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FREE PALESTINE!

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Palestine Digital Action Toolkit



Palestinian Feminist Collective

Emergency Aid: Gaza Under Attack

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Rest in Power Heba Zagout

By now, many have heard the devastating news that one of our featured artists in the PFC's 2023 Feminist Futures Calendar, Heba Zagout, has been killed by an Israeli airstrike along with her three children. Heba is a treasured member of the PFC community and her loss adds on to the layers of grief we are enduring as we mourn our loved ones in Palestine. When we set out to create the [Palestinian Feminist Futures Calendar and Program](#), we understood that Palestinians have long been denied the right to grieve, create, envision, and dream because of Zionism's long genocidal war on Palestinian life. This genocide, which has suspended the remainder of our feminist futures programming, reminds us that there resides a present for which a different future must be made. We honor Heba's life and legacy, alongside the thousands of martyrs taken from us, by continuing to mobilize, educate, and agitate. We will not stop until this genocide ends and Palestinians attain their liberation and return.

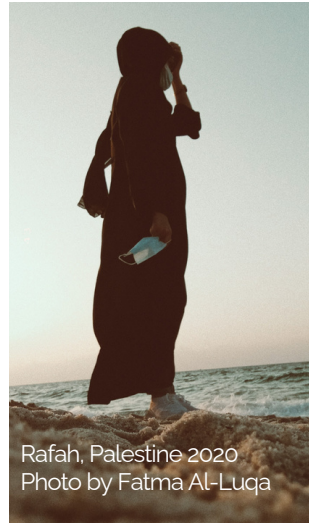


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THE GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE

We are currently witnessing all the forces of empire mobilize against the Palestinian people, and our steadfast struggle for freedom. The genocide in the Gaza Strip is a continuation of a concerted campaign the Zionist settler colonial regime has been waging against Palestinian bodies, land, and culture for nearly a century. In just the first six days of this assault, Israeli Occupation Forces dropped more than 6,000 bombs on Palestinians in Gaza—amounting in strength to one quarter of a nuclear bomb. The relentless aerial bombardment has targeted all life, killing more than 7,000 Palestinians, including close to 3,000 children.

As of October 27th, more than 22,000 Palestinians have sustained life-threatening injuries. Palestinian hospitals are facing dire shortages in medical supplies, bed-space, personnel, and fuel, and a shortage in body bags only deepens the grief and torment of families who are being deprived of the solace and space to bury their loved ones in peace. Thousands of Palestinians remain trapped under the rubble of destroyed buildings, and at least 47 families have literally been erased from Gaza's civil registry.

These airstrikes deliberately target vital infrastructure and safe spaces, including churches, mosques, United Nations shelters, universities, schools, residential towers, hospitals, ambulances, farmlands, grocers, and essential water, sewage, and electrical systems. On October 17, the Israeli regime launched an airstrike on the Al Ahli Baptist Hospital, killing over 500 Palestinians who were receiving life-saving treatment among countless others who were seeking refuge. Meanwhile, Israeli Occupation Forces continue to threaten Gaza's remaining hospitals, where thousands more seek life-sustaining medical attention and shelter.

With a greenlight from its international allies, the Israeli regime has been blockading the passage of life-sustaining food, water, fuel, and medical supplies into Gaza's Rafah border crossing with Egypt, further intensifying its 17-year siege. Since October 7th, more than half of all Palestinian homes have been destroyed and more than 1.4 million Palestinians have been displaced. For some, this exodus marks the sixth forced displacement in seventeen years and the ninth since the 1948 Nakba.

The genocide in Gaza is unfolding alongside unrelenting colonial violence and repression in the occupied West Bank, Jerusalem, and in "heartland Palestine"—lands occupied in 1948. In the last two weeks, nearly 500 Palestinians from Gaza with permits to work inside heartland Palestine had their permits revoked and were rounded up and are being detained in a military detention facility in Jericho.

Meanwhile, the mass arrest across the West Bank of 5,000 Palestinians protesting the genocide in Gaza—in some cases for merely making social media posts—has doubled the Palestinian prisoner population. There are also reports that prison guards are enacting collective punishment upon imprisoned Palestinians, including through the use of torture.

Palestinians in the heartland are being subjected to draconian policies of silencing by being warned that their homes and properties will be seized and their professional licenses will be revoked by the Israeli regime for opposing its genocidal assault on their kin in Gaza. Across the West Bank, Israeli Occupation Forces have killed approximately one hundred Palestinians, while mobs of armed settlers continue to attack numerous Palestinian youth with impunity. Just days ago, Israeli Occupation Forces launched an airstrike on Jenin refugee camp, which is still recovering and rebuilding from an Israeli bombing campaign that took place in July.

The genocide is being aided and abetted by the U.S. and other imperialist powers. Since the start of the onslaught, the U.S. has increased its military aid to the Zionist regime—which had already topped \$3 billion annually—and has fast tracked a large shipment of weapons and warships to support efforts to annihilate the Palestinians. Moreover, reports that the U.S. has boots on the ground that are stationed across West Bank checkpoints abound. The United States' unwavering support for the Israeli regime and participation in this genocide threatens a broader regional and global catastrophe on Palestinian land.

Beyond their material support for state-sanctioned violence, Western politicians are beating the drums of war as they defend the Israeli regime's genocide of Palestinians. Western politicians and the media establishment are spreading false claims that dehumanize Palestinians as a mechanism to excuse our extermination. When the Israeli regime's defense minister, Yoav Gallant, called Palestinians "human animals" and U.S. politicians, such as Nikki Haley, made comments like, "finish them, Netanyahu," Palestinians paid with their lives. When Joe Biden repeated fake reports that Palestinians decapitated forty Israeli babies (published by major news outlets and then retracted), his words served the same function as Bush's lie that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and was part of an "axis-of-evil." This language once enabled the slaughter of millions of Iraqis and Afghans and it is this same "media playbook" that is now being utilized against Palestinians, enabling the systematic murder of thousands and a surge of anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, and anti-Muslim racist violence across the world. On October 21, six-year-old Wadea al Fayoume was stabbed to death by his Zionist landlord in Illinois and since then, hundreds of Palestinian Americans have reported violent hate crimes. We hold all those who have spread these lies accountable.

This utter lack of journalistic integrity reflects decades of systematic attacks on the truth about Palestine's anti-colonial struggle for liberation. Social media platforms continue to distort the truth by censoring, shadow-banning, and suspending accounts on their platforms of thousands of global voices opposing the Israeli regime's bombardment. It is also no accident that the Israeli regime destroyed major media offices in Gaza in the first three days of its assault, or that it has killed at least 23 Gaza-based journalists, who put their lives on the line to report the truth. Media black-outs and distortions must end today.

As Palestinian feminists, we are steadfast in our condemnation of the genocide of our kin in Gaza. We call for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the siege in Gaza and to the occupation of all Palestinian lands. We demand that all Palestinian refugees, whether in Gaza, the West Bank, or globally in exile, return to our homeland. We build upon the long tradition of anti-imperialist and anti-war feminist movements that have mobilized to end colonial violence and demanded accountability from all perpetrators of war, violence, and oppression. We reject the instrumentalization of colonial feminist rhetoric, which portrays Palestinian men as barbaric savages, women as helpless victims who need saving from their culture and religion, and children as "human shields" and "collateral damage." We call upon all our communities and co-strugglers to take immediate action: to get informed, to spread awareness, to speak out and up, to organize, mobilize, and to commit to standing on the right side of history. This toolkit is an offering and invitation to all lovers of freedom to join or deepen your engagement in the struggle for Palestinian liberation at this critical moment.

CHANTS

Free...Free Palestine!
 Free, Free, Free Palestine! End, End the Occupation!
 Netanyahu you can't hide, we charge you with genocide!
 Biden, Harris you can't hide, we charge you with genocide!
 Biden, Harris stop the lie: Genocide is a Crime!
 Netanyahu, you will see, Palestine will be free!
 Netanyahu, what do you say, how many kids have you killed today?!
 End the siege on Gaza NOW!
 Biden! Harris! Won't you Learn? Refugees will return!
 There is only one solution: Intifada! Revolution!
 From the river to the sea! Palestine will be free!
 Resistance, is justified when people, are occupied!
 We want justice, you say how? End the siege on Gaza now!
 We want justice, you say how? End the occupation now!

De-Decolonize! From Turtle Island to Palestine!
 From Palestine to Mexico, border walls have got to go!
 From Ireland to Palestine, colonialism is a crime!
 From Turtle Island to Africa, All Eyes on Gaza!
 From Johannesburg to Al Aqsa: The People stand with Gaza!
 From (insert name of city/town) to Gaza, Globalize the Intifada!
 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!
 From Standing Rock to Palestine: Genocide is a Crime!
 From Ferguson to Palestine: Genocide is a Crime!
 Freedom for Artsakh...all the way to Sheikh Jarrah!
 The People! United! Will Never Be Defeated!
 Jenin, Jenin, hold your ground! The future is freedom bound!
 Viva, viva Palestina!

We salute all our martyrs! mothers, fathers, sons and daughters!
 Gaza, Gaza your not alone! For their crimes they will atone!
 Women! Unite! For a Free Palestine!
 Feminists Feminist Speak your Mind! For a Free Palestine!
 Money for healthcare and education! Not for war and occupation!
 Fight the power, turn the tide! End Israeli genocide!
 Hey-hey, hey ho: The Occupation has got to go!
 Not another nickel, not another dime! No more money for Israel's Crimes!
 Brick by brick, wall by wall, Israeli apartheid has got to fall!
 How do you spell justice? B-D-S!
 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!
 Justice is our demand! No peace on stolen land!



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:

- [Gaza Is Palestine: Find a Protest Near You](#)
- [Palestinian Youth Movement](#)
- [Samidoun Global Calendar of Resistance](#)
- [Palestinian Feminist Collective](#)
- [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#)
- [Jewish Voice for Peace](#)
- [Al-Awda: The Right of Return Coalition](#)
- [American Muslims for Palestine \(AMP\)](#)
- [National Students for Justice in Palestine - Student Actions](#)
- [Arab Resource and Organizing Center \(AROC\) - San Francisco](#)
- [Falastiniyat - Seattle](#)
- [Within Our Lifetime \(WOL\) - New York](#)
- [United States Palestinian Community Network \(USPCN\) - Chicago](#)

Organize A Vigil

KNOW THEIR NAMES: Commemorate the martyrs: It is important to continue organizing and joining actions against genocide and colonial oppression, but it is also important to commemorate and honor those who have been killed. Organize a vigil where the martyrs are remembered, grieved, and mourned. For a [full list of the names of martyrs](#), click here. For [children martyrs](#), click here.

2 Contact Your Representatives Today

1. STOP THE GENOCIDE: Demand an immediate ceasefire and the opening of a humanitarian corridor to the Gaza Strip.

2. END US AID TO ISRAEL: End all US aid to Israel and nullify all joint US-Israeli agreements and collaboration in arms trade and policing .

3. FREE PALESTINE: End the siege and occupation and grant Palestinians their full rights and freedom including the right of refugees to return home.

- [Tell Congress: Stop Fueling the Gaza Genocide:](#) AJP
- [Let Gaza Live! Ceasefire Now:](#) AJP and MPower
- [Demand an IMMEDIATE Ceasefire in Gaza:](#) AJP Action
- [Tell Your Rep: We Demand a Ceasefire Now:](#) Cori Bush
- [Ceasefire Now:](#) JVP
- [End the Siege of Gaza Now:](#) PYM
- [Stop the Gaza Genocide:](#) USCPR
- [Email Congress: Stop Funding the Gaza Genocide:](#) USCPR
- [Urgent! Call Congress: CEASEFIRE NOW!:](#) USCPR

3 National March on Washington



Get on the Bus! Join us and hundreds of organizations at our November 4th March on Washington. [Click this link to reserve a seat](#) on one of the many buses departing from major US cities or to organize a transportation center!

Solidarity In Action

Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions

For more info, visit bdsmovement.net

16 May 2021, Tunisia
Photo by Latrach Med Jamil

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

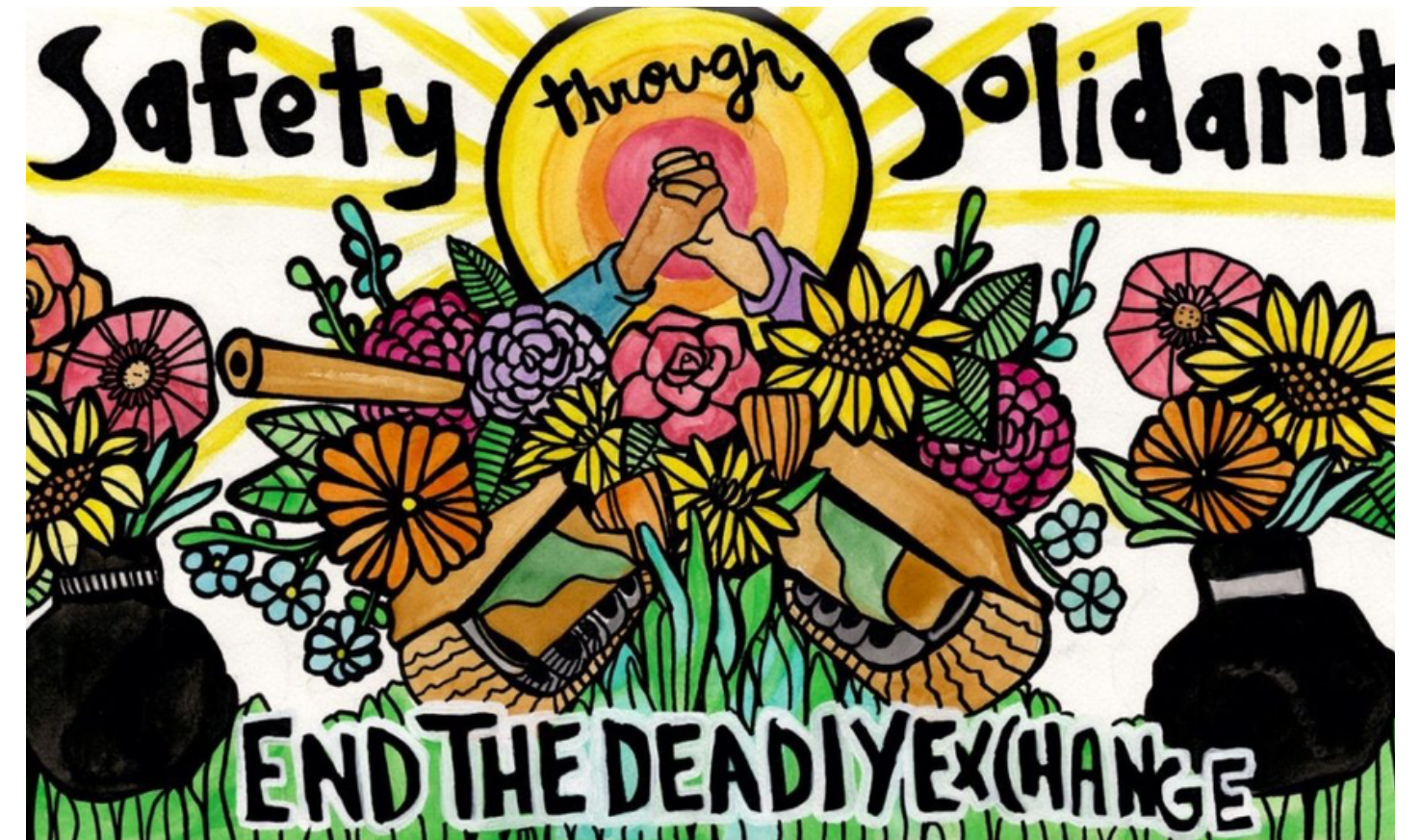
Divestment campaigns withdraw investments from the State of Israel and all Israeli and international companies that sustain Israeli apartheid.

3 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.

Select Solidarity Statements

- [Abolitionist Social Workers](#)
- [American Muslim Bar Association](#)
- [Black for Palestine](#)
- [Black Lives Matter Grassroots](#)
- [Critical Resistance](#)
- [Dissenters](#)
- [Interim Revolutionary Feminist Committee](#)
- [International League of Peoples' Struggle](#)
- [Amazon and Google workers: #NoTechForApartheid](#)
- [Starbucks Workers](#)
- [American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association](#)
- [Healthcare Workers Against Genocide](#)
- [Social Workers Letter to Biden](#)
- [Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [Malcolm X Grassroots Movement](#)
- [Palestine Global Mental Health Network](#)
- [Rising Majority](#)
- [The Red Nation](#)
- [United Voices of the World Trade Union](#)
- [U.S. Labor Against Racism and War](#)
- [Queer Cinema for Palestine](#)
- [More Solidarity Statements](#)



End The Deadly Exchange

Both the US and Israeli governments perpetuate the deadly falsehood that violence against some communities will create security for others. The exchanges bring together police, ICE, border patrol, and FBI from the US with soldiers, police, border agents, etc. from Israel. In these programs, "worst practices" are shared to promote and extend discriminatory and repressive policing practices that already exist in both countries, including racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportation and detention, and attacks on human rights defenders. [Join efforts to end the deadly exchange now!](#)



16 May 2021, Montreal, Canada
Photo by Omar Youssef

Support We Are Dissenters Divestment Campaigns:

- [Divest From Death](#)
- [#BoeingArmsGenocide](#)

What To Boycott

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

Feminist Analyses:
see pp.13-16

1 Current Genocide in Gaza

- ["A Textbook Case of Genocide,"](#) Raz Segal
- ["A Practical Appraisal of Palestinian Violence,"](#) Steven Salaita
- ["Neither Palestinians nor Israelis will be safe..."](#) Jamil Dakwar
- ["The Violence of Demanding Perfect Victims,"](#) Noura Erekat
- ["To say and think a life beyond what settler colonialism has made,"](#) Samera Esmeir
- ["Gaza Without Pretenses,"](#) Tareq Baconi
- ["This could be my last report from Gaza,"](#) Tareq Hajjaj
- [We Had Dreams,](#) Visualizing Palestine
- ["Ghassa': The Lump in One's Throat Blocking Tears and Speech,"](#) Sarah Ihmoud (referenced conversation: [Words from people on the ground](#))
- [UN warns of genocide in Gaza](#)
- [Gaza as a repeat of Nakba or a new Nakba](#) AJ+
- [When Palestinian Lives Are So Dehumanized, Palestinian Suffering Is Normalized,](#) Diana Buttu
- ["Beyond Grief: To Love and Stay with Those Who Die In Our Arms"](#) Devin G. Attallah
- ["Western Journalists Have Blood on Their Hands,"](#) Mohammed El Kurd

2 Palestine 101

- [Not That Complicated](#)
- [Beginner Resources to Learn About Palestine](#)
- [Decolonize Palestine](#)
- [USPCR: Palestine 101](#)
- [What is the Nakba?](#)
- [Palestine Remembered](#)
- [1948: Creation and Catastrophe](#)
- [Palestine Remix](#)
- [Palestinian Journeys Timeline](#)
- [The Palestine Chronology \(JPS\)](#)
- [Palestine Open Maps](#)
- [The Right of Return](#)
- [Palestine Rises Up](#)
- [Teach Palestine](#)
- [Let's Talk Palestine](#)
- [Visualizing Palestine](#)

GAZA

- [Gaza in Context](#)
- [Israel's Permanent Siege of Gaza](#)
- [Gaza for Parents and Educators](#)
- [View on Gaza: A Blog Series](#)

3 Reading Lists

- [Palestinian Justice Syllabus](#)
- [Palestine and Praxis Syllabus](#)
- [Our History of Popular Resistance](#)
- [11 Essential Books to Help You Understand Palestine](#)
- [Free Palestine: A Reading List:](#) Pluto Press
- [Free Palestine!: Haymarket Books Reading List](#)
- [Palestinian Studies: UC Press](#)
- [DSA Resource Library](#)
- [Palestine: Sheikh Jarrah, Expulsion, Occupation, and Settler Colonialism](#)
- [Decolonize Palestine](#)
- [Solidarity with Palestine Verso](#)
- [Free Ebooks for Free Palestine:](#) Haymarket
- [UC Press Recommendations](#)
- [Palestinian Justice Syllabus](#)
- [All the Walls Will Fall: 2023 Palestine Liberation Resource List \(PYM\)](#)
- [UIC Global Asia Studies Teaching Resources](#)
- [Black-Palestinian Solidarity Toolkit](#)
- [Solidarity with Palestine-A Radical Black Feminist Mandate Reading List](#)

Institute for Palestine Studies



Learning & Teaching Resources

4 Suggested Reading Topics

SETTLER COLONIALISM & DECOLONIZATION

- ["Settler-Colonialism Then and Now,"](#) Kauanui and Wolfe
- ["Decolonization is not a metaphor,"](#) Tuck and Yang
- ["Past is Present: Settler Colonialism in Palestine,"](#) Salamanca et al
- [Decolonizing Palestine: Hamas between the Anticolonial and the Postcolonial,](#) S. Sen

APARTHEID

- ["We Charge Apartheid? Palestine and the International Criminal Court,"](#) Erakat & Reynolds
- ["Rethinking Our Definition of Apartheid: Not Just a Political Regime,"](#) Eid & Clarno
- ["What Preceded the Killings in Israel and Gaza Was Not "Peace" — It Was Apartheid,"](#) Hayes & Kaba

PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE

- Video: [PFLP Ghassan Kanafani, Richard Carleton Interview](#)
- Video: [Memory, Inequality, and Power: Palestine and the Universality of Human Rights](#) E. Said.
- ["Armed Struggle and the Search for State: The Palestinian National Movement, 1949-1993,"](#) Y.Sayigh
- [A bit on the history of the keffiyeh](#)
- [The Palestinian keffiyeh: All you need to know about its origins](#)
- [Palestinians: From Peasants to Revolutionaries,](#) R. Sayigh
- [Popular Resistance in Palestine,](#) M. Qumsiyeh
- [Sumud: A Palestinian Philosophy of Confrontation in Colonial Prisons,](#) L. Meari
- [Reborn as Fida'i: The Palestinian Revolution and the \(Re\)Making of an Icon,](#) L. Qutami

JOINT STRUGGLE

- [Birzeit University Union: 'We are all Palestinians' in the face of colonial fascism](#)
- [Kwame Ture on Zionism and Imperialism](#)
- [Black Power and Palestine,](#) M. Fischbach
- [From the River to the Sea to Every Mountain Top: Solidarity as Worldmaking,](#) R. DG. Kelley

JOINT STRUGGLE (cont.)

- Video: [Che Guevara's Visit to Gaza](#)
- Video: [Africa4Palestine](#)
- Video: [Why Black People Should Care About Palestinian Liberation](#)
- [The Black Panther Party Newspaper "Palestine: Voices of Rebellion" \(see p.14\)](#)
- [The Black Panther Party Newspaper "Zionism Imperialism = Fascism" \(see p.17\)](#)
- [The Young Lords Newspaper "Free Palestine Now", \(p.16\)](#)
- [Zapatistas\(EZLN\) Express Solidarity With Palestine](#)
- [Freedom is a Constant Struggle,](#) A. Davis

CONNECTIONS OF OPPRESSION

- [Deadly Exchange report](#)
- [Borders are Obsolete: Relations beyond the "Borderlands" of Palestine and US-Mexico](#) Quintanilla & Mogannam
- [Borders are Obsolete Part II: Reflections on Central American Caravans and Mediterranean Crossings](#) Mogannam & Quintanilla

ANTI-NORMALIZATION

- [Anti-Normalization Guidelines](#)

HISTORY

- [Before Their Diaspora: A Photographic History of the Palestinians 1876-1948](#) W.Khalidi (1984)
- [All That Remains: The Palestinian Villages Occupied and Depopulated by Israel in 1948,](#) W.Khalidi (1992)
- [The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-2017,](#) R. Khalidi (2020)
- [Zionist Colonialism in Palestine,](#) F.Sayegh (1965)
- [The Question of Palestine,](#) E. Said (1979)
- Video: [Edward Said on Orientalism](#)
- [An Oral History of the Palestinian Nakba,](#) N. Abdo & N. Masalha (2018)
- [The Sabra and Shatila Massacres: Eye-Witness Reports](#) L.Shahid (2002)
- [Brothers Apart,](#) M. Nassar (2017)
- [Men of Capital: Scarcity and Economy in Mandate Palestine,](#) S. Seikaly (2015)

6 Scholars in Action

Academics are issuing statements of solidarity with the Palestinian people and demanding an end to the genocide. If you are a scholar, urge your organizations and institutions to issue parallel statements. Below is a selection:

- [Critical Filipinx Studies Scholars Stand in Solidarity with Palestinian Liberation](#)
- [CUNY stands with Palestine liberation](#)
- [Palestine/Israel Scholars Open Letter to US Media](#)
- [CSU Ethnic Studies Statement for Palestine](#)
- [Beirut Institute for Critical Analysis and Research](#)
- [Birzeit University Union](#)
- [Birzeit University: "Do Not Be Silent About Genocide"](#)
- [U. of Toronto Historical and Cultural Studies Faculty statement](#)
- [Sociologists in Solidarity](#)
- [Global Asian Studies at UIC](#)
- [Association of Middle East Women's Studies](#)
- [UC Ethnic Studies Council response to UC admin statements](#)
- [UMass-Amherst English Students Solidarity Statement with Palestine](#)
- [From the Department of Conflict & Development Studies, Ghent U.](#)
- [A Message to our Colleagues in Communication Studies from Palestine](#)
- [American Studies Association Statement on Gaza](#)
- [Palestinian-Canadian Academics & Artists Network Statement](#)
- [National Women's Studies Association](#)
- [UC Berkeley Faculty Statement of Solidarity with Palestinians](#)
- [Open Letter from the Institute for the Critical Study of Zionism](#)
- [Statement from professionals in the cultural, artistic, and academic fields in the EU, US, and Canada](#)
- [Academics and Intellectuals for a Free Palestine](#)
- [Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee & Harvard Graduate Students for Palestine](#)
- [USC Graduates for Palestine](#)

5 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](#)

6 Myths & Facts: Debunking Misinformation

- ["Tear Feminism Out of the Hands of the Colonizer"](#)
- ["Weaponising Feminism Against The Colonised: The Demonisation Of The Palestinian Struggle For Liberation"](#)
- [7 Myths](#)
- [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](#)
- [Wear Your Voice](#)

7 Cultural Production

FILMS

- [1948: Creation and Catastrophe](#)
- [Divine Intervention](#)
- [Daggit Gazza](#)
- [Farha](#)
- [Gaza in Context](#)
- [Gaza Fights for Freedom](#)
- [How did the Nakba happen?](#)
- [Naila and the Uprising](#)
- [Palestine Film Institute: "Unprovoked Narratives," 12 films on the beauty Gaza](#)
- [Pomegranates and Myrrh](#)
- [Salt of the Sea](#)
- [Slingshot HipHop](#)
- [The Present](#)
- [The Time That Remains](#)
- [The Untold History of Palestine & Israel](#)
- [The Wanted 18](#)

MUSIC

Playlists & Albums

- [The Intifada 1987](#), Riad Awwad, Hanan Awwad and Mahmoud Darwish
- [Dabke System](#), by 47SOUL on YouTube
- [Viva Palestina!](#) on YouTube
- [Palestinian Feminist Collective Vibes](#) on Spotify
- [The Sound of Palestinian Pop](#) on Spotify

Learning & Teaching Resources

MUSIC (cont.)

Artists

- [47 Soul](#)
- [Akram Abulfattah](#)
- [Amal Murkus](#)
- [Apo and the Apostles](#)
- [Bashar Murad](#)
- [Clarissa Bitar](#)
- [Daboor](#)
- [Dalal Abu Amneh](#)
- [DAM](#)
- [ELFar3i](#)
- [Le Trio Joubran](#)
- [Marcel Khalifa](#)
- [Mohammad Assaf](#)
- [Rim Banna](#)
- [Sanaa Moussa](#)
- [Saint Levant](#)
- [Shadia Mansour](#)
- [Tamer Nafar](#)
- [TootArd](#)
- [Walla'at](#)

LITERATURE

Anthologies & Collections

- ed. Atef Abu Saif, [The Book of Gaza: A City in Short Fiction](#)
- ed. Atef Alshaer, [A Map of Absence: An Anthology of Palestinian Writing on the Nakba](#)
- ed. Basma Ghalayini, [Palestine +100](#)
- ed. Maya Abu al-Hayat, [The Book of Ramallah: A City in Short Fiction](#)
- ed. Refaat Alareer, [Gaza Writes Back: Short Stories from Young Writers in Gaza, Palestine](#)
- ed. Salma Jayyusi, [Anthology of Modern Palestinian Literature](#)

Poetry

- Fady Joudah, [My Palestinian Poem that "The New Yorker" Wouldn't Publish](#)
- Mahmoud Darwish: [Unfortunately, It Was Paradise](#); [Why Did you Leave the Horse Alone?](#); [Journal of an Ordinary Grief](#); [In the Presence of Absence](#); [Memory for Forgetfulness](#); Single poems: ["On this Earth"](#); ["Record !.. I'm an Arab"](#)
- Naomi Shihab Nye, [Words Under the Words](#), [19 Varieties of Gazelle](#)
- Samih al-Qasi, ["Enemy of the Sun"](#)
- Rafeef Ziadah, ["We Teach Life"](#)
- Suheir Hammad, [Born Palestinian, Born Black](#)
- Tamim Barghouti, [In Jerusalem and Other Poems](#)
- Zeina Azzam: [Bayna Bayna: In Between](#); [Some Things Never Leave You](#)
- Zaina Alsous, [A Theory of Birds](#)

Novels, Memoirs & Prose

- Adania Shibli: [Minor Detail](#); [Touch](#)
- Emile Habibi, [The Secret Life of Saeed the Pessoptimist](#)
- Etel Adnan: [Sitt Marie Rose](#); [The Arab Apocalypse](#)
- Ghada Karmi, [In Search of Fatima](#)
- Ghassan Kanafani: [Men in the Sun and Other Palestinian Stories](#); [Palestine's Children](#); [Returning to Haifa & Other Stories](#)

Novels, Memoirs & Prose (cont.)

- Hadeel Assali, [Diary: An Inventory of Rejections](#)
- Hussein Barghouti, [Among the Almond Trees](#), [The Blue Light](#)
- Ibrahim Nasrallah, [Time of White Horses](#), [The Lanterns of the King of Galilee](#), [Gaza Weddings](#)
- Ibtisam Azem, [The Book of Disappearance](#)
- Liana Badr, [A Balcony over the Fakihani](#)
- Mourid Barghouti, [I Saw Ramallah](#), [I Was Born There, I Was Born Here](#)
- Radwa Ashour: [The Woman from Tantoura](#)
- Sahar Khalifeh: [Wild Thorns](#); [My First and Only Love: Of Noble Origins](#)
- Samira Azzam, [Out of Time](#)
- Susan Abulhawa, [Mornings in Jenin](#)

8 Children & Young Adults

PRE-K - 12 CURRICULUM & EDUCATOR RESOURCES

- [Teach Palestine](#)
- [Project48 Curriculum](#)
- [Boycotting Occupation: Educators and Palestine](#), The Editors of [Rethinking Schools](#)
- [Books About Contemporary Palestine for Children](#), Katharine Davies Samway
- [Palestinian Erasure Starts in Preschool—With Sesame Street's Endorsement](#), Nora Lester Murad
- [Social Justice Books, Palestine](#)
- ["I Think the Word Is Dignity" — Rachel Corrie's Letters from Gaza](#)
- [Remembering Mahmoud Darwish](#), Teaching Activity, by Naomi Shihab Nye and Linda Christensen
- [Free eBook Teaching About the Wars](#), Edited by Jody Sokolower
- [Teaching Palestine An interview with Palestinian educator Ziad Abbas by Jody Sokolower](#)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- Alice Walker, [A Child's View of Gaza: Palestinian Children's Art and the Fight Against Censorship](#)
- Amahl Bishara, [The Boy and The Wall](#)
- Fatin Badran Kadri, [Teta's Thoub](#)
- Golbarg Basha, [P is for Palestine](#)
- Golbarg Basha, [Counting Up the Olive Tree](#)
- Hannah Moushabeck, [Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine](#)
- Helal Musleh, [Secret Recipe Box](#)
- Madiyah Rana, [From Al-Aqsa to The Lote Tree](#)
- Nadine Foty, [My name is Palestine](#)
- Naif Salem, [The Olive Tree Said To Me](#)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS (cont.)

- Naomi Shihab Nye, [Sitti's Secrets](#)
- Nasser Nabhan, Yallah, [Let Me Show You Palestine](#)
- Ndaa Hassan, [Sitti's Olive Trees](#)
- Reem Kassis, [We are Palestinian: A Celebration of Culture and Tradition](#)
- Rifk Ebeid, [Baba What Does My Name Mean](#)
- Susan Muaddi Darraj, [Farah Rocks Fifth Grade](#)
- Tala Fahmawi, [Salim's Soccer Ball: A story of Palestinian Resilience](#)
- Wafa Shami, [Olive Harvest in Palestine](#)
- Wafa Shami, [When Za'atar Met Zeit](#)

YA BOOKS

- Anne Laurel Carter, [The Shepherd's Granddaughter](#)
- Anne-Marie Young, [Young Palestinians Speak](#)
- Ellen O'Grady, [Outside the Ark: An Artist's Journey in Occupied Palestine](#)
- Ibtisam Barakat, [Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood](#)
- Leila Abdelrazaq, [Baddawi](#)
- Naomi Shihab Nye, [Habibi](#)
- Randa Abdel-Fattah, [Where the Streets Had a Name](#)
- Sonia Nimr & Elizabeth Laird, [A Little Piece of Ground](#)
- Sonia Nimr, [Thunderbird \(Pt.1\)](#); [Thunderbird \(Pt.2\)](#)
- Sonia Nimr, [Wondrous Journeys in Strange Lands](#)

HANDALA'S RETURN

A CHILDREN'S STORY AND WORKBOOK

CREATED BY THE PALESTINIAN FEMINIST COLLECTIVE



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PFC:
Handala's
Return
Workbook

1 Follow Updates

Select U.S. Based Organizations

- Adalah Justice Project (AJP) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Al-Awda: The Palestinian Right to Return Coalition [FB](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies Program (AMED) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Arab Resource and Organizing Center: San Francisco (AROC) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Black For Palestine (B4P) [FB](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Deadly Exchange [X](#) | [website](#)
- Eyewitness Palestine (EP) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Falestiniyat: Seattle [FB](#) | [IG](#) |
- International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) [FB](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- International Solidarity Movement (ISM) [website](#)
- Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- National Lawyers Guild (NLG), Palestine Subcommittee [website](#)
- National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- New Generation for Palestine: Michigan (NGP): [FB](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian American Community Center Houston (PACC) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian American Community Center New Jersey(PACC) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian American Women's Association (PAWA) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian Feminist Collective (PFC) [FB](#) | [X](#) | [IG](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Samidoun Network [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- U.S. Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Within our Lifetime: New York (WOL) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)

Some Groups To Follow For Updates From The Ground

- Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Al-Haq [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- alQaws for Sexual & Gender Diversity in Palestinian Society [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Tal3at [IG](#)
- Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Union of Palestinian Women's Committees (UPWC) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Rabet by The Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy (PIPD) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- BDS National Committee [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- 7amleh Arab Center for Social Media Advancement [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Grassroots al-Quds [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Palestinian Centre for Human Rights [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Youth Against Settlements [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Jerusalemite Women's Coalition [FB](#)



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Mural by Cece Carpio

FOLLOW: LIVE FROM PALESTINE

Live from Gaza

[Bisan](#)
[Ahmed Hijazi](#)
[Motaz Azaiza](#)
[Hind Khoury](#)
[Plestia Alaqaad](#)
[Ahmed Aborjelaa](#)
[Afaf Ahmed](#)
[Rahaf Shamaly](#)
[Yousef Mema](#)
[Solmaq Shaheen](#)
[Refaat Alareer](#)
[Mohammed Zaanoun](#)
[Wissam Nassar](#)
[Meera Adnan](#)
[Salma Shurrab](#)
[Roshidi Sarraj](#)
[Abdelkhelem Abu Rash](#)
[Fares M Anbar](#)

Gaza (cont.)

[Ali Jadallah](#)
[Gaza Medic Voices](#)
[Yara Eid](#)
[Mohammed Aborjela](#)

Palestine & Diaspora

[Lara/ Gaza Girl](#)
[Subhi Taha](#)
[Mohammed EL Kurd](#)
[Ahmed Eldin](#)
[Ayman](#)
[Salma Shawa](#)
[Jenan Matari](#)
[Adnan Barq](#)
[Mariam Barghouti](#)

2 Select News & Analysis

- Al Jazeera English Live [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#) | [YouTube](#)
- Democracy Now [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Electronic Intifada [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Eye On Palestine [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#)
- Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Institute of Palestine Studies [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Jadaliyya [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Middle East Eye [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Middle East Research & Information Project [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Mondoweiss [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Palestine Chronicle [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- Quds News Network [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)
- The New Arab [FB](#) | [IG](#) | [X](#) | [website](#)

Podcasts & Webinars

- [This Is Palestine \(IMEU\)](#)
- [Voices from Gaza \(IMEU\)](#)
- [Gaza in Context \(ASI\)](#)
- [The Situation in Gaza \(FMEP\)](#)
- [International Law and War in Palestine](#)
- [Contextualizing Palestine:](#)
- [Within the Genocidal World of 1492](#)

3 Hashtags

#Stopthegenocide #PalestinelsAFeministIssue
 #Palestine #RiseUpforPalestine
 #Gaza #FreePalestine
 #Ceasefirenow #DecolonizePalestine
 #GazaUnderAttack #AllOut4Palestine
 #LifttheBlockade #Endthenakba
 #EndthesiegeonGaza #AlAqsaFlood

1 From The PFC

- [Pledge That Palestine Is A Feminist Issue](#)
- [A Love Letter to Our People Struggling in Palestine](#)
- [Palestinian Feminist Group Forms](#)
- [A Love Letter to Our People in Palestine](#)
- [Palestinian Feminist Futures Calendar and Program](#)



2 Analysis on the "Palestine is a Feminist Issue" Pledge

- ["How Palestine is a Critical Feminist Issue,"](#) Nada Elia
- ["Palestine is a Feminist Struggle" Discussion with Sarah Ihmoud, Sandra Tamari and Soheir Asaad](#)
- ["Palestinian Feminist Collective Instagram Live Discussion",](#) Rasha Mubarak, Yazan and Leila
- ["Whose Feminism? Palestine's Feminism"](#) Nada Elia
- ["Palestinian Women: A History of Resistance"](#) Huwaida Arraf, Amani Barakat, Zarefah Baroud, & Iman Alzaghari
- ["Why Feminism? Why Now? Reflections on the 'Palestine is a Feminist Issue' Pledge"](#) Loubna Qutami
- ["Why is Palestine a Feminist Issue?" Facebook Live,](#) Mira Nabulsi, Yazan Zahzah, Hana Masri and Nada Elia

3 More 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
- ["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
- ["BDS as a Feminist Issue,"](#) David Lloyd, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Rana Sharif, Brenna Bhandar
- ["Beyond Propaganda: Pinkwashing as Colonial Violence" \(alQaws\)](#)
- ["Criminalising the Victim: The Life Story of Rasmea Odeh,"](#) Nahla Abdo
- ["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
- ["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
- ["Why The Question of Palestine Is A Feminist Concern,"](#) Neferti Tadiar
- ["Why We, as Women of Color, Join the Call for Divestment from Israel,"](#) Barbara Ransby

4 Palestinian and Revolutionary Feminism Resources

- ["Tear feminism out of the hands of the colonizer: Our statement debunking the claims of mass rape used to siphon off support from the Palestinian resistance" \(The Interim Revolutionary Feminist Committee\)](#)
- ["My People Shall Live: The Autobiography of a Revolutionary,"](#) by Leila Khaled
- ["Arab and Arab American Feminisms: Gender, Violence, and Belonging,"](#) eds. Rabab Abdulhadi, Evelyn Alsultany, Nadine Naber
- ["Beyond Propaganda: Pinkwashing as Colonial Violence" \(al Qaws\)](#)
- ["Third World Women's Alliance, Women in the Struggle,"](#)
- ["Palestinian Women's Disappearing Act,"](#) Amal Amireh
- ["Captive Revolution: Palestinian Women's Anti-Colonial Struggle within the Israeli Prison System,"](#) Nahla Abdo
- ["Secret Penetrabilities: Embodied Coloniality, Gendered Violence, and the Racialized Policing of Affects,"](#) Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Abeer Otman, Rasmieyh R. Abdelnabi
- ["Infiltrated Intimacies: The Case of Palestinian Returnees,"](#) Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
- ["The Combahee River Collective Statement" \(1977\)](#)
- ["Palestinian feminism: Analytics, praxes and decolonial futures,"](#) Sarah Ihmoud
- ["What Is Peace for Palestine/inians Under Israeli Settler Colonial Occupation? Counterstory Imaginings of Peace Through Transformational Resistance to Erasure,"](#) Bernardita M. Yunis (Varas) & Tiera Tanksley, in *Peace as Liberation* (chapter 7)
- ["Locating Palestinians at the Intersections: Indigeneity, Critical Refugee Studies, and Decolonization" Eman Ghanayem, Jennifer Mogannam, and Rana Sharif](#)
- ["A Feminist manifesto: Anti Colonialism is a Feminist Issue"](#)
- ["The Birds Shall Return: Imagining Palestinian Feminist Futurities" Tara Alami and Rawan Nabil](#)

Chronology of Palestinian Feminist Organizing 1893-2020



Palestinian woman smiles to show steadfastness against Israeli Occupation Forces and the structural gendered violence inherent to occupation. Photo taken at a demonstration organized by the Palestinian **feminist movement Tala'at.**

Photo by Heather Sharona Weiss

1 Mental Health Resources

- [USA Palestine Mental Health Network](#)
- [Mental Health + Somatic Resources for Palestinians in Diaspora / SWANA Folks](#); Instagram: [@palmhnwellness](#)
- [Dr. Jennifer Mullan \(@decolonizingtherapy\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos
- [Resources for mental health workers supporting Palestinian students](#)
- [Healthcare Workers Against Palestinian Genocide](#)
- [CURCUM's Trees - A Decolonial Healing Guide for Palestinian Community Health Workers \(English and Arabic\)](#)



2 Action Safety Resources for Protests and Gatherings

- [Action Safety and Community Care in Times of Rapid Response](#)
- [Going to a Protest? People Are Watching](#)
- [Know Your Rights - National Lawyers Guild](#)
- [Get In Formation: A Community Safety Toolkit](#)

3 Digital Security Safety

- [Protest Safety Tips to Guard Against Surveillance](#)
- [Digital Security Tips for Protesters](#)
- [Doxxing Prevention](#) by Information Ecology
- [PFC DIGISEC](#)
- [What to do if you're doxxed](#)

4 A Collaboration between PFC, [For the Binat](#) & [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:
[For the Binat Protest Safety Guide](#)

Having mics taken away.

Key speakers who are leading the actions are violently having their mics taken away by cis* men for messaging and chants that are not aligned with the organized action's values.

* cis refers to when gender identity matches sex assigned at birth.

Being spoken over.

"As the organizers of this march we've planned this march to go this way"

"We have spent days organizing this march, we are supposed to do it this way"

"No, we are going to do what we want and don't care what you women think"

This harm occurs when we see cis* men erasing the leadership and voices of the women, femmes and genderqueer individuals who have put in labor to create the space. This is misogyny and bad adab.
* cis refers to when gender identity matches sex assigned at birth.

Being groped or touched without consent.

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actively giving permission to do something at a specific time. Consent can be revoked at any time for any reason. Not respecting consent is sexual violence.

Being aggressively shoved out of the way

DO NOT PUSH

Cis* and cis-passing men physically assaulting people by pushing and shoving them out of their way. This is an extension of male entitlement and is violence.

*cis refers to when gender identity matches sex assigned at birth.

Stalking key organizers after protests

Hey, I saw you at the protest up on the mic and think you're pretty = I'm crossing a boundary and using your information to violate your personal space for non-professional reasons.

SAFETY AT ACTIONS FOR ALL

Keeping each other safe at protests: No More Misogyny

Know Your Rights And Report Racist Violence, Harrassment, Discrimination and Retaliation To the Orgs Below!

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. Since October 7th, 2023, there has been a surge of **anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, and anti-Muslim racist** violence, harrassment, stalking, doxing, retaliation by employers, and government surveillance.

1 Learn About These Forms Of Repression

- [Hundreds of Legal Community Members Demand Action To Stop Racist Targeting of Palestine Advocates and Safeguard Fundamental Rights](#), Palestine Legal
- [Distorted Definition: Redefining Antisemitism to Silence Advocacy for Palestinian Rights](#), Palestine Legal
- [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
- [Letter: Civil Rights Groups Demand DOE Secretary Marcus Endon 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 and Daphna Thier
- [Stifling Dissent](#) (Jewish Voice for Peace)
- ["Uncivil Rites: Palestine and the Limits of Academic Freedom."](#) Steven Salaita
- ["When It Comes to Palestine, Free Speech Rights Are Under Attack."](#) Radhika Sainath

2 Know Your Rights Resources

- [Know Your Rights](#) (Palestine Legal)
- [Legal Resources for Palestine Protests](#) (Palestine Legal)
- [Know Your Rights](#) (Council on American Islamic Relations)
- [Palestinian News and Resources](#) (American Arab Anti Discrimination Committee)
- [Know Your Rights](#) (American Civil Liberties Union)

3 Reporting Repression And Seeking Legal Support

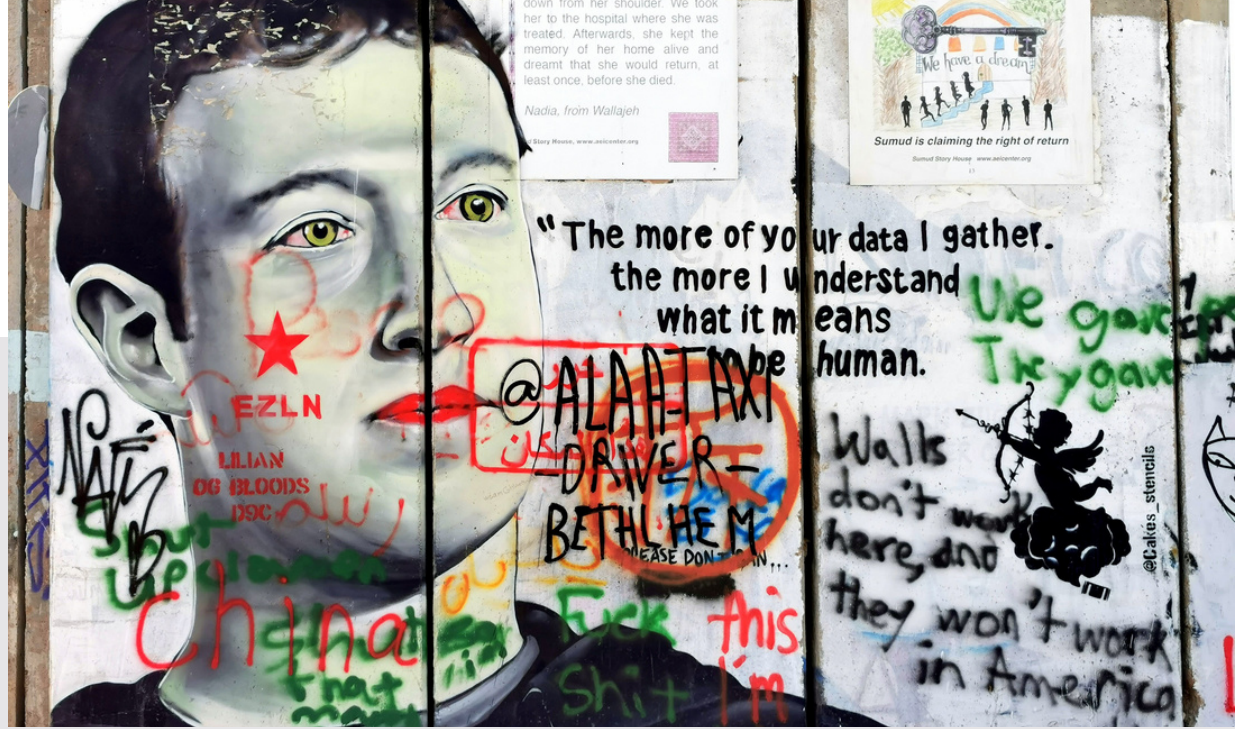
- [Palestine Legal](#)
- [The Legal Center for Palestine](#)
- [American Civil Liberties Union](#)
- [Council on American Islamic Relations](#)
- [American Arab Anti Discrimination Committee](#)



[How to Handle a Zionist Defamation Campaign](#)

by Steven Salaita

25 July 2021, Los Angeles
Photo by Loubna Qutami



It is often 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. There has been a concerted and ongoing effort for decades to equate anti-Zionism and/or any critique of the Israeli regime with antisemitism. Palestinians have made clear, time and again, that critiques of Zionism as an ideology, and of Israeli settler colonialism, are not the same as anti-Semitism, and that a large component of the movement for Palestinian liberation includes Jews rejecting Zionism as a decolonial expression of Jewish identity.

Advocates for justice in Palestine have long been racially demonized as so-called "terrorist sympathizers," a colonial rhetoric which works to stifle debate and legitimize state-sanctioned violence, surveillance, imprisonment, and detention of anyone opposing Israeli settler colonial violence. These forms of suppressing free speech have been persistent across generations, are accompanied by colossal 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.

In the last three weeks, advocates for Palestine who are speaking out about the genocide in Gaza are facing an unprecedented amount of anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, and anti-Muslim racism, including horrible acts of violence and countless efforts to criminalize dissent. Many have reported that they have been terminated from their jobs, have had employment contracts rescinded, or have been punished by their supervisors. Thousands of government institutions and private companies across the world have issued statements that condemn violence against Jewish communities while permitting and justifying genocide against Palestinians and racial animosity toward Palestinians in diaspora.

It is very important to speak out in our professional settings, not only because of our responsibility towards the Palestinian people struggling for liberation, but also because when we do, we are able to protect more people taking action and open space for others to do the same. It is a moral and ethical right and responsibility to fight censorship including in our professional settings. Though speaking out may come with risk, we encourage our communities to get informed on your rights and demonstrate courage at this crucial time.

SPEAK UP FOR PALESTINE IN YOUR WORKPLACE

01 Speaking Up! Why Now?

02 How to Talk About Palestine in Your Workplace

- o The Forum to Have the Conversation
- o Knowing Your Audience
- o Fear of Retaliation
- o Calculating Your Words
- o Crafting Your Message



1 Speak Up! Why Now?

In 2021, Palestinians throughout historic Palestine, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, rose up together in what was named the Unity Intifada. As Palestinians placed their bodies and homes on the line to end 73 years of colonialism, apartheid, dispossession, and occupation, they called on their Palestinian siblings in the diaspora and co-strugglers to do our part by Speaking Up! As Mohammed al-Kurd had stated: "it is difficult to have the conversation, but it is more difficult to live under occupation." While the 2021 moment was initially regarded as one of immense hope and dignity, in the two years that followed, Palestinians were violently punished for daring to dream freedom and acting to attain it. Palestinians across Palestine were beaten, imprisoned, brutalized, and continuously had their lands and homes taken and their sacred sites desecrated. The siege on Gaza and the Occupation of the West Bank became even more egregious denying Palestinians the very right to life. Prior to October 7, 2023, 2022 and 2023 were already the deadliest years for Palestinians in the West Bank since the second Intifada. In the diaspora, Palestinians have been confronting McCarthyist policies that suspend their right to speak and act against this injustice. The current violence we are witnessing did not begin on October 7, 2023, but stems from over 100 years of colonialism, 75 years of conquest, 56 years of military occupation, 17 years of siege in the Gaza Strip, and two years of increased Zionist violence targeting Palestinian land and life. Palestinians are denied their right to life and freedom, and it is time for justice to be delivered. The genocide in Gaza has already been the bloodiest we have seen, and it threatens to evolve into a full-fledged massacre and a permanent expulsion of Gaza's 2.3 million inhabitants. Not only must this genocide end now, but Palestine must finally be freed.



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2 How To Talk About Palestine In Your Workplace

The Forum To Have The Conversation

- Many corporations have a centralized discussion board on which employees can post messages 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.



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?
- Do you have colleagues that might not know much about Palestine but are angry about the racist rhetoric and dehumanization of Palestinians, Arabs, and Muslims?

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](#).

The lack of **journalistic** integrity through the spreading of unverified reports and manufactured lies has in part enabled this current genocide in Gaza. Point that out and force your colleagues to reflect on their professional responsibility. For talking points on how Western journalists are [complicit in this genocide see 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 in this toolkit and at [United States Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#).

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 [here](#). You can also demonstrate how what is currently happening violates the 1949 UN Genocide Convention and civil liberties of Palestinians in the US. See the American Muslim Bar Associations [urgent appeal to the legal community 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 that 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. The denial of emergency humanitarian assistance and specific bombing of hospitals in Gaza are important things to discuss regarding the current situation. 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 and 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 you union to join other organized labor efforts to end this genocide and siege on Gaza and free Palestine. For support, [contact labor for Palestine](#). See statements from US labor [calling for a ceasefire](#) in Gaza and [opposing US military aid](#) for Israel.

If you are a **cultural worker**: share and discuss the work of Palestinian artists, writers, singers, designers, playwrights, and producers, and discuss the growing movement of cultural boycotts of Israel. See how cultural workers are standing up against this genocide in the [art world 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.

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

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. See page 17.

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.

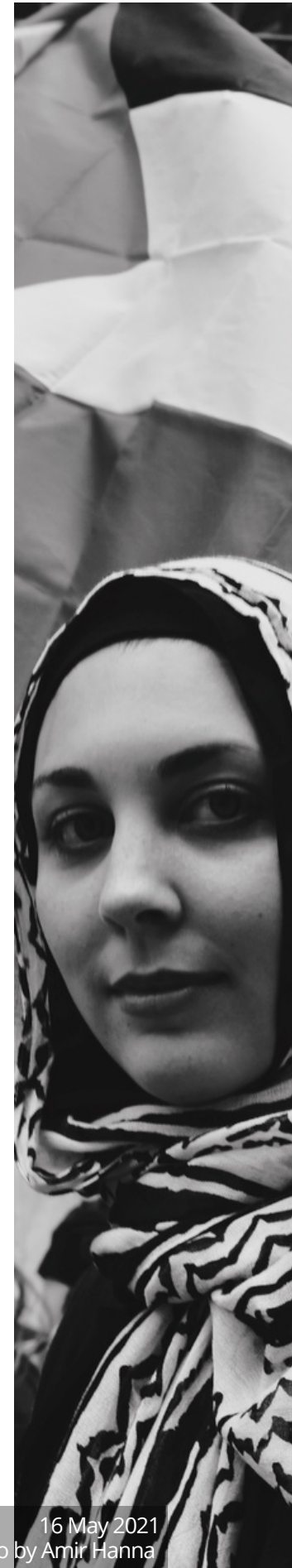
- Resistance is justified when people are occupied: we can stick to our principles without going into details about the actors/forms of resistance.
- Steer clear of any responses you feel are attempting to entrap you to say something out of anger.

Crafting Your Message

Example

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

As a Palestinian, bearing witness to the ongoing genocide in Gaza as world leaders stand complicit has been overwhelmingly painful. The military attack on Gaza has resulted in an enormous loss of life, with at least 6,000 killed, 22,000 injured, and still thousands trapped under the rubble, their fate unknown. Israel has punitively cut off water, electricity, power, and fuel to Gaza, and forced the displacement of over 1.1 million Palestinians, who have been bombed and killed as they seek shelter in churches, mosques, and hospitals. Medical staff, journalists, human rights workers, and their families have been targeted and killed, as have thousands of children, hundreds who have become orphans and the sole survivors of their families. This is an attempt to annihilate Palestinians and drive them off their land permanently. It is important to remember that Israel colonized Palestine 75 years ago, militarily-occupied Gaza 56 years ago, has kept Gaza under a blockade since 1993 and under a full air, land, and sea siege for the past 17 years. Since the siege was imposed, Israel has waged six major military assaults on Gaza. It is time for Palestinians to one and for all, to attain their full rights and freedom.



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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 depth of solidarity communities and individuals have had with us as they are targeted and doxxed for speaking the truth on Palestine.

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.

Palestine Through Six Talking Points

1 The Nakba: Dispossession & Refugees

The Zionist 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 Palestinian refugees and exiles worldwide. About half of them (5 million) still live as stateless refugees in United Nations **refugee camps** scattered throughout the surrounding region and within Palestine. Hundreds of thousands of other Palestinians were internally displaced in 1948. Over **500** Palestinian towns, villages, and neighborhoods were **destroyed**, and over **15,000** Palestinians were massacred in massive **ethnic cleansing** campaigns in 1948. These events are known to Palestinians as *al-Nakba*, which means "catastrophe." **78% of historic Palestine was stolen** to create the Zionist state. This catastrophe was greenlit and **supported by the United Nations**. Since 1948, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have been turned into refugees multiple times due to the Israeli regime's unabated war on Palestinian life, land annexation, and home demolition policies. This ongoing condition is referred to as the *Ongoing Nakba*, and many are viewing the genocide today as a replication of the original 1948 Nakba.

2 Military Occupation

In June 1967, several Arab states lost a war to the Zionist settler-colonial regime. This resulted in the permanent exodus of some 300,000 Palestinians. The Zionist state seized control of the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula, the Syrian Golan Heights, 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 killed in an extrajudicial fashion by Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF). Meanwhile, the Zionist settler-colonial regime continues to annex more lands in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, which displaces Palestinians from their homes, families, and farmlands. 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 and the Current Genocide

The Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli blockade since 2006. The Israeli regime 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 dozens of assaults on the Gaza Strip, five of which included massive airstrikes which have devastated land, economic viability, and life (2009, 2012, 2014, 2021, 2022). 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. For years, Gaza has sustained 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. The current, October 2023, siege reaches the level of genocide in intent and action, as Israel has clearly expressed a racist, violent intention to "clear" the land and expel all Palestinians living in Gaza, about 80% of whom are already displaced by Israeli settler colonialism. After cutting all electricity and access to water, food, and fuel, the Zionist power dropped over 6000 bombs on Gaza in just a few days. These airstrikes included the use of white phosphorus, which are not only against international law, they are designed to cause ongoing and long-term damage and health problems. They have also targeted hospitals, killing scores of people seeking medical aid and shelter. Beyond "killing" and "causing serious bodily and mental harm" to Palestinians, the siege's restrictions also "deliberately inflict on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part," all of which comprise the definition of genocide, according to the UN.

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 Zionist regime military courts. Palestinians have long testified to the use of brute and coercive physical, psychological, and sexual torture under Zionist 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.

Palestine Through Six Talking Points (cont.)

5 Justice for Palestinians Living in Heartland Palestine

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 the Zionist state. Since 1948, they have been discriminated against by the state through over 65 apartheid policies relegating them to third-class citizenship. They are prohibited from entering into certain labor sectors, speaking Arabic as their national language, and even studying the Nakba in the state's education system. Since the start of the Unity Intifada, there has been increasing state and settler violence against Palestinians in the heartland for protesting for their rights and freedom and against genocide. They 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. Today they continue to be targeted for arrest and are threatened with home seizure.

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 the Zionist regime 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 "counterterrorism." 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. While lies are being propagated about Palestinians in the mainstream, state and tech collusion is deplatforming Palestinian knowledge.

7 What Palestinians are Demanding:

- STOP THE GENOCIDE
- LIFT THE SIEGE ON GAZA
- END THE MILITARY OCCUPATION
- FULL SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFUGEE RIGHT TO RETURN
- END IMPRISONMENT AND CARCERAL TORTURE:
- END TO DESECRATION OF SACRED SITES
- END ALL US AID TO THE ISRAELI REGIME
- BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTION
- STOP CENSORSHIP AND CRIMINALIZATION

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