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Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

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**End Canadian Complicity! Ceasefire Now!
Lift the Siege on Gaza Now!
Stop Bombing Gaza Now!**



Vancouver 5000+ rally in defence of Gaza & Palestine on October 21, 2023.

October 9, 2023

Statement by Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO)

October 7, 2023 marks a turning point in the over 75 years of the genocidal and racist Zionist Israeli occupation of Palestine. In an unprecedented move, Palestinian resistance fighters from Gaza launched defensive military operations in Israel including air, sea, and ground attacks, surprising Israel and catching one of the most technologically advanced militaries in the world unawares.

The Israeli Zionist propaganda machine and mainstream imperialist media are frantically trying to paint Israel as a victim of terrorism and has launched a vicious dehumanization campaign against Palestinians, openly calling Palestinian people monsters and human animals. However, it is evident that this is a war and the actions of Palestinian resistance fighters are an act of defense in this war. This war has been one of oppressor against oppressed and did not start on October 7 but has been waged since 1948 when Israel was founded as a state

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1 PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE & THE NEW GOLD WAR

Public Forum: Multimedia, Speaker & Discussion
Monday November 20 @ 6pm
SFU Harbour Centre
515 West Hastings St, Vancouver

Featuring:
Ali Yerevani, Political Editor of Fire This Time Newspaper & Participant in the 1979 Iranian Revolution

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2 Let Gaza Live! Rally & March for Ceasfire

Wednesday, November 22 @ 6pm
Hyack Square
Southeast of New Westminster Skytrain Station

3 All Out for Gaza! All Out for Palestine! Rally & March

Saturday, November 25 @ 2pm
Vancouver Art Gallery
W Georgia St & Howe St

4 Mobilization Against War and Occupation Organizing Meeting

Thursday, December 7 @ 6pm
Britannia Community Centre
1661 Napier St & Commercial Drive, Vancouver
Everyone Welcome! Email info@mawovancouver.org for more information

SAYYED HASSAN NASRALLAH: 'ALL OPTIONS' ARE ON THE TABLE AGAINST ISRAEL

Friday, 03 November 2023

Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah has said that all options are on the table against Israel, urging the Zionist regime to stop its aggression against Palestinians in Gaza immediately.

Speaking in a televised speech on Friday, Nasrallah repeated that Hezbollah is ready for all possibilities.

The Hezbollah chief said whoever wants to prevent a regional war, must quickly stop the Israeli aggression against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

He warned that there was a realistic possibility of fighting on the Lebanese front turning into a "wide war."

"You, the Americans, can stop the aggression against Gaza because it is your aggression. Whoever wants to prevent a regional war, and I am talking to the Americans, must quickly halt the aggression on Gaza," Nasrallah said.

"You, the Americans, know very well that if war breaks out in the region, your fleets will be of no use, nor will fighting from the air be of any benefit, and the one who will pay the price will be... your interests, your soldiers and your fleets," he said.

Addressing the US deployment of warships in the region, Nasrallah said Hezbollah is not intimidated.

Nasrallah said that Hezbollah is prepared to act against US navy ships in the Mediterranean Sea.

"I tell you with all sincerity, we have prepared well for your fleets, with which you are threatening us," he said.



He said that the Lebanese resistance movement entered the battle against Israel on October 8, the day after Palestinian resistance movements launched its surprise attack against Israeli occupation forces.

Nasrallah said the daily exchange of fire with Israeli forces along the Lebanese border might seem modest but it is very important, calling it unprecedented since 1948.

Nasrallah also said Hezbollah's operations against Israel are significant and unprecedented in history.

The Hezbollah chief said that 57 Hezbollah fighters have been martyred so far.

Nasrallah made the remarks in his first address since the Israeli offensive on the Gaza Strip began on October 7.

US 'entirely responsible' for war on Gaza
He blamed the United States for being "entirely responsible" for the aggression the Israeli regime is perpetrating against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip and called Israel merely a tool.

"America is entirely responsible for the

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**ISRAEL: STOP BOMBING HOSPITALS!
STOP KILLING CHILDREN!
END THE SEIGE ON GAZA!**

on the land of Palestine by imperialist countries, with the false recognition and legitimization of the United Nations. Resisting oppression and occupation is not terrorism, fighting for dignity is not terrorism. The Palestinian people have been fighting for their right to self-determination and the right to return to their homes, which were brutally taken away by the Zionist Israeli regime.

Decades over decades, the Palestinian people have faced forced expulsion from their cities and villages to overcrowded refugee camps, which in Gaza constitutes the 3rd most densely populated place on earth. Palestinians have faced ethnic cleansing and massacres, with over 10,748 Palestinians killed since September 29, 2000, including over 2,434 Palestinian children killed. Palestinians especially in the West Bank have faced an ongoing Israeli Zionist policy of home demolitions, with over 56,502 Palestinian homes demolished by Israel since 1967, not including homes destroyed through bombing campaigns against Gaza. Palestinians also are subject to arbitrary detentions and torture. Out of 5,000 Palestinian political prisoners, over 1,200 are held without charge or trial under indefinitely renewable administrative orders, many of whom are children as young as 12 years old. Daily life for Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank is defined by occupation, with checkpoints and blockades limiting freedom of movement even to jobs and school, lack of access to food, water, medicines and basic necessities, and the constant threat of military attack from the Israeli Zionist regime's military or racist Zionist settlers.

In the last year, the life under Israeli occupation has gotten measurably worse. The UN declared 2023 as the deadliest year for Palestinians since it started counting deaths in 2006, even before the current indiscriminate Israeli assault on Gaza. From January 2023 until the beginning of October, Israeli forces and racist Zionist settlers killed more than 250 people in the West Bank, including over 50 children. There have been repeated Israeli military assaults into areas of West Bank, including three major Israeli military incursions into the Jenin refugee camp. In Jenin, during these attacks Palestinians were terrorized and killed by deadly airstrikes, hundreds of Israeli ground troops, helicopter gunships, rockets and armoured vehicles, and faced destroyed homes and massively damaged sewage and water networks. In a further insult to Palestinians, worshipers at Al Aqsa Mosque in al-Quds (also known as Jerusalem) have faced repeated raids and attacks by Zionist Israeli police and military, as well as by racist Israeli settlers.

This has all been part of a genocidal campaign of ethnic cleansing by the Israeli regime, led by prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu who since 2019 has repeatedly proposed and planned to annex the West Bank and Gaza. This is nothing new, but a longstanding policy of ethnic cleansing since 1948. In September 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a delegation from the Washington Institute for Near

East Policy "I would like Gaza to sink into the sea".

For over 75 years, Palestinians have tried every avenue to assert their right to self-determination, including legal and diplomatic measures. 78 resolutions in the United Nations demanding that Israel respect various aspects of Palestinian human rights have been repeatedly violated. All so-called solutions imposed by imperialists and Israel on Palestinians since 1948, especially the Oslo Accord in 1993, have not brought peace. Instead, as planned they have prolonged and expanded the racist Zionist Israeli occupation and war against Palestine. From October 7, 2023, the defensive military operation of Palestinian resistance fighters from Gaza into Israel has effectively ended all deceitful plans in the past, present and future. Today the tide is turning as Palestinians won't accept any false promises or distractions and are fighting for their self-determination and right to exist as a nation and to form a nation-state.

Today the world is watching as the Zionist Israeli military is launching a massive attack on Gaza, indiscriminately collapsing whole apartment complexes, and targeting homes and hospitals. The Israeli Zionist Prime Minister Netanyahu has promised to turn Gaza

into a "deserted island" and told Palestinian civilians to leave the territory. This warning to Palestinians to leave Gaza is entirely outrageous – Gaza is an open-air prison, with a population of over 2.3 million Palestinians that are essentially prisoners with absolutely no freedom of movement. Since

2005 Palestinians in Gaza have been blockaded by Israel by air, sea and land, surrounded a 65km long, 20 feet high concrete, iron and steel wall with radar systems, sniper towers and underground sensors. For 18 years Israel has controlled and restricted access to anything moving in or out of Gaza, including water, food, medicine, fuel, and electricity, and even Palestinians, journalists, aid organizations and visitors ability to leave or enter Gaza.

As of October 9, 2023 the death toll of Palestinians has reached 704 since October 7, mainly in Gaza but also in West Bank, and including over 150 children and thousands injured. There are reports that Israel is using internationally banned white phosphorus shells over residential areas in Gaza. The Israeli Zionist regime has declared a total blockade of Gaza, essentially cutting off water, food, medicine, fuel and electricity. The world is watching as the Zionist Israeli regime is massacring Palestinian people in Gaza.

Imperialist governments, led by the United States, are declaring their support for Israel. The US has moved aircraft carriers to the eastern Mediterranean sea and several air force squadrons to the region, as well as has promised additional munitions to Israel. This imperialist support for Israel isn't because their governments really care about the Israeli people – since the Balfour Declaration by the British government in 1917, to the formation of Israel on Palestinian land, Israel has always been an imperialist project, first for Britain and today for the United States. Israel is the US forward base into West Asia, a foothold in the region from which to launch surveillance, military



attacks, wars, and occupations, and to expand their plunder of resources and markets. The US imperialist new era of war and occupation has accelerated their drive for hegemony in the region, which we have seen since the war and occupation of Afghanistan in 2001, and continued with the war on Iraq, Syria, Libya and Yemen. This is why Israel as a Zionist racist and apartheid regime has never been a truly functional legitimate state. Without the economic, financial and military support of the US and their imperialist allies, including Canada, Israel cannot survive more than a few weeks. The US supplies more than \$4 billion a year in military aid to Israel, and in 2022 the US provided Israel with at least \$13.1 million per day in military aid. Canada also provides military aid and exports to Israel, and Canadian bank Scotiabank is the largest foreign investor in Elbit Systems, a major Israeli weapons manufacturer, who sells "battle tested" drones – battle tested against Palestinian people.

We have been lied to for years that the Israel-Palestine conflict is "complicated," and peace is distant. Before the Zionist project with the support of Britain and other imperialists imposed the state of Israel on Palestinian land, Palestinians of Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith lived in harmony side by side for centuries. Despite the claims that Israel needed to be created as a "safe" homeland for Jewish people, there can be no safety when that state is imposed by a genocidal occupation, as has been done on Palestinian land. This was just a convenient solution for racism in Europe and North America, where historically and today Jewish people face antisemitism, where Jewish people should have the right to live without discrimination. In fact, the safest place historically and today for Jewish people has been in West Asian countries, side by side with their Muslim neighbours! The solution that we are told is complicated is in fact simple. Palestinian's legitimate demand for the right to self-determination must be met, preferably a single democratic state with the fundamental right of one person, one vote, where Palestinian and Jewish people can live in together in peace and harmony. It is only the Zionist regime and their imperialist backers that are blocking this only viable solution from becoming a reality. If it this could happen in South Africa, it can happen in the entire land of Palestine today from the river to the sea.

Today solidarity with Palestine is more important than ever. While the imperialist and Zionist narrative tries to get support for the massacre of Palestinians that the Israeli military is unleashing on Gaza, it is up to the solidarity movement worldwide to demand an end to 75 years of Israeli Zionist occupation. Since October 7th, hundreds of thousands of people in dozens of countries around the globe are protesting against the Zionist Israeli regime and in defense of the Palestinian struggle against Israeli Zionist occupation, in over 100 cities around the world including 60 cities in Canada and the US. Today in Palestine and around the world, we are fighting for a new path forward against imperialism, against Zionism, and for the Palestinian right to self-determination.

**Free Palestine!
Self-Determination for Palestine!
From the river to the sea, Palestine
will be free!**

ongoing war on Gaza and its people, and Israel is simply a tool of execution," Nasrallah said, calling the conflict "decisive."

"Whoever wants to prevent a regional war -- and this is addressed to the Americans -- must quickly stop the aggression on Gaza," he said.

The United States "impedes a ceasefire and the end of the aggression," he observed.

'Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was 100% Palestinian'

Nasrallah also said that Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was carried out entirely by Palestinian resistance movements.

"The great Al-Aqsa Storm Operation was decided and implemented 100 percent Palestinian," he said.

"Absolute secrecy is what ensured the success of the Al-Aqsa Storm operation on October 7," added the chief of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement.

"We were not bothered by Hamas's concealment of the October 7 attack plan," he stated.

"Conditions in Palestine in recent years have been extremely harsh, especially with this extremist, foolish, stupid, and savage [Israeli] regime," he said.

"The Operation Al-Aqsa Storm led to an earthquake in [Israel]," he said.

"It has strategic and existential repercussions and will leave its effects on the present and future of [Israel]," he stated.

He said that what is happening in Gaza shows Israel's foolishness and inability because what it is doing is killing children and women.

'Israel failed to achieve any military achievement'

The Hezbollah leader called Israel "frail" and said that for a whole month, it has been unable to record a single military achievement.

Nasrallah offered "condolences and congratulations" to the families of those killed in Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

"This is a seamless battle at the human, ethical and religious levels. It's the most evident, the most honest and the most noble," he stated.

"Our true strength lies in our firm belief, unshaken conviction, our devotion and commitment to the cause," the Hezbollah chief said.

Nasrallah began the speech by praising "the fallen martyrs" of Hezbollah and the other resistance groups fighting Israel, as well as the civilians killed.

"I start by offering my deepest condolences to the families of the fallen here in Lebanon, and at the same we congratulate you as your loved ones have won the honor of martyrdom," he stated.

"We must salute the... strong and brave Iraqi and Yemeni hands who are now involved in this holy war," he noted.

"There had to be a major event that would shake the usurping entity and its supporters in Washington and London and this is when the blessed operation of the October 7 took place."

Hezbollah has warned that it will join the Palestinian resistance group Hamas and its allies in the fight against Israel if the regime escalates its aggression on Gaza and in case foreign military forces intervene to help the Israeli regime in the battle.

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