- ing Israeli anti-government protest pro- tests have come to an end. The criminal proceedings against [Israel’s President] Benjamin Netanyahu are paused indefinitely.

Israelis who were at war with each other just days ago are now united by the only thing that ever bound them in the first place—hate and the Indigenous people of the land.

Supporters of Israel around the world have watched and are actually glad. Israel has intensified its sys- tematic terrorism against Palestinians, particularly in Gaza, under the banner of “self-defense” without international condemnation (indeed with interna- tional blessings). And, given the claims of The Wall Street Journal, perhaps it will launch an attack on Iran.

Israel is an intensely violent settler-col- onial state engaged in heinous criminal- ity since its inception. It knows well how to impose its strength and implement its state terrorism with precision.

But its ghastly military might, its biggest strength, will be its downfall, because ultimately it is all that Israel has.

Whether or not Israel indeed knew of the plans in advance, those few free- dom fighters inspired not only the whole of Palestine but the oppressed masses worldwide, to imagine what freedom looks like, where peace is possible; and what life is attainable.

Their sacrifices have split the world in two and forced Arab governments to take heed of the will of their people, who are squarely in solidarity with their oppressed Palestinian sisters and broth- ers. There are Indigenous and colonized peo- ple everywhere.

Israel is a failing settler-colonial proj- ect. Unlike the genocidal successes in the American continents; Australia and New Zealand; Israel remains outnumbered, not only in the region, but worldwide.

There is scarcely a city anywhere in the Western world where there are no mass demonstrations in solidarity with Palestine. Only the ruling Western elite clings tooth and nail to its last settler-co- lonial hurrah in the world.

But ultimately, all its money and power and military wares will not be enough to stop the surge of the anti-Zionist movement, with Palestine at the heart of it all.

Susan Abulhawa is a writer and activ- ist. She is a founder and director of the Palestine Writes Literature Festival and a member of Workers World Party.

Letter from Gaza

‘We prefer to die standing than to give up’

By Ahmed Issa

Hello world,

I am from occupied Palestine. I live in the Gaza Strip. I am married and have two children, Bassam, five years old, and Adam, two years old. I’m 30 years old.

My family has lived in Gaza since 1948 as a result of the forcible dis- placement of my ancestors from their hometown Ashdoll. All my life, I’ve dreamed of returning to my homeland.

In 2020-2021, I secured the Chevening Award funded by the U.K. government to study MSc Marketing and Strategy at Waled Fences Business School in the U.K., which is considered one of the top univer- sities in its field.

After I completed my masters in 2022, I returned to Palestine to work as communication coordinator with GGateway, a social enterprise that aims at assisting unemployed youth and help- ing them earn a decent income to support their families, a meaningful and purposeful mission that aligned with my core values.

That’s why I returned, even though I had the chance to stay and work in the U.K. My people have suffered in Gaza for the past 17 years, with a high unemployment rate, lack of hope and basic human needs, such as water and electricity, and constant assaults by Israeli war- planes and military drones which target anything anytime. This is a young population full of energy but no opportunities to grow or flourish. This has resulted in an explo- sion towards the occupier. What did they expect from people living under such circumstances?

I believe what has happened on Oct. 7 is the result of years of the Israeli brutal occupation that suf- ferced and besieged people for so long. What do they expect?

I’ve been privileged to travel to the U.S. to attend the Palestine Writes Literature Festival via the Erez crossing. It was not easy to get permission to travel, but seeing how our people are denied access to travel, but I was lucky!

On my way out of Gaza, and for the first time in my life, I saw my Palestine. I expe- rienced the fresh air, looking for signs of our villages and greenery places where we all lived in peace. I kept wondering how so many settlers are living in peace with their families, in their homes, liv- ing in Europe on our land, compared to my life in Gaza, just a few meters away. [where we] are living under brutal and inhumane circumstances. How is that possible? Don’t settlers living on the other side know about the people suffering in Gaza?

They are talking about displacing us to Egypt, but I will never leave Gaza! I have several friends living in Egypt, but I have never felt that I belong anywhere.
The real terrorists – then and now

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murder or imprison the Panther leaders, based on racist demonization.

Palestinians face dehumanization

Although Jewish people had lived in peace with Muslims and Christians in Palestine for centuries, the European Zionists engaged in ethnic cleansing even before the Nakba in 1948, forcing over 760,000 Palestinians off their homelands and into exile. They had the full backing of the imperialists in Britain and the United States.

The Zionists called Palestine “A land without people, for a people without land,” and this dehumanizing, racist outlook has only grown worse over the decades to today. In 2001, following the attacks on Sept. 11, imperialist countries who bore responsibility for fueling the attacks with their brutal occupations of Arab lands used the Zionist myth to refer to Muslims people. Hamas leaders refused to acknowledge Israel’s right to exist as colonial occupiers who had forced Indigenous Palestinians from their land. Although Hamas played no role in the 9/11 attacks, suddenly they were labeled “terrorists” by Israel and the Western imperialists.

For decades, Israel has seized control of more and more Palestinian land in clear violation of international law governing countries occupying the land of other people. One of the motivators of the Oct. 7 uprising of Palestinians from Gaza was the rapid expansion of illegal Israeli settlements.

Without investigating, U.S. news pubs- ditions repeated allegations that Palestinian Milk-Filled Occupations, which it also helped to establish, that the source of this fake news report was an extremist Israeli settler, David Ben Zion, who incited race riots against Palestinians earlier this year, describing them as “ani- mals” with no heart who need to be “wiped out.” (Mint Press News, Oct. 14)

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has openly called for eth- nically cleansing of land remaining under Palestinian control. At an appearance at the United Nations in September, he held up a “map” where Palestine had been erased. There can be no doubt this is what the Zionists and world imperialists are attempting to carry out – wars crimes by definition under multiple international laws.

They continue to fall in line and pick up the racist labeling of Palestinians as “terrorists” who is ignoring the 75-year history of the occupation. Under interna- tional law, Palestinians were completely within their rights to resist against Israeli occupation by any means necessary. The real terrorists in Palestine are the Israeli Zionists and their backers in the U.S. imperialist state.

Stop the genocide!

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daughters that not only Palestinians but also some Western political leaders have called Gaza the largest open-air prison in the world. The Zionists called Palestine “A land without people, for a people without land,” and this dehumanizing, racist outlook has only grown worse over the decades to today.

Palestinians and are making it impos- sible for Palestinians to leave their homes. According to Mondoweiss (Oct. 15) the Israeli occupation has closed exits and entrances to all cities in the West Bank and blocked passage between them, and is not allowing people from the outside to enter.

Considering the imperialist domination of the media, it is no surprise that there have been no investigative reports who have tried to believe a word or a picture the corporate media publish about Palestine.

As an oppressed people and impres- sioned population, the Palestinian people have every right to strike back in whatever way they choose and, to quote the great Malcolm X, “by any means necessary.” It is no surprise that U.S. imperialism has promised more weapons to Israel and its air and marine carriers to the eastern Mediterranean Sea, where they can threaten to rain rockets and bombs on any potential allies of the Palestinians, including Russia. That is why the Israeli escalation here threatening a new, wider war in the region and demands resistance from all people who want peace.

Again, stop the war on Gaza! Long live the struggle of the Palestinian people!

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Letter from Gaza

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Else, if we were to die, we would prefer to die here in Gaza, for our family and children have agreed that we are staying together, and we will not leave.

“We are resilient and will never leave!”

We prefer to die standing than to give up. We have suffered a lot, we have suf- fered everything, we are resilient and can endure everything, and we will never leave! Even if they want to kill us! In this fight, the Palestinian people are going to persevere and stay in our country, no matter what. We will keep existing on this land, as I believe our existence is necessary. So we will continue to fight. We tried to convince me to stay in the U.K.

But I felt if I stay I will vanish, my identity will vanish. I know that I will have many benefits and privileges if I leave, but my impact and connection to Palestine will vanish. That’s why I returned to work with G4- way to help Palestinian youth improve them- selves and their skills to work with international clients as software develop- ers and digital marketers. Being here, feeling the suffering and enduring it with my people, is far more satisfying and fulfilling than being outside and not being connected.

In conclusion, we are the people who have the truth on our side. We are fac- ing a barbaric and brutal occupation and witness the killing of children and innocent civilians at night while they are sleeping. This is the Israeli strat- egy in all of their major aggressions in 2008, 2011 and 2014.

As a Palestinian and speaking on behalf of all Palestinians, we hope to live in peace, and we condemn any act of killing civilians on both sides. We condemn the killing of all our people in all cases. But there is a saying in the Quran, that Allah gave the permission for those who are oppressed to end their occupation by all means.

This is also legal by all the interna- tional laws and resolutions, such as the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 37/43 passed in 1982. It reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination, national integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and foreign occupation by all available means and methods of struggle.

Peace upon everyone.

Yours,

“unprivileged and human-animal”

Ahmed Isma

Israelis settle engaged in pogroms against Palestinians

The world watches in horror as Israeli rains thousands of U.S.-supplied bombs on Gaza, home to 2.3 million Palestinians. hairstyle, rather than their wearing it in a way that smacks of the Jewish religious and a kind of white supremacy.

This horrific attack, unleashed by the U.S.- backed Zionist state, is meant, say many Palestinians, to terrorize the people. The Israeli Defense Force has fired at those who resist and arrested and imprisoned those who protest peacefully, even children, denying them basic legal and human rights.

Youth, medics and journalists have been injured, even killed, and mass evacuations of the black neighborhoods threaten a new, wider war in the region and demands resistance from all people who want peace.

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Antiracist demonstrators gathered and rallied outside the White House on Oct. 1 near CNN headquarters, and marched downtown on Broadway past thousands of New Yorkers and tourists, passing through Times Square and ending at the New York Times building. The action was one of over 60 planned for the first weekend of October. (tinyurl.com/m3tn29v4) Participants in the rally organized a spirit of unity, welcoming all peoples and organizations engaged in the struggle against all forms of colonialism. By coming together at the event, these diverse voices and organizations demonstrated the interconnectedness of their struggles. Whatever their unique contexts and specific goals, their collective efforts contributed to a broader global struggle against imperialism and colonialism.

The public reception was overwhelmingly positive, with claps, cheers and honks from passing cars and even a city bus, highlighting a growing sentiment among the U.S. public that opposes militarism and foreign wars.

This gathering provided a platform for various anti-imperialist movements to be heard. The crowd had the privilege of listening to speeches from Bronx Boricua Resistance, a grassroots movement organizing for an independent and free state of Puerto Rico, free from the chains of U.S. colonialism.

A representative of the Palestinian Youth Movement also addressed the crowd, calling for a liberated Palestine free from Zionist settler-colonialism. Another group that captivated the audience was PEX Semillas de Libertad, a Peruvian diaspora organization. PEX Semillas is struggling against the Dina Boluarte coup regime in Peru, and demands that the political prisoners stand together in the hands of the workers, not U.S. and European corporations.

An (Associated Press) news story, “The U.S. warns of a Chinese global disinformation campaign that could undermine peace and stability,” was quoted from other government-funded organizations to reinforce its lies. This included Freedom House, which is 90% funded by U.S. federal grants.

The antirwar movement in the U.S. is aware of the media’s role. At a recent rally in front of CNN News followed by a march through Times Square to the New York Times media conglomerate, the chant was: “Corporate media, we can’t take lies anymore! Stop your drumbeat for war!” This reflected the growing rage at the role of the largest media conglomerates in promoting militarism and racism.

“Repeat a lie often enough, and it becomes the truth.” This adage has proven itself, and I’ve held a series of talks and interviews with different audiences describing the diversity of cultures, modern cities and new forms of technologies in Xinjiang, which I visited this May. My comments were greeted with a mixture of interest, curiosity and a frustrated suspicion from those who see the war as “defending democracy” around the world.

As U.S. workers see Washington send trillions of dollars to foment and fight wars that the U.S. is involved in, the U.S. empire. The U.S. and Britain sowed the seeds for the religion and culture of the people in the region, and the U.S. and Britain’s role in the war is growing. Polls show that a majority of people in the U.S. oppose sending additional weapons and money to fuel this war.

The Oct. 1 action was organized by the Bronx Antiracist Coalition, United National Anti-War Coalition, Antiwar and Peace in Ukraine Coalition.

The author is an organizer of the Bronx Antiracist Coalition. The long version of this article is available at workers.org/2023/10/737799

Protesters leave CNN headquarters at Columbus Circle in Manhattan to walk in the street and through crowds in Times Square Oct. 1, 2023.

By Richie Merino
New York City

One of 60 actions
Protest brings truth of Ukraine war to thousands

By Sara Flounders

This edited article was published in Global Times Oct. 10. The full article is at workers.org.

A recent nine-day visit to Xinjiang in September 2023 by 22 foreign journalists from over 20 countries and regions, which reported favorably on the vibrant local economy and China’s efforts to preserve national unity and ethnic harmony. The New York Times report stated: “China is showing the reality by inviting the world to visit and learn about Xinjiang. It is important to reveal all truths and let the world know why no Muslim country has ever backed up the charges of genocide in Xinjiang, charges that the U.S. government and its media spread. U.S. lies on Xinjiang foster hostility toward China

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Solidaridad mundial con Palestina

8 de octubre — Los asesinatos, las confiscaciones de territorios, los asentamientos ilegales y la ocupación del régimen israelí hicieron que la respuesta del pueblo palestino y de sus organizaciones de liberación fuera tan inevitable como justificable. Una vez más, en las circunstancias más difíciles, los palestinos han dado un ejemplo heroico a los pueblos de todo el mundo que anhelan liberarse del imperialismo.

El régimen sionista lleva bloqueando Gaza desde 2007, convirtiendo la estrecha franja en una prisión al aire libre para 2,3 millones de palestinos y en una galería de tiro donde los aviones israelíes bombardean y matan a civiles palestinos, 2,000 ya este año, incluidos niños.

El régimen de Netanyahu ha apoyado totalmente la construcción de asentamientos en Cisjordania, expulsando a los palestinos de su tierra natal. Los colonos sionistas han aumentado la violencia contra los palestinos y han profanado repetidamente la Mezquita de Al-Aqsa en Jerusalén.

El movimiento y el pueblo palestinos tienen todo el derecho a contraatacar de la forma que elijan y, citando al gran Malcolm X, “por cualquier medio necesario”. Las organizaciones palestinas saben que se enfrentan a un enemigo despiadado y han decidido lanzar un golpe directo contra ese enemigo.

La responsabilidad de las personas y organizaciones de todo el mundo que han expresado su solidaridad con la causa palestina y de sus organizaciones de liberación fuera tan solidaria y difundirla. Quienes en el resto del mundo desean justicia en Palestina deben tomar conciencia de lo que debemos esperar. Los regímenes de Estados Unidos y de la Unión Europea han lanzado sus armas y su dinero contra el Movimiento de Liberación de Palestina. Esto no es nada nuevo. Ha sido así desde 1948, si no antes.

El presidente estadounidense Joe Biden, como era de esperar, dijo que Estados Unidos respaldaría a Israel. Podemos esperar que Estados Unidos y sus aliados y sus medios de comunicación corporativos pongan obstáculos a cualquier expresión de solidaridad con Palestina.

La lucha del pueblo palestino es nuestra lucha. Los países que comercian con Cuba, algunos de ellos Estados Unidos, han pedido a Cuba de “terrorista” es un crimen mucho peor.

El año pasado, cuando la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas votó sobre el levantamiento del bloqueo a Cuba, el levantamiento del bloqueo ganó, por 185 a 2. Sólo Israel se unió a Estados Unidos para votar en contra de Cuba. Dos Estados canallas y los gobiernos de los otros 183 países están convencidos de que es un disparate llamarnos a Cuba un estado terrorista.

Así que si el ataque a la embajada cubana ha llamado más la atención sobre la flagrante mentira utilizada para hacer sufrir al pueblo cubano, utilizaremos esa atención para motivarlos y conseguir que Cuba sea eliminada de la lista. Ya existe una petición para exigir precisamente eso. Ya ha recorrido más de un tercio del camino hacia el objetivo de un millón de firmas. Para firmar y obtener más información, visite luchabalev.info.