

WW STATEMENT

U.S., Israel:

Stop the genocide!

**Bulletin: Oct. 17:** Israelis bombed Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, killing over 1,000 people.

An Israeli participant in the Kibbutz Be'eri 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 assault killed more than 2,300 people — including at least 1,000 children. The air invasion displaced nearly a million people and was in preparation



Bronx, New York, Oct. 15, 2023.

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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,

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Workers World newspaper dedicates this  
issue to the heroic Palestinian resistance

the new Israeli settler state had pushed more than half of the Palestinians out of historic Palestine into Gaza or exile in other lands.

The Zionist regime has been blockading Gaza since 2007, turning the narrow strip into the world's largest open-air concentration camp holding 2.3 million Palestinians. For Israeli warplanes, the strip is a shooting gallery with Palestinian civilians their human targets.

The governments of the U.S. and the other major NATO powers have already

lined up to support the Israeli siege of Gaza because the Zionist state is a military outpost facilitating their own imperialist plunder of West Asia.

It is thus up to all people who want justice to oppose these regimes and demand that the Israeli regime stop the bombing of Gaza, stop any land invasion, and end the blockade and siege of the territory and its people.

Especially those who live inside the imperialist countries must demand that the regimes directing these oppressor states stop their support for the Israeli regime and its army.

Those who raise the banner of justice in Palestine must expect that the imperialist governments and their corporate media will use all available weapons and devices to try to stop our actions of solidarity with Palestine. Already the German government has banned pro-Palestine demonstrations and the French and Spanish regimes' police have attacked protesters, but protests still continue.

Struggle of the oppressed  
distorted throughout history

Gaza's territory is roughly the same size and holds the same population as Chicago. One can hardly imagine what sort of horror the current bombing means for the people who are themselves mostly refugees or their

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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 unsanitary ones.

African peoples, whose lands were invaded by the Europeans, were given dehumanizing labels and kidnapped 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. citizens 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 murders, 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

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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 ... but they make my loved ones suffer instead."

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 activists 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.

"Texans 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. □



Vigil outside the execution of Jedidiah Murphy, Huntsville, Texas, Oct. 10, 2023. Murphy's brother is in the blue shirt and his sister is next to him in the center of the group.

## A letter to WW from Miley Fletcher

On Aug. 10, 2023, I was transferred out of [State Correctional Institution] Forest 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 I was supposed to just let them abuse prisoners in that special needs unit at SCI Forest. When she walked away she said, "Let that be a lesson to you."

I thought to myself: No matter what! I will never allow anyone in authority to abuse inmates in a prison.

I will see the Pennsylvania parole board in January 2024. For 32 years straight, I've been incarcerated. Once I'm on the outside, I will contact Workers World to

let you all know that I am still going to expose the wrongdoing of Pennsylvania's state correctional facilities.

Even before I started transitioning, I've seen so much abuse towards prisoners. We are people, not dogs. Even though some on the outside may believe we deserve to be here, we do change and we do regret what we've done in our past. Even before I was transgender, the abuse others and I have endured by guards, lieutenants, captains and staff is a real shame on them. I'll never understand what they got out of it.

The kind of people who work in Pennsylvania prisons are criminals. The abuse and even murder that they've gotten away with is sickening. They've even

transferred prisoners from one prison to the next due to our complaints. Others who are incarcerated would agree with me.

We're retaliated against for doing what's right. None of us prisoners lie about 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 who 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!      □



GRAPHIC: CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL COALITION



# Rally targets media censorship of Palestinian resistance

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.

A flier distributed by the Coalition criticized “liberal” media like NPR for: “Portraying settler and state violence as ‘clashes’ and ‘tensions’ between two sides and failing to recognize the asymmetrical power imbalance between the U.S.-backed Israeli military apparatus and resistance movements across Palestine.

“Local media outlets have historically censored pro-Palestinian organizers and used false balance journalism to create biased pro-Zionist narratives which subvert necessary context for the ongoing resistance to Zionist occupation of Palestine.”

Participation in the rally was largely by Palestinian students and youth, with many supporters. Students for Justice in Palestine chapters from area universities, including Drexel, Temple, Swarthmore, University of Delaware, Bryn Mawr and Haverford, and Penn Against Occupation were in attendance and presented their combined statement.



Philadelphia protest hits media coverage of Palestinian resistance, Oct. 12, 2023.

The students denounced the increased targeting and doxxing of Palestinian students and others who speak out on their campuses against Israeli injustice and occupation: “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.

“The clear bias present in branding Palestinian fighters as ‘terrorists’ and adopting colonizer language — not much different to language used to address the Indigenous people of Turtle Island — in addition to the fear mongering perpetuated by Zionist organizations within academia as a means of oppression and racialization

is in itself a violent act of repression.”

A collective of Black, Puerto Rican and Filipino activists from Black Lives Matter, Philly Boricuas, 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 demonstration marched from WHYY two blocks to the Philadelphia Inquirer offices, across from 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 Zionists will get us kicked out of office, but the more people speak out, the less they can go after us.” Wilson-Anton told the youth: “I’m 30 years old, and I’ve seen a lot of change in this country. Keep this up and don’t get scared.”

As the rallies were taking place, individual reporters from both WHYY and the Inquirer came out to speak with demonstrators. Coverage on WHYY radio seemed to include more interviews with Palestinians the day after the rally, but the Inquirer barely mentioned the event.

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 in the Gaza Strip, the need for fair reporting is paramount. □

# The fight for Palestinian liberation is a fight for the whole working class

By **Arjae 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 supremacy 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.

U.S. aid to Israel each year amounts to \$3 billion to \$4 billion, with a new \$2 billion aid package announced just a few days ago. The overwhelming majority of this is military aid. Every penny sent to Israel to fund genocide against Palestinians, or sent to Ukraine to fund a proxy war against Russia, is money that was collected from workers in the U.S. These workers must go without health-care and adequate housing, are drowning in debt, and live in an increasingly dilapidated country that casts the rights and interests of those who generate the wealth aside.

Why is our tax money used to fund war and genocide across the world instead of improving the lives of working class and oppressed people here? Because these mili-

tary adventures are what keep the imperialist ruling class on the top of the global food chain. Israel is a military outpost for world imperialism, a foothold in a resource-rich region from which capitalist-colonialism intends to extract everything.

**Who do the Palestinians fight?**

It is not only the Israeli military and their settler militias that the Palestinians must fight for national liberation. It is the whole global capitalist-imperialist ruling class.

By attacking Israeli occupation and Zionist settler-state ideology, the working-class movement is attacking world imperialism and the capitalist system itself. The capitalist ruling class knows this well, and that is why all imperialist

governments and the corporate media unanimously and viciously denounce the Palestinian resistance. Republicans, Democrats, Fox, CNN, etc., all speak with one voice and one script when excusing or ignoring the crimes of Israel while vilifying Palestinians.

U.S. dollars and bombs are used to spill Palestinian blood, for the benefit only of the microscopic minority of capitalists who sit at the head of the military-industrial complex and the world imperialist system. The liberation of Palestine and the defeat of Zionist colonialism would be a serious setback for imperialism.

Such liberation would inspire further uprisings from colonized and working class and oppressed peoples the world

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# Autoworkers strike starts second month strong

By **Martha Grevatt**  
Streetsboro, Ohio

Nearly 9,000 Ford workers at the Kentucky Truck Plant added their numbers to the 25,300 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.

KTP is Ford’s most profitable plant, generating \$25 billion in revenue per year — more than some Fortune 500 companies. “That’s \$48,000 a minute,” said UAW President Shawn Fain, speaking to union members Oct. 13 on Facebook live. “Our labor at Kentucky Truck generates more revenue each minute than thousands of our members make in a year.”

The decision to take out KTP was made around 6 p.m. after a brief meeting between union negotiators and Ford management representatives. Fain and the negotiating team became incensed when Ford bosses made the same offer they had rejected two weeks prior, with no improvements. By 6:30 p.m., workers were streaming out of the plant in droves and immediately setting

up picket lines.

Prior to that Wednesday evening, Fain was announcing every Friday which plants or warehouses, if any, would be joining the strike. Now there is an added element of surprise, making it even harder for Big Three bosses to plan production. Workers at any facility could



Stellantis strikers outside the parts distribution center in Streetsboro, Ohio, Oct. 15, 2023.

be asked to “stand up and walk out” at a moment’s notice.

Solidarity with UAW strikers continues to grow. A recent Associated Press poll showed only 9% of respondents had sympathy for the auto companies. Autoworkers from Italy, England and Brazil recently traveled to the U.S. to walk the picket lines with their U.S. counterparts. Restaurants and bakeries are giving strikers free food.

While the three companies have upped their offers in regards to pay raises and other contract terms, the two antagonistic class groupings have not reached agreement on key issues, such as pensions and health insurance for lower seniority workers when they retire, and making everyone a permanent employee after 90 days. GM, Ford and Stellantis want to maintain the divisive, multi-tier pay and benefit structure, paying future workers less.

“We’re not messing around,” Fain declared. “Why is it when they kill thousands of jobs it’s business as usual, but when working-class people stand up and ask for more it’s a crisis? ... The working class in this country is fed up with being bullied by rich corporations and the wealthy. The working class in this country is sticking together.” □

# In solidarity with Palestinian resistance

## Massachusetts activists blockade weapons dealers

By Steve Gillis  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

A determined group of pro-Palestine activists, organized word-of-mouth by the emergency Shut Elbit Down coalition, surprised the Cambridge, Massachusetts, police force and the corporate criminals 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 signage — nestled in a tree-canopied residential neighborhood between Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — in a flash became a battlefield. Red paint, splattered on the sidewalk and walls to represent the blood of Gaza’s bombarded residents, spelled out the demand at the previously clandestine door: “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 blaring.

In a long-planned and tactically coordinated strike before sunrise the same day, activists with Demilitarize Western Mass blockaded the employee parking lot of L3Harris Technologies — a \$17 billion weapons manufacturer in the leafy university town of Northampton which employs 50,000 worldwide. They used three boat trailers, a boat, their bodies and chains to cause a miles-long rural traffic jam, locking out that morning’s producers of death for profit for hours.

### Activists refuse to be intimidated

These courageous blockaders brought the war home in a climate of severe repression targeting the Palestinian-led, campus-based Students for Justice in Palestine and

its allies. This repression is orchestrated by billionaire Zionists who hold power on university boards overseeing the world’s largest endowments.

Following a rally of hundreds of defenders of the Palestinian resistance at Cambridge City Hall on Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, Oct. 9, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and former Harvard President Lawrence Summers organized a propaganda storm. Summers and the media demanded resignations, suspensions, recantations and job losses for those who dared criticize the genocidal mass imprisonment and slaughter of Gaza’s people by the settler-colonial Israeli regime.

A CNN story on Oct. 11 headlined “Harvard student groups issued an anti-Israel statement. CEOs want them blacklisted,” reported in depth on an LED billboard truck circling Harvard Square with police protection. Displayed were pictures and names of mostly Palestinian students and their supporters under the words “Harvard’s greatest antisemites.”

This illegal doxxing has caused multiple death threats and personal attacks by a myriad of Zionists, police agencies, university authorities, and current and prospective employers.

### Blockaders laud resistance

The Shut Elbit Down press release, read aloud through a megaphone by locked-down antiwarriors, declared in part: “We are witnessing the most significant Palestinian resistance operation in 50 years. On October 7, Palestinians broke through the colonial border fence that holds 2 million people within the ‘open-air



Shut Elbit Down protesters locked down at Elbit Systems’ Cambridge, Massachusetts, front door. Oct. 12, 2023.

prison’ of the Gaza Strip and liberated their land, land which has been stolen since 1948. In response, Israel’s ‘War Minister’ ordered a ‘complete siege’ and carried out a barbaric bombardment of Gaza, murdering at least 1,078 Palestinians in the past five days and injuring at least 5,314 more.

“The weapons Israel is deploying to surveil, maim and mass murder Palestinians are supplied by the company that operates right here in our city. Elbit Systems, Israel’s largest weapons dealer ... supplies 85% of Israel’s drone fleet, along with land-based equipment, bullets, tear gas and internationally banned weapons [cluster and white phosphorus bombs]. Elbit weapons are being used to murder Palestinians right now. We will not let Elbit continue business as usual! . . .

“We will continue to take action to make it impossible for Elbit to operate in Cambridge until Elbit is gone. Shut Elbit Down!” (#ShutElbitDown on X) □

# 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 resistance is rising throughout occupied Palestine, smashing the siege on Gaza with a comprehensive offensive confronting the occupier by land and air, taking control of Palestinian land, seizing occupation settlers and soldiers and launching thousands of missiles as Palestinian resistance forces fight to advance the return and liberation of Palestine.

The new resistance operation, titled the Al-Aqsa Flood by Mohammed Deif, commander in chief of the Izz el-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, comes on the 50th anniversary of the 1973 war, in which Egypt reclaimed the occupied Sinai from Zionist occupation, and is set to alter the direction of the struggle in occupied Palestine, moving from resistance toward revolution and liberation.

The resistance operation comes in response to the ongoing stream of crimes against the Palestinian people, the daily murder of Palestinians on the streets of the West Bank of occupied Palestine, the siege on Gaza, the theft of land for settlements, the denial of refugees’ 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.

It also comes to bring about the liberation of Palestinian prisoners, as part and parcel of the Palestinian people and land. The occupation has repeatedly dragged its feet in conducting a prisoner exchange with the resistance, and now the resistance has announced that it has taken a significant number of prisoners from among the occupation soldiers and settlers in order to liberate the 5,250 Palestinian prisoners in occupation prisons, including the 1,350 jailed without charge or trial under administrative 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 status 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 domination on the Palestinian people.

In particular, coming as it does on the 50th anniversary 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, indicating a new path forward with a clear goal: liberation and nothing less.

It builds upon the liberation from occupation of south Lebanon by the Lebanese resistance, led by Hezbollah in 2000, and the defeat of the Zionist invasion of Lebanon in 2006, as well as the successive heroic battles waged by the Palestinian resistance throughout occupied Palestine — and especially from its base area of resistance land in Gaza.

In his statement announcing the operation, Deif said: “Starting from today, security coordination ends. Today, the people reclaim their revolution, correct their path, and return to the march of return.”

He called upon all to participate in the resistance, and specifically to all the forces of resistance in the region, in Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Yemen, and all of the Arab peoples from the Gulf to the ocean, to join in this battle, which is their battle for freedom, dignity and liberation, declaring “It is time for the forces of Arab resistance to unite.”

### 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 liberation forces and movements, and solidarity committees 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 organize popular, political and media demonstrations and events to expose the Zionist crimes against our people in occupied Palestine.

“The heroic 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 starvation and siege that the United States and its agents have engineered against our peoples in the region, especially in Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Iran.”

As the Palestinian resistance confronts occupation forces, it is critical that internationalists everywhere speak out, mobilize and act to confront the U.S.-led imperialist system, including the EU states, Britain and all complicit powers, to end their ongoing crimes against the Palestinian people and to defend the resistance.

These crimes are reflected not only in the Balfour Declaration and the \$3.8 billion in U.S. military aid to the occupation 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” occupation 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! □



# FREE, FREE PALESTINE!

# *This is what* **SOLID**



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London, England march to U.S. Embassy, Oct. 9



Lahore, Pakistan



Sydney, Australia, Oct. 9, 2023



# DARITY looks like!



Africa, Oct. 11, 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, unwavering in our support, unwavering 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 Palestine, free of imperialism, colonialism, racism and Zionism.

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

There are a large number of “Israeli” captives, and there are senior officers among the captives. 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-Arouri, 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 salvation 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 sanctities. Therefore, the battle continues, escalates until achieving the victory with the deserved freedom of our people.

We will not continue to accept the desecration of our sanctities, or the imprisonment of our prisoners 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 73,000 people from their homes. The women have lost their children and cannot find their bodies or give them



Amman, Jordan, Oct. 13, 2023

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**

We consider the United States to be a full partner in Zionist aggression, and we hold it fully responsible for the killings, crimes, siege, destruction of homes and houses, and horrifying massacres against innocent civilians, including children, women and the elderly.

We call on the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, which know the ugly truth of America and its aggression against the peoples of our nation in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan, to condemn the American intervention along with its international and regional partners, and to expose this intervention at all political, popular, media and legal levels, and in various regional and international forums and gatherings.

— **Hezbollah, Oct. 11**

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 1983, 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 issue.

— **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 struggles.

— **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 with violent expulsions and home demolitions, mass killings, military raids on refugee camps, unrelenting siege and daily humiliation. In recent weeks, Israeli forces repeatedly stormed the holiest 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 to be realized for every Palestinian refugee living in exile. Women across the world must also unite together in solidarity against U.S. imperialism and violence 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 support of the Palestinian resistance against Zionist genocide of the Palestinian people.

— **International Women’s Alliance, Oct. 12**

The BDS movement strongly condemns the governments of the colonial West for, once again, hypocritically standing with apartheid Israel and duly adopting its deceptive timeline of the current “violence” as if it all began this morning with the powerful 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 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 [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions]**

The PRCF and the JRCF stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people and their youth in their struggle for justice and self-determination. Their emancipation is the best guarantee for the security and rights of Israeli workers and democrats.

We will continue to denounce Israeli oppression and work for a future of peace and freedom in Palestine. And we must work here in France against the Euro-Atlantic allies of the state of Israel, i.e., Macron, the EU and NATO, who constantly support the State of Israel while feigning indignation, and who participate in the destabilization of the entire region, as they do elsewhere in the world.

— **Pole of Communist Revival in France (PRCF) and Youth for Communist Revival in France (JRCF), Oct. 7**

## A fight for the whole working class

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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 colonial property.

In Africa, this process has already begun, with French colonialist forces and their neocolonial proxies being overthrown and expelled throughout the Sahel, and the U.S.

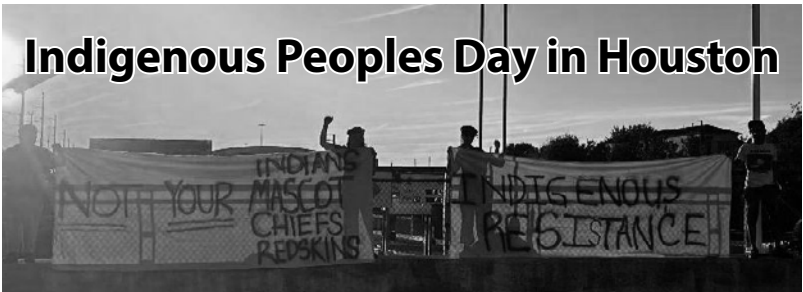
forces under pressure to leave.

In Europe, NATO member regimes have had to reach deep into their pockets to fund the proxy war against Russia, often against the interests of their own national capitalists and always against the interests of their 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 hurry that decline along.

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



Southeast Tejas Brown Berets, a grassroots Xicana/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 pleaded with the world 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 shocked the world.

In a stunning display of low-tech guerrilla warfare, a few dozen sparsely armed commandos disabled Israeli watchtowers and paraglided over the electrified fences that have kept 2 million people caged in appalling conditions for nearly two decades in full view 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 ancestral villages, seeing their stolen lands for the first time in their lives even though they are less than a few 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 civilian 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 "retaliation," with analysts pondering such an egregious failure of their intelligence apparatus — one of the most sophisticated in the world.

Such are the disparate narratives between East and West, between the Global South and Global North. And the truth is likely far more sinister and cynical.

## Unfathomable cruelty

Israel is now going through its worn playbook, outdoing its already unfathomable cruelty. Defense Minister Yoav Gallant declared, "I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we will act accordingly." (Times of Israel, Oct. 9)



Destruction in Rafah, Gaza, killed 44 families on Oct. 7, 2023.

PHOTO: AHMED TAWFEQ/APA IMAGES

Following implementation of these genocidal words against 2 million civilians, half of whom are children, Israel commenced bombing schools, universities, mosques, communications towers, water treatment plants, residential buildings, factories, hospitals, ambulances and roads. (aljazeera.com, Oct. 9)

Per usual, the Western media is falling in step with Zionist propaganda that this was "an unprovoked attack," and that Israel has a right to "self-defense."

A Wall Street Journal headline screamed, "Iran supported Hamas in attack against Israel," despite the U.S. State Department saying that it has not seen any evidence of Iranian involvement.

And, most sensationally, the media are echoing the Zionist soundbite that "this is Israel's 9/11 moment."

Given that the U.S. wreaked merciless devastation throughout the Arab and Muslim world in the wake of 9/11, what does it mean to say that this is Israel's 9/11 moment? What are we being set up for?

Is such a serious intelligence failure on the part of Israel, the U.S. and all their allies combined possible?

At any given time, Israel has drones circling the skies over Gaza, monitoring every movement 24/7 inside the tiny enclave, continuously running captured images through cutting-edge facial recognition software to the point that it can ascertain when individual family members visit each other. Israel has satellites doing the same in orbit.

On the ground, Israel has assets

(traitors) feeding it information, often in return for simple life-saving medicines like insulin. Israel has the world's most advanced systems for surveillance of digital communications.

This is to say nothing of U.S. and European intelligence sharing.

The likelihood that Israel had no hint, as it claims, of such an elaborate, coordinated operation of guerilla resistance is quite low.

Israel knew about a simple Palestinian literature festival thousands of miles away in Philadelphia over the past few weeks and fought to contain it.

## State terrorism

The vast network of Zionist organizations acts as an appendage of the Israeli state that extends 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 millions of 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 unrelenting Israeli anti-government street protests have come to an end. The criminal proceedings against [Israel's President] Benjamin Netanyahu are paused indefinitely.

Israeli people 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 — hatred and fear of the Indigenous people of the land.

Supporters of Israel around the world have rallied around an openly fascist government. Israel has intensified its systematic terrorism against Palestinians, particularly in Gaza, under the banner of "self-defense" without international condemnation (indeed with international blessings). And, given the claims of The Wall Street Journal, perhaps it will launch an attack on Iran.

Israel is an intensely violent settler-colonial state engaged in heinous criminality 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 freedom fighters inspired not only the whole of Palestine but the oppressed masses worldwide, to imagine what freedom looks like; what resistance 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 brothers, as are Indigenous and colonized people everywhere.

Israel is a failing settler-colonial project. Unlike the genocidal successes in the Americas, Australia and New Zealand, Israel remains outnumbered, not only in the region, but worldwide.

There is scarcely a city anywhere in the world today that has not seen mass demonstrations in solidarity with Palestine. Only the ruling Western elite clings tooth and nail to its last settler-colonial hurrah in the world.

But ultimately, all its money and power and military wares will not be enough to stem the swelling tide of global decolonization, with Palestine at the heart of it all.

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## 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 displacement of my grandparents from their hometown Ashdod. 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 Warwick Business School in the U.K., which is considered one of the top universities in the world.

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 helping them earn a decent income to support their families, a meaningful and purposeful



PHOTO: JOE PIETTE / PALESTINE WRITES

Ahmed Issa speaking at Palestine Writes Festival, Sept. 24, 2023.

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 warplanes 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 explosion 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 suffocated 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, because most of my 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 experienced 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 high human conditions as if they were living 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 experiences being outside of Gaza, but I have never felt that I belong anywhere

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# 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, many imperialist countries who bore responsibility for fueling the attacks with their brutal occupations of Arab lands used the term “terrorists” to refer to Muslim 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 West, and continue to be to this day.

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 pundits repeated allegations that Palestinian militants decapitated babies. It turns out 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 “animals” with no heart who need to be “wiped out.” (Mint Press News, Oct. 14)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has openly called for ethnic 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 imperialism are attempting to carry out today — war crimes by definition under multiple international laws.

Those who continue to fall in line and pick up the racist labeling of Palestinians as “terrorists” are ignoring the 75-year history of the occupation. Under international law, Palestinians were completely within their rights to rebel 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. □

## Israeli settlers engaged in pogroms against Palestinians

While the eyes of the world are focused on Israel’s devastation of Gaza and efforts to ethnically cleanse over 1 million Palestinians, Israelis — illegally living in settlements in the West Bank — are carrying out pogroms against Palestinians. Armed with thousands of U.S.-supplied M16 rifles, settlers have killed over 50

Palestinians and are making it impossible 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.

# Stop the genocide!

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descendants, where there is no functioning economy, where half the population are children, and where the Israeli blockade makes it near impossible to leave. There are good reasons that not only Palestinians but also some Western political leaders have called Gaza the largest open-air prison in the world.

Those in solidarity with Palestine should remember that in every historical battle of oppressed people for freedom or of workers fighting against exploitation, the oppressors resorted to the worst lies and distortions in an attempt to dehumanize the oppressed and exploited people. The goal of these lies is to prepare for the cruelest repression and to break popular solidarity with the struggle of the oppressed. Study the history of the lies slandering revolts of enslaved people, of the Paris Commune, of the Warsaw Ghetto and the 1971 uprising of the prisoners in Attica in New York state.

Considering the imperialist domination of the media, it is no surprise that they have spread the rulers’ lies. There is no reason to believe a word or a picture the corporate media publish about Palestine.

As an oppressed, occupied and imprisoned 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 has ordered aircraft carriers to the eastern Mediterranean Sea, where they can threaten to rain rockets and bombs on any potential allies of the Palestinians, including Iran. Thus the Israeli escalation of the battle threatens 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! □

## Letter from Gaza

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else. If we were to die, we would prefer to die here in Gaza. All my family members 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 suffered everything, we are resilient and can endure everything, and we will never leave! Even if they want to kill us!

We, 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 resistance. So many friends of mine have 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 GGateway to help Palestinian youth improve themselves and their skills to work with international clients as software developers and digital marketers. Being here, feeling the suffering and enduring it with my people, is far more satisfying and fulfilling to me than being outside and not being connected.

In conclusion, we are the people who have the truth on our side. We are facing a barbaric and brutal occupation and witness the killing of children and innocent civilians at night while they

are sleeping. This is the Israeli strategy in all of their major aggressions in 2008, 2014, 2021 and now.

If you are feeling sorry about what you have seen recently, please take a closer look at all the pictures and the videos coming from Gaza to compare and contrast between our resistance fighters and the brutal occupier. I know you will not, because the mainstream media will not show you anything from our side. But, if you have heart, you will look and find the truth. You will be able to judge for yourself.

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 all acts of violence all the time 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 international laws and resolutions, such as the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 37/43 passed in 1982. It reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of people for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and foreign occupation by all available means, including armed struggle.

Peace upon everyone.

Yours,  
“uncivilized and human-animal”  
Ahmed Issa

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The world watches in horror as Israel rains thousands of U.S.-supplied bombs on Gaza, home to 2.3 million Palestinians. Rubble from crumbled buildings fills the streets. Photos show frantic parents rushing to save their children. One million Palestinians have been displaced, with nowhere to go.

This horrific attack, unleashed by the U.S.-backed Zionist state, is meant, say many Palestinians, to take over more of their land—a second Nakba, the term they use for the U.S./British-backed Zionist forcible evacuation in 1948 of 750,000 of these Indigenous people out of their homes, farms and villages to create the state of Israel.

For decades, Israel has brutally repressed the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and in Gaza, while spouting racist propaganda. The Zionist regime has bombed Gaza mercilessly and shot missiles meant to



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terrorize the people. The Israeli Defense Force has fired at those who resist, arrested and jailed those who protest peacefully, even children, denying them basic legal and human rights. Youth, medics and journalists have been maimed, even killed, in occupied Palestine, while Israel denies responsibility and Western imperialists say nothing.

Workers World newspaper exposes Israel’s real history and writes critically of the Zionist state’s military aggression, occupation and racism. Our paper is partisan, siding with the besieged Palestinian people—those who struggle to survive, those who resist, those who face state and Zionist settler violence and those who are imprisoned—for justly demanding their rights, land and freedom,

Significantly, WW articles reveal the complicity of the U.S. government which staunchly backs the Israeli state—and funds its military \$3.8 billion a year, while supplying powerful weapons used to maintain its rule

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One of 60 actions

Protest brings truth of Ukraine war to thousands

By **Richie Merino**  
New York City

Antiwar demonstrators gathered and rallied at Columbus Circle in Manhattan 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 week of October. ([tinyurl.com/m3tn29v4](https://tinyurl.com/m3tn29v4))

Participants and organizers embraced a spirit of unity, welcoming all peoples and organizations engaged in the struggle against U.S. and NATO imperialism. 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 colonization.

The public reception was overwhelmingly positive, with claps, cheers and honks of support from passing cars and even a city bus, highlighting a growing sentiment among the U.S. public that opposes militarism and funding for the war in Ukraine.

This gathering provided a platform for various anti-imperialist

movements to be heard. The crowd had the privilege of listening to speakers from Bronx Boricua Resistance, a grassroots movement organizing for an independent and sovereign 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 control of natural resources of Peru be in the hands of the workers, not U.S. and



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

European corporations.

Attorney Audrey Bomse of the Miami National Lawyers Guild addressed the crowd. Bomse has contact with Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab, who the U.S. kidnapped and now holds as a political prisoner. She shed light on the persecution and torture faced by Saab and pointed out the importance of advocating for his release and the release of all U.S. political prisoners.

As support for the war continues to erode among the U.S. public—an erosion reflected even in Congress—it becomes increasingly important to reveal not only the motives behind the U.S./NATO involvement in Ukraine but to question all conflicts and wars that the U.S. is involved in.

A more accurate analysis

The U.S. and NATO’s role in provoking and perpetuating the war in Ukraine has become abundantly clear.

As U.S. workers see Washington send \$115 billion to fund the war in Ukraine while ignoring the poverty and desperation of people at home, opposition to the war is growing. Polls show that a majority of people in the U.S. oppose sending additional weapons and money to Ukraine. This opposition has already shifted the propaganda from portraying the war as “defending democracy”

to promoting the war as beneficial to U.S. interests.

These arguments contradict the initial narrative that the war was an “unprovoked invasion.”

The obstacles to peace are not Putin and Moscow, but the aggressive expansion of NATO to Russia’s borders by the U.S. empire. The U.S. and Britain sabotaged peace negotiations in the early days of the conflict, rejecting these talks in March 2022. U.S. and other NATO strategists have openly admitted they hope to weaken Russia by keeping the war going as long as possible, whatever the costs in lives to Russians and Ukrainians.

An end to the fighting can only be achieved when the U.S., NATO and their stenographers in the corporate media take responsibility for their actions and stop the militarization of Ukraine and military encirclement of Russia. They must also commit to keeping Ukraine neutral and out of NATO.

The Oct. 1 action was organized by the Bronx Antiwar Coalition, United National Antiwar Coalition, Workers World Party, and Peace in Ukraine Coalition.

*The author is an organizer of the Bronx Antiwar Coalition. A longer version of this article is available at [workers.org/2023/10/73729](https://workers.org/2023/10/73729)* □

U.S. lies on Xinjiang foster hostility toward China

By **Sara Flounders**

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A recent nine-day visit to Xinjiang in September 2023 by 22 foreign journalists from 17 overseas media organizations reported favorably on the vibrant local economy and China’s efforts to preserve the local traditional and diverse cultures.

Instead of ending the flood of lies in the U.S. media about Xinjiang, a U.S. State Department agency, the Global Engagement Center, attacked this fact-finding visit, the visiting journalists and also China. This U.S. agency released a 58-page report warning that China’s information campaign on Xinjiang “could sway public opinion and undermine U.S. interests.” The U.S. corporate media dutifully picked up the report and spread it.

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

The antiwar 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 busy Times Square to the New York Times media conglomerate, the resounding 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 comment, attributed to Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, is obvious in how news coverage in the U.S. is organized today.

Sometimes this leads even well-meaning people astray. They might say that, “I’ve heard so often that there is slave labor and genocide of the Uygur Muslim people in Xinjiang, so it must be true.”

I’ve held a series of talks and interviews with different audiences describing the diversity of cultures, modern cities and new farming techniques in Xinjiang, which I visited this May. My comments were greeted with a mixture of interest, curiosity and a frustrated suspicion from the U.S. media, which have continually lied in the past and demonized a targeted country to justify each war.

In discussing my visit to Xinjiang, I often begin by asking an audience not to take only my short visit as the basis for their understanding of conditions in Xinjiang. It is more important to ask why no Muslim country has ever backed up the charges of genocide in Xinjiang, charges that the U.S. government and its

politicians, as well as talking heads in the media repeat endlessly.

A visit by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation with 57 member states and later a delegation from the Arab League praised the Chinese government’s policies and the harmonious relations and respect for the religion and culture of the people that they observed.

The June visit by the delegation from the Arab League was immediately denounced by the Voice Of America. The VOA is a U.S. government-owned news network that produces digital, radio and TV content in 48 languages and distributes it internationally. This response exposes how threatened the U.S. is by a different view of China reaching people around the world.

China is showing the reality by inviting increasing numbers of visitors to see Xinjiang for themselves. □

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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,



Palestinos capturan un tanque israelí, 7 de octubre de 2023.



Solidaridad palestina en Sana'a, Yemen, 7 de octubre, 2023.

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, 200 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 lucha palestina por la liberación es redoblar sus esfuerzos en las circunstancias actuales para mostrar esa solidaridad 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.

Debemos seguir adelante de todos modos.

Aunque el régimen de Benjamin Netanyahu que dirige el Estado sionista parece haberse sorprendido por la audacia y el valor de las incursiones desde Gaza, utilizará las batallas que se avecinan para intentar estabilizar su control del poder en lo que respecta a la lucha interna del Estado sionista supremacista blanco. Ya ha comenzado a atacar múltiples objetivos civiles en Gaza, amenazando a todas las personas que viven allí.

Netanyahu también ha estado presionando por una guerra contra Irán liderada por Estados Unidos y puede intentar llevar a cabo una guerra de este tipo de nuevo — junto con aliados en el establecimiento de Estados Unidos.

Planteamos estas posibilidades simplemente para preparar al movimiento de solidaridad, en la medida de lo posible, para lo que podemos enfrentarnos, para las preguntas a las que tendremos que responder.

¡Viva la lucha del pueblo palestino! □



Bronx, Nueva York, 15 de octubre, 2023

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Nueva York

Haz que las bombas incendiarias  
contra Cuba hagan boomerang

MUNDO OBRERO

editorial

Ya está fuera de los titulares. Pero su mensaje sigue vigente. Hablamos de los artefactos incendiarios que los terroristas lanzaron contra la Embajada de Cuba en Washington, D.C.

El mensaje es obvio: hay algo fuera de lugar si el Estado canalla más peligroso del mundo -con sede en Washington- puede incluir a Cuba en la lista de países “terroristas”, ya que Cuba extiende más solidaridad humanitaria per cápita al resto del mundo que cualquier otro país.

Esta contradicción es un punto sobre el que reflexionar, especialmente para cualquiera que habite dentro de las entrañas del monstruo. Los que viven en Estados Unidos están sometidos a un Niágara de propaganda proimperialista que les nubla la vista, les priva de aire para respirar y espacio para pensar. Es posible que no capten el mensaje.

Así que los que captaron el mensaje tienen el deber de repetirlo, de compartirlo con los demás.

Nadie que represente a la Cuba socialista ha hecho nada que se parezca

en modo alguno a un acto terrorista, es decir, un asalto armado contra civiles para lograr un objetivo político.

Cuba socialista sí ofrece voluntarios médicos entrenados y dedicados que han servido en todos los rincones del mundo donde han ocurrido desastres, a veces arriesgando sus propias vidas. Los trabajadores médicos cubanos han tratado envenenamientos nucleares en Chernóbil, han rescatado a víctimas de terremotos e inundaciones en Pakistán y Haití y han ayudado en la atención a pacientes del COVID-19 en muchos países, entre ellos Italia, en América Latina, el Caribe y África.



Crece el movimiento para frenar el terror económico de EE.UU. contra Cuba.

Han salvado la vida de miles de personas. Con operaciones de cataratas han devuelto la vista a más personas en toda América Latina y el Caribe.

Comparen esto con los actos del gobierno de Estados Unidos, trabajando a través del Pentágono y la CIA. Este régimen ha invadido o bombardeado con terror, sin provocación alguna, Yugoslavia, Afganistán, Irak, Libia... en orden cronológico, destrozando estos países, matando a millones de personas y sembrando la miseria y el caos. Y esto no es más que una lista parcial.

Luego, porque a pesar de su poder en declive, este mismo Estado canalla no sólo bloquea a Cuba, sino que tiene el descaro sin paliativos de colocar a Cuba en una lista que impide a otros países comerciar con Cuba, haciendo sufrir así a los cubanos de a pie.

Es un crimen que se puedan lanzar bombas incendiarias contra la embajada cubana. Es una admisión de la participación oficial de Estados Unidos en este crimen que nadie haya sido

capturado. Pero no es ni mucho menos el peor crimen que el imperialismo yanqui ha cometido contra el pueblo cubano. Bloquear la economía cubana, calumniar 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 185 países están convencidos de que es un disparate llamar 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, utilicemos esa atención para movilizarnos 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.

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