

Freedom Within Reach

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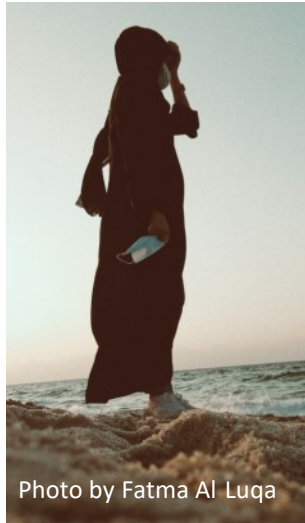


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Palestine on the Ground

Since May 2021, the world has been witnessing a spectacular display of *sumud* (steadfastness) by Palestinians and their co-strugglers in the face of a renewed Israeli assault on Palestinian land and life. In early May, the impending expulsions of Palestinians from Jerusalem’s Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and Israeli bombardment of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem sent shockwaves for renewed protests by Palestinians across every part of historic Palestine and in the Diaspora. In an attempt to suppress these protests, the Israeli state, in collusion with settler vigilante mobs, tormented, beat, brutalized, killed, and arrested Palestinians *en masse* using a variety of military technologies including stun grenades, tear gas, and skunk water.

These events escalated into eleven days of relentless Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip that killed 248 Palestinians, 66 of whom were children, displaced 107,000 people, injured more than 6,000 people, and destroyed over 2,000 homes. This assault also decimated vital infrastructure, including media offices, the only COVID-19 testing center in Gaza, and other critical infrastructure, further compounding the bludgeoning effects of a fourteen-year, deadly, Israeli-imposed closure of land, air, and sea.

On May 21, 2021, less than an hour after reaching a ceasefire that provided only a temporary reprieve to Palestinians in Gaza, Israel deployed its security forces to bombard the Al-Aqsa Mosque yet again, firing live ammunition at worshippers. In the following days, the Israeli state launched Operation Law and Order, a campaign in which state forces invaded over 500 homes and arrested more than 2,000 Palestinians. These arrests have continued and are accompanied by ramped-up efforts to ethnically cleanse Palestinians from their homes in numerous towns and neighborhoods across Jerusalem and all of historic Palestine.

Alongside their neighbors in Sheikh Jarrah, more than 1,500 Palestinians in Silwan are being threatened with expulsion: some families were tragically forced to demolish their own homes to avoid being charged penalty payments by the State for the demolition. Land annexation and settlement development has also intensified in Beita, South Nablus, Hebron, Bethlehem, Lifta, North Jericho and Aghwar. Palestinians who hold Israeli citizenship are also facing displacement in Yaffa, Al-Naqab, Umm al Fahm, and Akka. Since the Trump Administration declared the so-called “Deal of the Century,” Israel has built more than 9,000 new settler homes with plans to build thousands more, forcibly displacing many Palestinians.

Palestinians continue to rise up in the face of systematic home demolitions, expulsion ordinances, and violent forced removal from their homes and land. They remain courageous in the face of unabated Zionist colonial violence. This latest cycle of dispossession and violence reflects the enduring *Nakba* (catastrophe) generations of Palestinians have lived for over seven decades. Compounding their struggle against Zionist settler colonialism, Palestinians must now also contend with the egregious role played by the Palestinian Authority (PA), that consistently and systematically colludes with the Israeli security apparatus to suppress and stifle all forms of dissent.

On June 24, 2021, PA security forces arrested Nizar Banat, an outspoken critic of the establishment. Under PA custody, Banat was beaten to death. In the wake of the assassination, Palestinians took to the streets to *protest* the PA’s brutality, corruption, security coordination, illegitimate power, and authoritarianism. In response, PA security forces have assaulted and arrested scores of Palestinians, using Israeli military technologies and coercive tactics, including gendered and sexual *violence and harassment*. Journalists and women protestors have been *reporting* that PA forces have been stealing their phones and threatening to disclose private photos and text messages to intimidate them into remaining silent. And yet, Palestinians continue to resist Zionist colonization in tandem with collusion by the Palestinian comprador class, affirming that Palestinian aspirations for freedom cannot be crushed.

Joined by co-strugglers across the world, this renewed display of Palestinian perseverance, resistance, and resilience is properly named the *Unity Intifada* (Uprising). Uniting Palestinians across generations, geographies, ideologies, and social and economic classes, the current uprising testifies to the indivisibility of Palestinian land and people. Palestinians are clearly conveying to the world their determination to end, once and for all, the ongoing *Nakba* that has resulted in seventy-three years of dispossession, militarized occupation, siege, and imprisonment; and invite all people of conscience to join them in these efforts to realize freedom.

In these extraordinary times, **Freedom is Within Reach**, and it demands that each of us exercise tremendous discipline, organization, commitment, engagement, and steadfastness at all levels. *The Palestinian Feminist Collective (PFC)* has crafted this toolkit as an offering to all who would like to *engage* in the Palestinian liberation struggle. Updated since its original release in June 2021, the toolkit offers resources to empower us all to continue to mobilize, to speak out, to take action, to fight back against repression campaigns, *to center Palestinian voices*, and to shift the narrative toward achieving Palestinian liberation. Our goal is ultimately to end international *state* and institutional complicity in Palestinian subjugation and to highlight the *lessons* that Palestinians can teach us in this moment.

Palestinian demands are clear: to end the blockade on the Gaza Strip; to immediately halt expulsions across Jerusalem and all of historic Palestine; to end state and settler violence, lynchings, and beatings against Palestinians; to completely dismantle all settlements and military infrastructure in the West Bank; to release all political prisoners and end coercive intelligence gathering techniques including psychological, sexual, and physical torture; to nullify more than *sixty-five apartheid laws* that deny Palestinians their rights to freedom, property, land, and sovereignty, and legislate their dehumanization and dispossession, and; to secure and implement the right of all refugees to return to their homeland as we build decolonized futures. PFC heeds the call of the **Unity Intifada** and asks you to join us as we persevere until Palestine is free.



25 July 2021, San Diego
Photo by Loubna Qutami



16 May 2021, Chicago
Photo by Avedibya Dey

1 Join Actions

For up-to-date listings on actions across the U.S. and Canada, follow:

- [Palestinian Youth Movement](#)
- [Jewish Voice for Peace](#)
- [#EndTheNakba](#)
- [Samidoun Global Calendar of Resistance](#)
- [Block the Boat](#)
- [Al-Awda: The Right of Return Coalition](#)
- [American Muslims for Palestine \(AMP\) - DC and other cities](#)
- [Arab Resource and Organizing Center \(AROC\) - San Francisco](#)
- [Falastiniyat - Seattle](#)
- [Within Our Lifetime \(WOL\) - New York](#)
- [United States Palestinian Community Network \(USPCN\) - Chicago and other cities](#)

ORGANIZE A VIGIL

Know Their Names. It is important to continue organizing and joining actions against colonial oppression, but it is also important to commemorate and honor those who have been killed. Organize a vigil where the names and lives of the martyrs are remembered.

CHANTS

There is only one solution: Intifada! Revolution!
They have tanks! We have rocks! We won't back down in Sheikh Jarrah!
Free...Free Palestine!
From the river to the sea! Palestine will be free!
End the blockade on Gaza now!
From Palestine to the Philippines stop the US war machine!
From Kashmir to Palestine! Occupation is a crime!
From Columbia to Falastine! Stop the US war machine!
Women and feminists! We unite! For a free Palestine!
Feminists! Feminists speak your minds! For a free Palestine!!
Biden! Harris! Won't you Learn? Refugees will return!
Viva, viva Palestina!

2 Call Your Representatives

Advocate for resolutions and proposed legislations that advance Palestinian rights and freedom. Find your representative [here](#).

Stop the Forcible Removal of Palestinians in Jerusalem: Representative Marie Newman is leading a letter urging the Biden Administration to STOP Israel's imminent plan to forcibly displace nearly 2,000 Palestinians in the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Al-Bustan and Sheikh Jarrah. This is a time to stand together and take a stand for Palestinian rights, especially here in the U.S. where our own government finances Israel's cruel military to the tune of \$3.8B a year.

Stop Weapons Sales: Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez introduced a resolution to block a \$735M weapons sale between the U.S. and Israel. Call your representative to urge support to sustain this block!

HR 2407 II: Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act: Congresswoman Betty McCollum has introduced legislation to promote human rights for Palestinian children by ending abusive Israeli military detention practices.

How do you spell justice? B-D-S!
Justice is our demand! No peace on stolen land!
We want justice, you say how? End the siege on Gaza now!
We want justice, you say how? End the occupation now!
We want justice, you say how? Refugees must return now!
Fight the power, turn the tide! End Israeli apartheid!
The occupation. Shut it down! The border walls. Shut them down! The siege of Gaza. Shut it down! The whole damn system. Shut it down!
From Palestine to Mexico, border walls have got to go!
From Ireland to Palestine, colonialism is a crime!
Brick by brick, wall by wall, Israeli apartheid has to fall!
From (insert name of city/town) to Gaza, globalize the Intifada!

3 Sign The Petitions

- [#StopJerusalemExpulsions](#) and [#SaveSheikhJarrah](#)
- [Occupation Continues — Sheikh Jarrah, Palestine](#)
- [Demand an End To Israel's Forced Displacement of Palestinians from East Jerusalem](#)
- [Stop Israel's Forced Expulsions of Palestinians In Jerusalem!](#)
- [No Dispossession in Silwan](#)
- [End the Spiral of Violence: Sanctions Now!](#)
- [Rise Up With Palestine: Tell Congress to Sanction Israeli Apartheid](#)
- [The US Must Stop Funding Israeli Apartheid and Violence Now!](#)
- [Letter Urging Biden to Halt Recent Arms Sale to Israel](#)
- [Facebook, We Need to Talk.](#)
- [Tell Social Media Platforms to Stop Censoring Palestinian Political Speech](#)
- [Pledge that Palestine is a Feminist Issue!](#)
- [Nat Geo: Drop Gal Gadot](#)
- [Abrar Omeish is a Racial Equity Champion: Stop the Slander](#)
- [Support for Palestinian Dr. Fidaa Wishah Against Racist Smear Campaign](#)
- [Florida Stands with the Palestinian People](#)
- [Petition for Palestinian Rights-Virginia](#)
- [Healthcare Workers in Solidarity With Palestine](#)



16 May 2021, Tunisia
Photo by Latrach Med Jamil

For more info, visit bdsmovement.net

1 Boycott

Boycotts involve withdrawing support from Israel's apartheid regime, complicit Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions, and all Israeli and international companies engaged in violations of Palestinian human rights.

2 Divestment

Divestment campaigns withdraw investments from the State of Israel and all Israeli and international companies that sustain Israeli apartheid.

2 Sanctions

Sanctions campaigns pressure governments to fulfill their legal obligations to end Israeli apartheid, and not aid or assist its maintenance, by banning business with illegal Israeli settlements, ending military trade and free-trade agreements, and suspending Israel's membership in international forums such as UN bodies and FIFA.

Solidarity Statements

[Black Lives Matter Paterson Statement of Solidarity with People of Palestine](#)

[The Liberation of Palestine Represents an Alternative Path for Native Nations](#)

[NLG Statement in Solidarity with the People of Palestine](#)

[Democratic Socialists of America](#)

[Michigan in Color Collective Statement on Palestine](#)

[Tricontinental Institute for Social Research](#)

[Color of Change Union Stands in Solidarity with Palestine](#)

[Critical Resistance Statement of Solidarity](#)

[Joint Statement Calling on Biden Administration to Condemn Israeli Plans to Forcibly Displace Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem](#)

[Musicians for Palestine: In Solidarity and Empathy](#)

[The Architecture Lobby: Statement in Solidarity with the People of Palestine](#)

Block The Boat

As part of the BDS Movement, during the 2014 war on Gaza, workers from Palestine called unions across the world to stand in solidarity with Palestine. Starting with the Oakland port action that year, [Block the Boat](#) stopped the unloading of Israeli shipping company, Zim, which has a history of transporting weapons. Block the Boat protests have since been held at ports across North America and the globe including in: Ravenna (Italy), Durban (South Africa), Vancouver (Canada), Seattle, New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Detroit, Pennsylvania and Staten Island.



Stop Boeing's Weapons Productions

Organizers are mobilizing to protest Boeing's production of weapons that are being sent to Israel.

What To Boycott & Where To Invest

Boycott Israeli settler colonialism:

- Download the [Buycott App](#) and join the "Long Live Palestine, Boycott Israel" campaign
- [List of products to boycott](#)
- [List of companies to boycott](#)

Invest in Palestinian Products:

- [Support These Ten Brands From & For Palestinians](#)
- [Middle East Children's Alliance \(MECA\) Shop](#)

Scores of academic associations and departments have issued statements of solidarity with the Palestinian people. If you are a scholar, urge the organizations and institutions you are with to issue parallel statements.

Sign the [Palestine And Praxis Open Letter](#). Scholars for Palestinian Freedom from all over the world are encouraged to sign onto this open letter.

Examples of Academic Solidarity Statements:

- In Unprecedented Numbers, University Departments and Scholars Urge End to Israeli Apartheid
- *AGITATE!* Unsettling Knowledges, the Imagining Transnational Solidarities Research Circle (ITSRC) Statement in Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- Angela Davis Statement of Solidarity with Palestine, Gaza and Sheikh Jarrah
- Anthropologists for the Boycott of Israeli Academic Institutions
- Arab American Studies Association Statement
- Association of Asian American Studies
- Brown University Community Letter in Solidarity with the Palestinian Liberation Struggle
- CUNY Community Statement of Solidarity with The Palestinian People
- Gender Studies Departments in Solidarity with Palestinian Feminist Collective
- Georgetown University Faculty, Students and Staff Statement in Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- Harvard University Faculty Statement
- Michigan in Color Collective Statement on Palestine
- Middle East Studies Association
- National Women's Studies Association
- Princeton University Community Statement
- San Francisco Educators Endorse BDS
- Stanford Community Protests Israeli State Violence Against Palestinians
- Statement of Continued Responsibility of American Studies to Palestine
- The Society for Sinophone Studies Stands With Palestine
- UCLA Asian American Studies
- UC Press
- UC Santa Cruz Feminist Studies
- UC Santa Cruz Critical Race & Ethnic Studies
- UC San Diego AAPI Studies Program
- UC Berkeley Faculty and Staff Statement in Support of Palestine
- UC Davis Faculty Statement
- U. of Colorado Boulder Women and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies
- U. of Illinois Urbana Champaign Asian American Studies Department
- U. of Illinois Chicago Global Asian Studies
- United Educators of San Francisco Assembly Resolution in Solidarity
- Yale University Ethnicity, Rights & Migration Program
- Yale Jews for Palestine Statement

[Learn More About Academic Boycott](#)

[Endorse the US Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel \(USACBI\)](#)

KEEP TEACHING ABOUT PALESTINE!

Learning & Teaching Resources

1 Where To Start

- Not That Complicated
- Beginner Resources to Learn About Palestine
- Decolonize Palestine: Palestine 101
- Palestine/Israel 101
- What is the Nakba?
- Palestine Remembered
- 1948: Creation and Catastrophe
- Palestine Remix
- Palestinian Journeys Timeline
- Overall Chronology
- The Palestine Chronology (JPS)
- Palestine Open Maps
- The Right of Return: A Basic Right Still Denied
- Learn Palestine
- Palestine Rises Up
- Teach Palestine
- Let's Talk Palestine

2 Reading Lists

- Palestinian Justice Syllabus
- Palestine and Praxis Syllabus
- Decolonize Palestine: The Palestine Reading List
- Our History of Popular Resistance
- Palestine Must Be Free Reading List-Verso
- 13 Essential Books to Help You Understand Palestine
- Israel/Palestine Reading List-Pluto Press
- Free Palestine! Haymarket Books Reading List
- Recommended Reading: Palestinian Studies UC Press
- DSA Resource Library

3 Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, Lifta, Beita And Beyond

- The Demands of the People of Sheikh Jarrah
- #SaveSheikhJarrah Educational Resources
- Key48Return
- Left Voice
- Radical Therapy Center
- Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan: Ongoing Nakba and Israeli Dispossession of Palestinians
- History of Sheikh Jarrah in Pictures
- What is Happening in Sheikh Jarrah?
- What's Happening in Jerusalem?
- I Witness Silwan
- Every Israeli City Was Once Silwan
- Stop Ethnic Cleansing in Silwan, Jerusalem and All of Palestine
- Save Lifta
- savebeita
- "Beita is undefeatable": Inside the struggle to save this village from Israeli settlers
- Jerusalem and Gaza Background Messaging

4 Select Analyses Of The Current Moment

- My hometown of Beita offers all Palestinians hope – and a way out of this crisis (Amjad El-Ezz)
- Palestine Rises Up: "Our Hope Is Stronger than Despair" (Lara Kiswani)
- From the River to the Sea: Palestinians Continue to Resist Colonial Occupation and Ethnic Cleansing (Loubna Qutami)
- Speech at the National Rally and March for Palestine (5.29.21) (Hatem Bazian)
- Resources in the Struggle for Palestinian Liberation (Zena and Nour)
- Reflections on the Third Intifada, Dispelling Illusions (Salwa Ibrahim)
- Palestine and the Necessary Evils of Settler Colonialism (Jackie Husary)

- We Must Commit Ourselves to Long-Term Solidarity With Palestinian Liberation (Nadine Naber)
- Conversation on Palestine, Jadaliyya (Mouin Rabbani, Ziad Abu-Rish, Sherene Seikaly, Amjad Iraqi, Yasser Qous, Noura Erakat, Issam Adwan, Mariam Barghouti)

5 Ethnic Cleansing & Apartheid

- Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association
- B'Tselem Report: Apartheid
- Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine
- Human Rights Watch report on Palestine Video and Images

Myths & Facts:

6 Debunking Misinformation

- 7 Myths (Marc Lamont Hill)
- A Guide to Difficult Conversations About Israel and Palestine by JVP
- Antisemitism, Zionism & Anti-Zionism
- Blockade on Gaza
- Decolonize Palestine: Myths Database
- From the River to the Sea
- Key48Return
- Our History of Popular Resistance
- Slow Factory Foundation
- Subhi Taha: Map of Occupied Palestine Explained
- Wear Your Voice

7 How To Be A Co-Struggler

- 3 Ways the Media Enables Racist Violence
- How to be an Ally to Palestinians
- Words Matter
- We Must Commit Ourselves to Long-Term Solidarity With Palestinian Liberation
- What Our Tax Dollars Funding

1 Follow For News & Updates

Select U.S. Based Organizations

- Adalah Justice Project (AJP) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Al-Awda: The Palestinian Right to Return Coalition [Facebook](#) | [Website](#)
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies Program (AMED) [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Arab Resource and Organizing Center: San Francisco (AROC) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Black For Palestine (B4P) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Deadly Exchange [Website](#) | [Twitter](#)
- Eyewitness Palestine (EP) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Falestiniyat: Seattle [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) |
- Friends of Sabeel of North America (FOSNA) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- If Not Now [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)
- International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- International Solidarity Movement (ISM) [Website](#)
- Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- National Lawyers Guild (NLG) (Palestine Subcommittee) [Website](#)
- National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- New Generation for Palestine: Michigan (NGP): [Facebook](#) | [Website](#)
- Palestinian American Community Center Houston (PACC) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Palestinian American Community Center New Jersey (PACC) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Palestinian American Women's Association: Southern California (PAWA) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Palestinian Feminist Collective (PFC) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)
- Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)
- Samidoun Network [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- U.S. Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Within our Lifetime: New York (WOL) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Select News & Analysis

- Electronic Intifada [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Eye On Palestine [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)
- Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Institute of Palestine Studies [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Middle East Eye [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Middle East Research & Information Project [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Mondoweiss [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Open Democracy (Middle East & North Africa) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)



Some Journalists You Can Follow

- Lina Alsaafin
- Mariam Barghouti
- Rania Zabaneh
- Jehan AlFarrah
- Yumna Patel
- Henriette Chacar
- Dalia Hatuqa

- Palestine Chronicle [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- This Is Palestine (The IMEU Podcast) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#) | [Apple Podcast](#)
- The New Arab [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)

Some Groups To Follow For Updates From The Ground

- Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Al-Haq [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- alQaws for Sexual & Gender Diversity in Palestinian Society [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Tal3at [Instagram](#)
- Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Union of Palestinian Women's Committees (UPWC) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Rabet by The Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy (PIPD) [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- BDS National Committee [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)

- 7amleh - Arab Center for Social Media Advancement [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Palestinian Centre for Human Rights [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Youth Against Settlements [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Website](#)
- Jerusalemite Women's Coalition [Facebook](#)

2 Read & Share Reports From The Ground

- Adalah Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
- Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association
- Arrests in Al Quds
- B'tselem: The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
- Defense of Children International Palestine
- Samidoun Palestinian Women Prisoners: The Struggle for Freedom
- Social & Organizational Transformation: A Queer Organizing Milestone in Palestine

3 Social Media Hashtags

- #FreePalestine
- #LifttheBlockade
- #EndthesiegeonGaza
- #PalestinelsAFeministIssue
- #SaveSheikhJarrah
- #StopJerusalemExpulsions
- #HandsOffJerusalem
- #SaveSilwan
- #SaveBeita
- #SaveLifta
- #UnityIntifada
- #RiseUpforPalestine
- #Nakba73
- #It'stimetoEndNakba
- #LiberatingPalestine
- #انتفاضة_موحدة



1 From The Palestinian Feminist Collective (PFC)

- [Pledge That Palestine Is A Feminist Issue](#)
- [A Love Letter to Our People Struggling in Palestine](#)
- [Palestinian Feminist Group Forms](#)
- [Permission to Narrate Palestinian Feminisms](#)

2 Learning About The “Palestine Is A Feminist Issue” Pledge

- ["How Palestine is a Critical Feminist Issue"](#) Nada Elia (Middle East Eye)
- ["Palestine is a Feminist Struggle"](#) Discussion with Sarah Ihmoud, Sandra Tamari and Soheir Assad (AJP, PFC, MECA)
- [Palestinian Feminist Collective Instagram Live Discussion with Rasha Mubarak, Yazan and Leila \(Unbought Power\)](#)
- ["Whose Feminism? Palestine's Feminism"](#) Nada Elia (Mondoweiss)
- ["Palestinian Women: A History of Resistance"](#) Discussion with Huwaida Arraf, Amani Barakat (AMP), Zarefah Baroud, and Iman Zaghari
- ["Why Feminism? Why Now? Reflections on the 'Palestine is a Feminist Issue' Pledge"](#) Loubna Qutami (Spectre Journal)
- ["Why is Palestine a Feminist Issue?"](#) Facebook Live Discussion with Mira Nabulsi, Yazan Zahzah, Hana Masri and Nada Elia (PFC)

3 Additional Resources For Understanding Palestine As A Feminist Issue

- [A Statement by the Jerusalemite Women's Coalition \(JWC\)](#)
- [A Call to Action from Indigenous and Women of Color Feminists \(2011 Delegation\)](#)
- [A Call For Solidarity With Palestinian Queers](#) Rabab Abdulhadi, Mary Salome, Kate Raphael and Deeg Gold (Bay Area Reporter)
- [A Virtual Reunion 10 Years Later: Indigenous and Women of Color Reflect on Historic Delegation to Palestine](#) Rabab Abdulhadi and Jade Musa
- [Confronting Apartheid Has Everything To Do With Feminism](#) Rabab Abdulhadi, Suzanne Adely, Angela Davis and Selma James (Mondoweiss)
- [BDS as a Feminist Issue](#) David Lloyd, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Rana Sharif, Brenda Bhandar (Feminists@law)
- [Beyond Propaganda: Pinkwashing as Colonial Violence](#) (alQaws)

- [Criminalising the Victim: The Life Story of Rasmea Odeh Nahla Abdo](#) (Pluto Books)
- [Imprisonment of Women and Girls](#) (Addameer)
- [Israel-Palestine: How subcontracting the occupation fuels gendered violence](#) Nada Elia
- [June Jordan's Songs of Palestine and Lebanon](#) Therese Saliba (The Feminist Wire)
- [Justice for Palestine: A Call from Indigenous and Women of Color Feminists: A Report Card 10 Years Later](#) Rabab Abdulhadi, Angela Davis, Anna Guevarra, Barbara Ransby, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Gina Dent, Melissa Garcia, Premilla Nadasen, Waziyatawin
- [PYM Celebrates International Women’s Day 2020](#) (PYM)
- [Palestine: A Reproductive Justice Issue](#) (USCPR)
- [Palestine Is A Feminist Issue](#) (USCPR)
- [Palestinian Feminists Are Resisting Colonization by Fighting Sexual Violence](#) Nadine Naber
- [Palestinian Women and Girls Must be Protected](#) (al-Haq)
- [Resisting Pinkwashing](#) Dean Spade
- [Sexual Violence, Women's Bodies, and Israeli Settler Colonialism](#) Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Suhad Dahir-Nashif and Sarah Ihmoud
- [Tali’at: Our Struggle to Reclaim Politics](#) Soheir Asaad (Arabic version)
- [The Forgotten ism: An Arab American Women's Perspective on Zionism, Racism, and Sexism](#) Nadine Naber, Eman Desouky, Lina Baroudi
- [The Political Marginalization of Palestinian Women in the West Bank](#) Yara Hawari (al-Shabaka)
- [Why The Question of Palestine Is A Feminist Concern](#) Neferti Tadiar (Social Text)
- [Why We, as Women of Color, Join the Call for Divestment from Israel](#) Barbara Ransby (Colorlines)



Palestinian woman smiles and sings as Israeli police violently push protesters from the road, East Jerusalem, June 9, 2020. Palestinian women protested police violence and the structural violence inherent in occupation and colonialism at a demonstration by the Palestinian **feminist movement Tala'at**. Three protesters were arrested as police violently confronted the women.

Photo by Heather Sharona Weiss



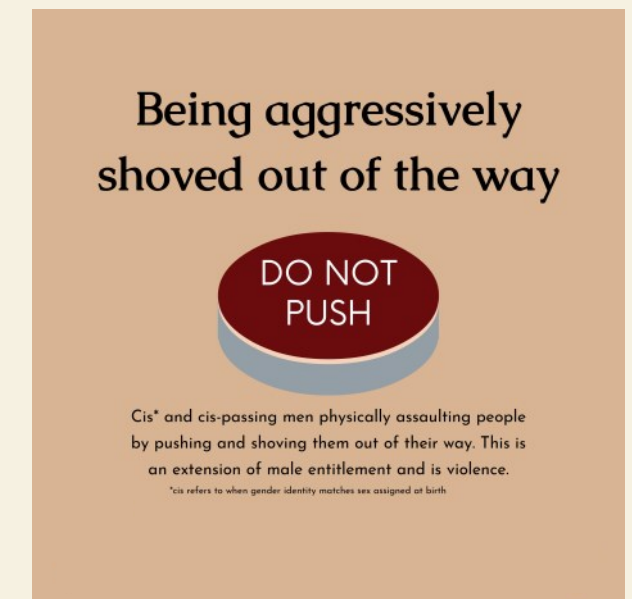
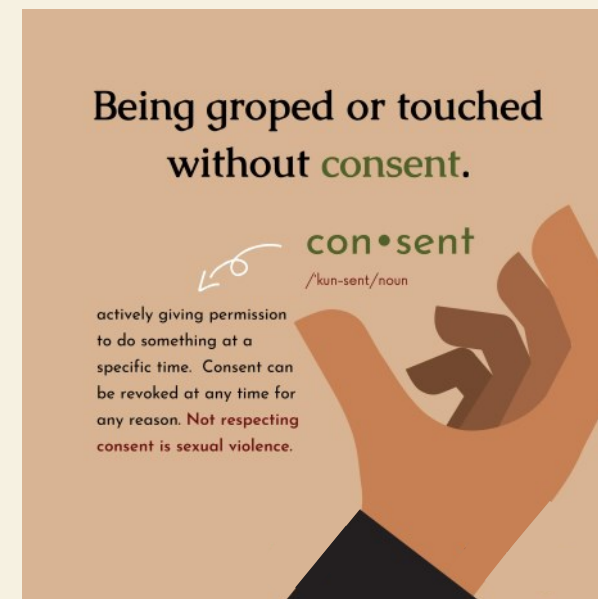
A Collaboration between the **Palestinian Feminist Collective**, **For the Binat** and **Heart Women and Girls**

As we come out to stand against colonial violence and genocide, our movements are being debilitated by the continued harassment, disrespect, and dismissal of women, femmes, and genderqueer organizers. Any movement for liberation must include an end to gender-based violence.

Harm at protests has looked like:

- Having mics taken away
- Being spoken over
- Being groped or touched without consent
- Being aggressively shoved out of the way
- Stalking key organizers after protests

For More Information:
Read the **Binat Protest Safety Guide**



Throughout history, Palestinians in the U.S. and their co-strugglers have been punished, criminalized, silenced, and suppressed for advocating for justice and freedom in and for Palestine. These attacks have intensified in the last decade. They include the passing of legislation that violates First Amendment rights to boycott and the criminalization of free speech and academic freedom. Universities, politicians, and big tech social media companies such as Zoom, Facebook, Instagram, Eventbrite, Venmo, and YouTube have all been complicit in silencing voices of dissent.

1 Learn More About These Forms Of Repression

[Anti-BDS Legislation In Senate Disregards Free Speech](#) (National Coalition Against Censorship)

[California Scholars for Academic Freedom Letter Expressing Concern About the IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism](#) (California Scholars For Academic Freedom)

[CCR Joins \(100\) Rights Organizations in Opposing Israel Anti-Boycott Act](#) (Center for Constitutional Rights)

[Digital Apartheid: Palestinians Being Silenced on Social Media](#) (Omar Zahzah)

[‘Enforcing Silence’ In The Academy](#) (Rabab Abdulhadi, Mondoweiss)

[Letter: Civil Rights Groups Demand DOE Secretary Marcus End Attacks on Free Speech](#) (Center for Constitutional Rights)

[Thousands Call on Facebook, Stop Censoring Palestine](#) (Jewish Voice for Peace)

[MESA Board Statement Regarding the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism](#) (Middle East Studies Association)

[The Business of Backlash: The Attack on the Palestinian Movement and Other Movements for Social Justice](#) (International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network)

[The First Amendment Protects the Right to Boycott Israel](#) (American Civil Liberties Union)

[The Palestine Exception to Free Speech](#) (Palestine Legal and Center for Constitutional Rights)

[Sorry, Anti-Zionism Still Doesn't Equal Antisemitism](#) (Sumaya Awad, Daphna Thier)

[Stifling Dissent](#) (Jewish Voice for Peace)

[Uncivil Rites: Palestine and the Limits of Academic Freedom](#) (Steven Salaita)

[US: States Use Anti-Boycott Laws to Punish Responsible Businesses: Laws Penalize Companies that Cut Ties with Israeli Settlements](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[We Will Not Be Silenced: In Solidarity with Palestinian Sumoud and Intellectual Integrity](#) (Rabab Abdulhadi, Tomomi Kinukawa, Sean Malloy, Saliem Shehadeh)

[When It Comes to Palestine, Free Speech Rights Are Under Attack](#) (Radhika Sainath)

2 Know Your Rights Resources

[Know Your Rights](#) (Palestine Legal)

[Know Your Rights Protesters' Rights](#) (American Civil Liberties Union)

[Know Your Rights Students' Rights](#) (American Civil Liberties Union)

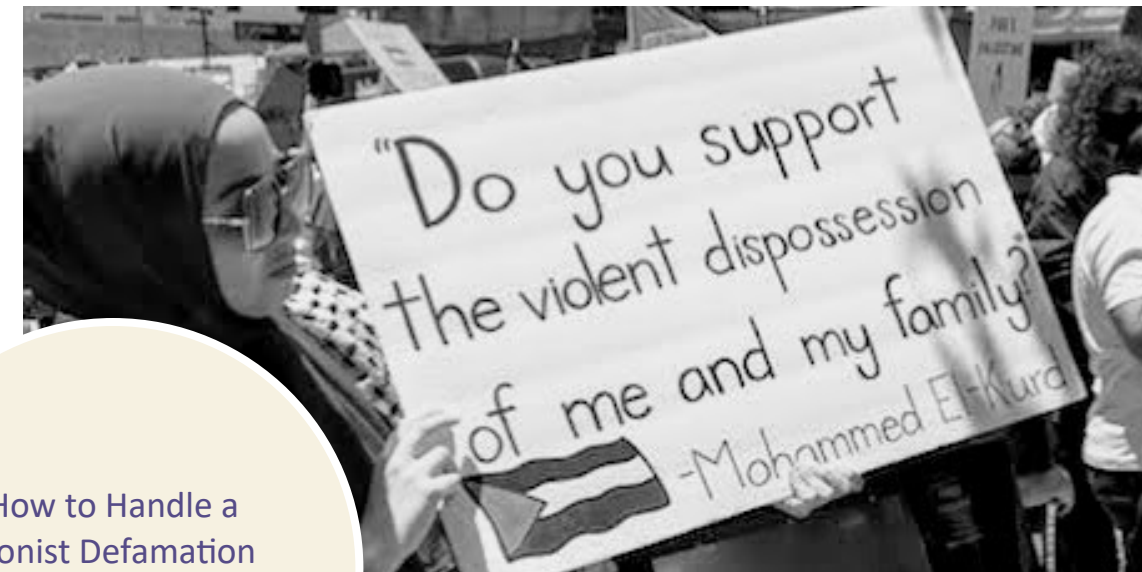
[Know Your Rights Race, Ethnicity and National Origin Discrimination](#) (American Civil Liberties Union)

[Legal Resources for #NakbaAt73 Palestine Protests](#)

3 Reporting Repression And Seeking Legal Support

[Palestine Legal](#)

[American Civil Liberties Union](#)



**How to Handle a
Zionist Defamation
Campaign**
by Steven Salaita

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It is often very difficult to talk about Palestine, especially in our workplace settings. Palestinians and their co-strugglers have for too long been silenced, vilified and criminalized for countering dominant narratives in all sectors of U.S. institutional life. Worse, they have been dubbed as anti-Semites even though they have made very clear, time and again, that critique of Zionism as an ideology, and/or of Israeli settler colonialism, is not the same as anti-Semitism, and that a large component of the movement for Palestinian liberation is in fact Jews rejecting Zionism as the sole expression of Jewish identity. These forms of suppressing free speech on Palestine have been persistent across generations, are accompanied by volatile consequences for one's own professional, economic, physical, and mental health wellness, and have only intensified in the last decade as the movement for Palestinian liberation has gained power and influence.

It is, however, very important to have these conversations, not only because of our responsibility towards the Palestinian people struggling for liberation, but also because when we all do these acts of solidarity, we are able to protect more people taking action and open space for others to do the same.

This document is intended to assist those who have wanted to advance a different narrative on the Palestinian experience in their workplace. It includes the following categories:

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01 Speak Up! Why Now?

Palestinians throughout historic Palestine, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, are rising up together in what is being declared as the **Unity Intifada**. The last time we have seen such a moment was during the 1936 General Arab Strikes against the British Mandate. As they place their bodies and homes on the line to end 73 years of colonialism, apartheid, dispossession, and occupation, **they are calling on their Palestinian siblings in the Diaspora and allies to do our part by Speaking Up!** As Mohammed al-Kurd from Sheikh Jarrah has recently stated “it is difficult to have the conversation, but it is more difficult to live under occupation.” Palestinians are declaring this moment as one guided by **hope and dignity** to finally, once and for all, attain full freedom. It is a critical juncture in the struggle and we must rise up alongside Palestinians in all capacities to sway public opinion toward the moral integrity of the Palestinian struggle and to end the annihilation and repression of Palestinian narratives/voices.



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02 How To Talk About Palestine In Your Workplace

1 The Forum To Have The Conversation

- ◇ Many corporations have a centralized discussion board which employees can post messages on to generate a conversation or to share resources on how people can learn more or take action.
- ◇ For smaller workplace environments, a staff meeting or interpersonal discussion with your supervisor might make most sense.
- ◇ An email message to co-workers can also be appropriate.
- ◇ You can organize an online discussion forum off company hours and invite your co-workers to attend so you can share these thoughts.

- ◇ Interpersonal chats in break rooms, or on the phone are also tremendously meaningful.
- ◇ Another option is to create a space to openly share and engage in discussions in the workplace with the purpose of bringing people together to talk about issues and topics that are important and/or interesting to them.

2 Knowing Your Audience

Before crafting your message, reflect on your audience. What sort of workplace environment are you a part of? What are the values of your team? How can you make a connection with your co-workers in a way that can help make them feel that the Palestinian cause matters to them and that they are also stakeholders in Palestinian freedom? Do you have colleagues that support the Palestinian cause or identify as solidarity activists?

Knowing Your Audience Examples

If you work in a **media or tech company**: you can start the conversation by speaking out against corporate suppression of free speech, or discuss how in fact tech is not neutral and what responsibilities tech workers have in these moments. Find details of this [suppression](#) here.

If you work in **education**: you can start the conversation by talking about the importance of free intellectual exchange of ideas and experiences, or talk about the difficulties Palestinians educators and students face just trying to teach/learn. See examples of how teachers unions are mobilizing for freedom and justice in Palestine [here](#).

If you work in a job dedicated to **social, climate, disability, racial, economic, housing, sexual, gendered, or other forms of justice**: you can draw a direct correlation between your workplace values and how that specific form of injustice is unfolding in Palestine. Find resources [here](#).

If you work in **faith and interfaith communities** and coalitions, it is critical to challenge the [normalization](#) of Zionism in these spaces by centering acknowledgements of unequal power and [principles](#) of justice and freedom as core to any meaningful dialogues. It is also important to address the impact of [Christian Zionism](#) in enabling the colonization of Palestine. For more on faith-based solidarity with Palestine see Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth's [statement](#) of solidarity.

If you work in the **food industry**: talk about Palestinian cuisine, the various ways Palestinian culture is appropriated and stolen, and how natural foods indigenous to Palestine are threatened by Israeli attacks on agricultural production and access. Learn more about Palestinian cuisine [here](#) and more about Israeli theft of Palestinian foods [here](#).

If you work in a **job that has promoted values of democratic engagement, inclusion, and/or diversity**: you can talk about this as a Palestinian and/or an advocate for Palestine and why it matters to you. It is important to challenge all of our colleagues who are otherwise progressive on other issues except for Palestine. Learn more [here](#).

If you work in the **legal field**: you can discuss the calls to end normalization agreements with Israel until it complies with international law and how what is happening is a violation of human rights. Learn more [here](#).

If you work in a job where your **employers have direct ties with Israeli companies or public institutions**: you can make them aware that there is a global movement for the boycott of Israel which parallels the movements to boycott apartheid in South Africa, and sway them toward institutional responsibility by ending complicity. Learn more [here](#).

If you work in the **medical field**: you can talk about the ethical responsibility of medical practitioners to account for war-manufactured injury, disease, mortality rates and the prohibition of access to medical care. See an example of health worker solidarity with Palestine [here](#).

If you work in a **labor union**: you can discuss the boycott, divestment, sanctions movement (BDS) and call for your union to participate. This can take place in many ways including establishing picket lines, passing union resolutions. You can reference the history of organized labor solidarity with Palestine, including boycott efforts by various locales of UAW in the 1970's and in 2014 as well as ILWU Longshoremen's victorious refusal to unload the Israeli Zim Line Ship. Learn more about labor solidarity [here](#). Ask your union to support the [Block the Boat Campaign](#) and other labor boycott efforts. Read an appeal from the workers unions in Palestine to friends in US Labor Unions [here](#).

If you are a **cultural worker**, share and discuss the work of Palestinian artists, writers, singers, designers, playwrights, producers, and discuss the growing movement of cultural boycotts of Israel. See how cultural workers are standing up against Israeli apartheid [here](#).

If you work in **other professions**: find a way to connect with the real lived experiences of your co-workers, whether that be through working class struggle, struggles against borders (for immigrant and refugee communities especially), anti-racist struggles, and gendered/sexual justice struggles.

02 How To Talk About Palestine In Your Workplace (continued)

3 Fear of Retaliation

Your supervisor/employer should not retaliate against you for expressing your opinion on this matter. Your legal rights will vary from place to place, so if your job is threatened or if your workplace becomes hostile, document everything and reach out to organizations for resources and legal support as soon as you can. There are many groups you can contact, including [Palestine Legal](#) and the [ACLU](#).

4 Calculating Your Words

- ◇ Be sure to be clear in your message, however you choose to deliver it.
- ◇ Speak your own truth and make that clear when you craft your message. Ask for people to respect your truth preemptively.
- ◇ Make sure to be clear about the principles of the Palestinian struggle: it is a global struggle against Zionism as a colonial enterprise/project. While it may seem important to debunk myths such as “this is a fight between Jews and Arabs/Muslims,” it is best to present the principles of the struggle without worrying about those myths and then answering questions as they come up by always going back to the principles.
- ◇ Make sure to stress that Palestinians have the right to defend themselves, which is exactly what they are doing, as they are under occupation, and subjected to blockade, apartheid, and persecution, not the other way around.
- ◇ Do not retract your principles when you receive pushback.
- ◇ Be careful about the “two-sided conflict” frame. Words matter and it is important for us to amplify the calls from Palestinians on the ground. Palestinians continuously have made clear that this struggle is not a conflict but a

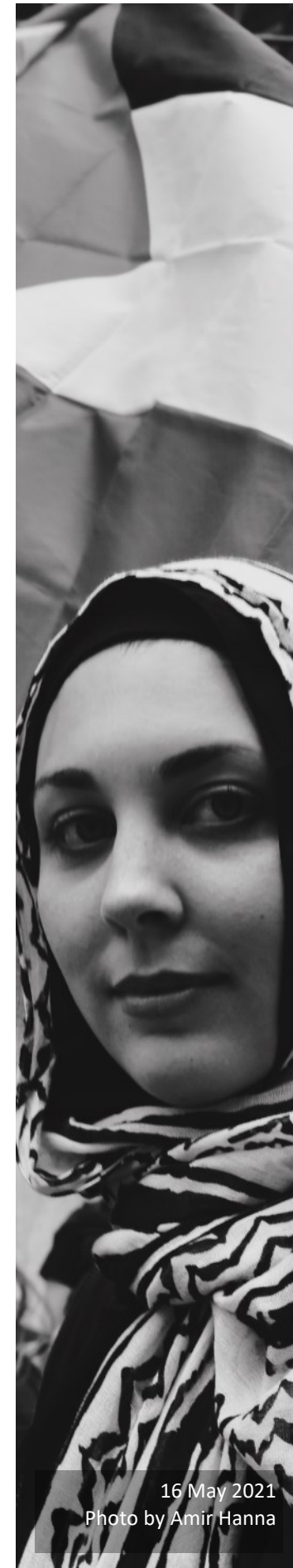
- condition of settler colonialism in which there resides an oppressor and oppressed class. In such a context, power is asymmetrical.
- ◇ Resistance is justified when people are occupied: we can stick to our principles without going into details about the actors/forms of resistance.
 - ◇ Steer clear of any responses you feel are attempting to entrap you to say something out of anger.

5 Crafting Your Message

Step 1: Describe the current situation that has unfolded in Palestine.

Example

By now, I am sure you are all aware of the intensifying violence unfolding in Palestine. As the daughter/granddaughter of Palestinian refugees, the events of the past two months have pained me greatly. Thousands of Palestinians are being threatened with home expulsions in the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan. Many more Palestinians are losing their lands and homes to Israeli land annexation and settlement expansion campaigns in places like Beita, Hebron, Bethlehem, Aghwar, and more. Palestinian citizens of Israel from Jerusalem, Haifa, Akka, Yaffa, to Lyd, have been brutalized by Israeli police and settler mob lynchings for resisting displacement ordinances and the denial of their rights and freedom. Palestinians in the West Bank remain living under an illegal military occupation and killing sprees have intensified since early May of this year. Worse of all, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who have lived under a ruthless and internationally condemned blockade since 2006, are only starting to grieve from an 11-day Israeli airstrike assault that has displaced over 100,000 people, killed 248 people, and injured thousands. Though a ceasefire on the assault on Gaza has been achieved, it does not resolve the 73 years during which Palestinians have been occupied and dispossessed.



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Step 2: Describe what it means for you to be speaking up.

Examples

- ◇ Your own entry/orientation to the Palestinian cause.
- ◇ The courage you feel being based on the resilience of Palestinians in Palestine.
- ◇ A sense of responsibility to amplify Palestinian voices and break through the fear of speaking up.
- ◇ An expression of vulnerability: the fear, grief, and/or pain you have personally been experiencing as a result of the events.
- ◇ The support you have felt as a member of the team in your workplace setting, which is giving you the confidence to raise the topic.
- ◇ The isolation you have felt in your workplace setting, which is pushing you to speak up.
- ◇ The courage it takes to speak up when Palestinians/advocates for Palestine have been punished for so long and while Palestinians are still being fired from their jobs, silenced, and criminalized for speaking their truth.
- ◇ The importance that the Movement for Black Lives and other social justice causes/communities have held for us this year, inspiring us to be truer to our principles/values and to speak out when injustice is unfolding.

Step 3: Pitching Your Ask

What do you want from your workspace?

Examples

- ◇ Urging your co-workers to join actions, sign petitions, and appeal to their congressional representatives.
- ◇ Sharing resources for how to learn more (you can include a [link to resources](#))
- ◇ Asking your workspace to consider its constituents who are Arab, Palestinian, and/or Muslim and the various forms of grief, trauma, pain, and exhaustion they might be currently experiencing. Maybe providing them space to reflect on the events, resources for mental health support, time off, etc.
- ◇ Asking your workspace to endorse BDS and/or to end complicity in silencing Palestinian narratives.
- ◇ Asking your workspace to be aware that Palestinians and their co-strugglers are being silenced for asking for more space and intention for deeper engagement on this issue.
- ◇ Think of the power or influence you have and/or your place of work has: this can also be an opportunity to think of long-term strategizing and change, and the first step is to open the door for conversation.

03 Palestine Through Six Talking Points

1 The Nakba: Dispossession & Refugees

The Israeli state was declared on May 15th, 1948. It was based on the ideology of **Zionism** which promoted the belief of a Jewish-only state in historic Palestine. When the state was created, Zionists **expelled approximately 750,000** Palestinians. Most of these Palestinians and their descendants have been barred from returning to historic Palestine. There are estimated to be approximately 10 million individuals displaced by this expulsion worldwide. About half of them (5M) still live as stateless refugees in United Nations **refugee camps** scattered throughout the surrounding region. Hundreds of thousands of other Palestinians were internally displaced in 1948. Over **500 Palestinian towns, villages, and neighborhoods were destroyed**. Many Palestinians were murdered in massive **ethnic cleansing campaigns like the Deir Yassin Massacre**. These events are known to Palestinians as *al-Nakba*, which means “catastrophe.” **78% of historic Palestine was stolen** to create the Israeli state. This catastrophe was greenlighted and **supported by the United Nations**. Since 1948, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have been turned into refugees for a second or third time, due to Israel’s unabated ethnic cleansing and home demolition policies and due to countless wars on Palestinian land and life.

2 Military Occupation

In 1967, several Arab States lost a war to Israel. This resulted in the permanent exodus of some 200,000 Palestinians. Israel seized control of the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula, the Syrian Golan Heights, portions of Southern Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank. Since 1967, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank have lived under a military occupation that denies Palestinians their self-determination, freedom of mobility, economic justice, and social, civil, and political rights. In the last 20 years, the occupation has become more violent and polices Palestinians in both the public sphere and private life. In the West Bank, roadblocks, checkpoints, security outposts, and a concrete wall which is twice as high as the Berlin Wall limit the ability of Palestinians to freely go to school, work, visit family, seek medical attention, and more. Scores of Palestinians have died at checkpoints unable to seek proper medical attention. Scores of Palestinian women have been forced to give birth to stillborn babies at checkpoints. Palestinians are regularly stopped, frisked, harassed, tormented, beaten, and sometimes killed in an extrajudicial fashion by Israeli soldiers. Meanwhile, the Israeli state continues to annex more lands in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, which displaces Palestinians from their homes. The annexed homes and lands are then given to settlers, some of whom have formed lynch mobs that terrorize Palestinians. South African political leaders regard the colonial architecture of the West Bank as comparable to and/or worse than racial apartheid in South Africa.



3 Blockade on the Gaza Strip

The Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli blockade since 2006. The Israeli military has sealed off all borders by land, sea, and sky. This means goods and people cannot enter or leave freely. Since the blockade, Israel has waged over 40 assaults on the Gaza Strip, four of which included massive airstrikes which have devastated land, economic viability, and life (2009, 2012, 2014, 2021). These assaults have included the direct targeting of critical infrastructure, including water sanitation systems, cemeteries, sewage systems, hospitals, media offices, and more. Thousands of Palestinians have been killed by these wars, approximately half of whom were under the age of 18. In 2018, non-violent Palestinian protestors were targeted by Israeli sniper fire during the Great March of Return. This resulted in the death of some 200 Palestinians and permanent injuries of thousands more because Israel tested new bone-shattering shrapnel on the limbs of Palestinians. Gaza has one of the highest rates of unemployment, mental health crisis, poverty, suicide, and disability in the world. It is the most densely populated place on earth and is often regarded as an open air prison.

4 Imprisonment

Palestinian leaders are regularly assassinated or imprisoned. Palestinians have one of the highest imprisonment rates in the world. Because they are tried in Israeli military courts, they are denied due process. There is a 99% probability of being found guilty by Israeli military courts. Palestinians have long testified to the use of brute and coercive physical, psychological, and sexual torture under Israeli interrogation, which often leads to false concessions. Palestinian children, some as young as five years old, are the highest likely population to be imprisoned in the world.

03 Palestine Through Six Talking Points (continued)

5 Justice for Palestinians Living in Lands Occupied in 1948

20% of the current population in the state of Israel are Palestinians who either succeeded in remaining close to their homes, or were internally displaced within what is now referred to as Israel. Since 1948, they have been discriminated against by the state through over 65 apartheid policies on the books relegating them to second-class citizenship. They are prohibited from entering into certain labor sectors, speaking Arabic as their national language, and even studying the Nakba in the Israeli education system. They are currently being brutalized by state and settler violence for protesting for their rights and freedom, and have risen up alongside Palestinians from other geographies calling for complete decolonization, affirming their belonging to Palestinians who live under occupation in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, in refugee camps across the region, and across the Diaspora.

6 The Role of the U.S.: Censoring Palestine

For too long, Palestinians have been silenced for speaking our truth. The United States has never been an honest broker but instead has facilitated Palestinian land loss, occupation, death, and dispossession by granting Israel international immunity and bankrolling the occupation. Academic institutions, corporate media, and now big social media companies are suppressing the narratives of Palestinians, erasing evidence of Israel's human rights violations, and censoring all advocates for justice and freedom in Palestine. Worse, politicians, under pressure from the Israel lobby in the U.S., are continuing to pass legislation that criminalizes free speech concerning freedom and justice in Palestine, often under the banner of "counter-terrorism." One of the logics of settler colonialism is to erase the indigenous people: this includes their forcible removal from the land, but it also includes an attack on and erasure of their narratives. Palestine has been erased from world maps and Palestinian voices, in the homeland and diaspora, are being silenced in order to maintain the status quo.

04 What Palestinians are Demanding

- ◇ Lift the blockade and end all Israeli wars on the Gaza Strip.
- ◇ End ethnic cleansing, home expulsion, home demolition, land confiscation and settlement expansion campaigns in Jerusalem, and all of historic Palestine, including in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, Lifta, Beita, the South Hebron Hills, North Jericho and Aghwar, Bethlehem, Al-Naqab, Umm al-Fahm, Yaffa, Akka and more.
- ◇ End the military occupation of the West Bank, which includes the complete removal of settlements and military infrastructure and secure the rights of Palestinians to complete freedom of mobility.
- ◇ Full political, social, and economic rights and freedom for all Palestinians living in lands occupied in 1948 and an end to state and settler violence against them.
- ◇ Allowing refugees the right to return home in accordance with UN resolution 194.
- ◇ An immediate end to systematic arrest and physical, sexual, and psychological torture of all Palestinian detainees; securing the immediate release of all Palestinian political prisoners.
- ◇ Ending all U.S. aid to Israel and investing in struggling communities.
- ◇ Boycott, Divest, and Sanction Israel as a means to end the normalization of gross violations of international human rights law.
- ◇ Stop the censorship and criminalization of advocates for justice in Palestine in media, education and politics.

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