

# WHO'S MAWO?

**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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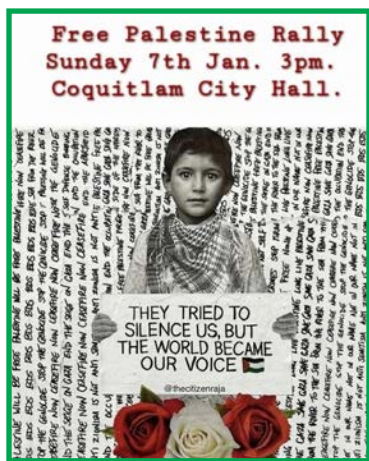
► Monday January 8, 2024 @ 6pm

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

## PALESTINE INFO BOOTH

Saturday January 6  
10am - 1pm  
Robson Square  
Robson St at Hornby St, Downtown Vancouver

Sunday January 7  
11am - 2pm  
Surrey Central Sky Train Station  
Surrey



## RALLY FOR PALESTINE!

Sunday January 7\* @ 3pm  
\* and every Sunday, same time and place  
Coquitlam City Hall  
3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam  
Follow @freepalestinecitiesbc for updates and information



## DAILY VIGILS FOR PALESTINE

Daily generally 5pm - 8:30pm  
Robson Square, Vancouver  
on Robson street between Hornby and Howe  
Follow @YVR\_Vigil on Instagram for more information

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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!**

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**MOBILIZE! ORGANIZE! & FIGHT BACK!**

The Israeli Zionist regime's continued dehumanization, murder, and genocide of the people in Gaza is leading towards a holocaust. For 91 days the Israeli Zionist apartheid regime has been committing genocide with their brutal bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza, killing over 22,000 Palestinians in Gaza, over 70% of whom are women and children (15,000 people). Among those killed by Israel, more than 105 journalists and 300 health workers have been killed. More than 58,000 Palestinians are wounded, while Gaza's health system is in a state of total collapse due to Israeli bombing and blockade, along with the bombing and destruction of schools, churches, mosques, homes, and water, fuel and sanitation infrastructure. Israeli racist and criminal attacks on Palestinians in West Bank have also escalated, with over 301 Palestinians killed, thousands wounded and thousands imprisoned.

- #GazaHolocaust
- #GazaGenocide
- Lift the Siege on Gaza Now!
- End Canadian Complicity!
- Ceasefire Now!
- Stop Bombing Gaza!

On October 7, 2023 for the first time in the last 75 years of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, Israel's so-called invincibility and impunity seems to have crumbled entirely. Now, everyone can see that the king has no clothes.

Israel is going through a deepening social and political crisis. That's why the Israeli racist government is so angry and has been committing, for the last eight weeks, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and genocide.

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## SAYYED HASSAN NASRALLAH: "WHO PREVENTS GAZA CEASEFIRE IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"



Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah on Wednesday [January 3, 2024] warned the Israeli enemy against launching an all-out war on Lebanon, affirming that the Islamic Resistance will then fight without any limit.

Sayyed Nasrallah affirmed that Hezbollah decided to join the war on October 8 in order to support the Palestinian people and resistance in face of the Zionist war on Gaza.

His eminence indicated that, till now, the operations carried out by Hezbollah are regulated in a way that abides by the Lebanese national interests, threatening the Israeli enemy that the limits will disappear in case of any Zionist war on Lebanon.

"Up till now, Hezbollah is engaging in tuned battle with the Israeli enemy, but limits will disappear if 'Israel' wages an all-out war on Lebanon."

Sayyed Nasrallah emphasized that Hezbollah showed the utmost bravery when it joined the war on October 7 despite all the Israeli military capabilities and US threats, adding

that Hezbollah fighters are ready to confront all the military choices of the enemy.

After Al-Aqsa Flood Operation, the Israelis and all their allies got extremely mad and planned to utilize the chance in order to wage an all-out war on Lebanon and the West Bank in addition to Gaza, but Hezbollah attacks and military readiness prevented the implementation of this scheme, according to Sayyed Nasrallah.

Had Lebanon's front been calm when the Israeli war on Gaza started, the Lebanese would have waken up at midnight to see the Israeli war jets destroying everything, Sayyed Nasrallah affirmed.

Sayyed Nasrallah added that Hezbollah military alert and readiness frustrated the Israeli "surprise" scheme, affirming that the Resistance powerful attacks sent a clear message to the Israeli enemy that the group is brave and undeterred.

The US officials advised the Israelis to avoid any all-out war with Hezbollah for their keenness on the Israelis, not the Lebanese, Sayyed Nasrallah noted.

His eminence explained that on October 8 and 9, the Israeli cabinet witnessed discussion of plans to attack Lebanon, adding that one of the generals warned the political command against any involvement in an open war with Hezbollah to avoid the massive destruction of Gush Dan area dwelt by three-quarters of the Zionist population.

Sayyed Nasrallah pointed out that all the American, British, French, and German

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Therefore, this “humanitarian truce” or any ceasefire should by no means be seen as a real solution to the genocidal war by Zionist Israel against Palestinians, both inside and outside of Gaza. The Israeli apartheid regime has announced numerous times that it will continue bombing Gaza after the four-day “humanitarian truce” is over.

As the struggle of Palestinians continues against the occupation and for the liberation of Palestine, we must continue our mobilization, organization and fight back. Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) endorses, supports, and will continue to organize actions and mobilizations in solidarity with Palestine and encourages supporters to join in and stay on the streets!

It is clear that October 7, 2023 marked 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 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 detention 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”.

MOBILIZATION AGAINST WAR & OCCUPATION

# STOP BOMBING GAZA!



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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.

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threats failed to oblige Hezbollah to stop attacking the Zionist border sites, underlining that he who plans to engage in war with the Resistance will regret.

“War with Hezbollah will be very costly. Hezbollah is now taking the Lebanese interests and conditions into consideration, but the same interests will be crossing all limits if an all-out war is launched on Lebanon.”

Addressing Hezbollah ceremony held to mark fourth martyrdom anniversary of General Qassem Suleimani & Hajj Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis in Beirut’s Dahiyeh, Sayyed Nasrallah indicated that the Israeli assassination of Hamas official Saleh Arouri in the southern suburb of Beirut is an aggression on Hamas command and Dahiyeh simultaneously.

Sayyed Nasrallah indicated that the attack on Dahiyeh, being the first 2006 war, is very dangerous, adding that all the Israeli indirect reassurances in this regard are rejected.

### Outcomes of Al-Aqsa Flood Operation

Hezbollah leader indicated that there were schemes, before Al-Aqsa Flood Operation, to stir sedition among the Palestinian factions in order to expel all the Palestinians from the Strip.

Sayyed Nasrallah underlined the importance of the Yemeni navy role of blocking the passage of the Israeli-affiliated ships through the Red Sea.

Sayyed Nasrallah stressed that Al-Aqsa Flood Operation has so far left numerous outcomes, concentrating on the major losses inflicted upon the Israeli enemy and mentioning the following:

**The first outcome** is revitalizing the Palestinian cause after it was about to be thrown in oblivion and imposing proposing solutions, such as the two-state solution.

**The second outcome** is striking the bet on the exhaustion of the Palestinian people and resistance. The new generation proved to be as committed to the Palestinian cause as the former ones.

**The third outcome** is the rise of the popular support to the resistance groups in Palestine despite the massacres and the attempt to blame the resistance for the Zionist crimes.

**The fourth outcome** is the moral fall of ‘Israel’ and its image before the international community. During the last two decades, certain Arab media outlets tried to ameliorate the Zionist image, but the war on Gaza presented ‘Israel’ as a criminal. US surveys showed that 50% of the American youths considered that the ‘Israel’ must be eradicated and the Palestinian people must regain their rights.

**The fifth outcome** is striking the normalization path between some Arab regimes and the occupation entity.



**The sixth outcome** is the appearance of the Israeli entity as the main violator of the international laws. ‘Israel’ has violated all the international laws.

**The seventh outcome** is smashing the strategic deterrence power of the Israeli enemy. Hezbollah, the Palestinian and Iraqi resistance groups, and the Yemeni armed forces have proved that they are not deterred by the Zionist enemy and the United States.

**The eighth outcome** is overthrowing the information superiority of the Israeli enemy.

**The ninth outcome** is the Israeli failure to reach a swift victory.

**The tenth outcome** is the failure of the Israeli air force to settle the battle.

**The eleventh outcome** is the eradication of the Israelis’ trust in their command and army as well as the threat posed by the battle to the existence of the Israeli entity. Al-Aqsa Flood Operation contributes mainly to the demise of the occupation entity. Hundreds of thousands of Zionists left occupied Palestine.

**The twelfth outcome** is the eradication of the Israeli image of capability and power which the Zionists claim in their attempts to lure some Arab regimes to sign agreements.

**The thirteenth outcome** is the military failure and the psychological repercussions of the war on the Israelis. Thousands of Israeli soldiers have been either killed or wounded on Lebanon front, but the enemy does not acknowledge that. 300,000 Zionists have requested psychological treatment since October 7, according to Ynet. Hundreds of thousands of Zionists were displaced from the north of occupied Palestine.

**The fourteenth outcome** is the Israeli failure to reach any of the war targets.

**The fifteenth outcome** is deepening the internal strife among the Israelis.

**The sixteenth outcome** is smashing the American image and presenting USA as the main violator of the international laws. Who prevents Gaza ceasefire is the United States of America.

**The seventeenth outcome** is the failure of the international organization to protect the civilians in Gaza. All the Lebanese must acknowledge that only power can protect them from the Israeli aggression.

Source: Al-Manar Website

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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

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