

New Jersey SOLIDARITY



ACTIVISTS for the LIBERATION of PALESTINE

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Join us in standing in solidarity with Palestine and building a powerful movement to challenge colonialism! There are many ways for you to become involved with NJS! Take leadership on a project, work to develop an event, engage in outreach, write articles, publicize events, organize direct actions and rallies, and more - your skills, commitment and dedication are valuable and necessary. The Palestinian people have lived with relentless oppression, dispossession and occupation for over 56 years, and have continually resisted, organized and struggled to break those chains. We can and must do all we can to support that struggle here! We organize educational events and speakers, direct actions, rallies and demonstrations, Palestinian cultural events, political hip-hop shows, film showings, study groups and more, and work in coalition with numerous organizations. We spearhead the Rutgers Campaign for Divestment from Israeli Apartheid, calling for full divestment of funds from companies doing business with Israel. Join us in working for justice!

What's happening in Palestine?

For fifty-five years, the people of Palestine have suffered from a brutal occupation, supported by United States economic aid, military power and political advocacy. The creation of the state of Israel in 1948 forced over 700,000 Palestinians into life as refugees, dispossessing them of their homes, lands, and livelihoods, as well as depriving them of their human right to self-determination. The ethnic cleansing of the land of Palestine in the years 1947-1949 is known as "al-Nakba," or the catastrophe—a transfer of colonial power from the British government to European Zionist military forces that was based on the eradication of Palestinian life, culture, identity and people. Since that time, Palestinians have been struggling for their freedom within the land of Palestine—for an end to occupation and for democracy and equality in rights and citizenship—and for the recognition of Palestinian refugees'—now numbering five million—human right to return to their homes and properties. The expansion of the military occupation to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights in 1967 was, for Palestinians, another dispossession—disrupting life further and creating many more refugees. Their struggle for national liberation has been continually opposed by the United States and by its client state, Israel; the brutality and oppression of military occupation, dispossession and racism has been rewarded with \$10 million daily in U.S. tax dollars going to fund the state of Israel and its genocidal policies toward the Palestinian people.

Currently, The world is facing a nearly-unprecedented imperialist onslaught, with the installation of a handpicked US puppet regime in Iraq and the looming threat of war's expansion to North Korea, Syria and Iran. The United States government continues its drive to expand its political and economic hegemony to a point of uncontested colonial power, as people around the world—residents of the United States and the nations of Western Europe, the masses of people of Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Arab world—say a decisive "NO" to this policy of domination and expansion. The demand for liberation of Palestine is an essential component of this international popular resistance to war and oppression. The initial occupation of Palestine was justified through colonial power and racist ideology, and has continued in its brutal path with the full support of the United States. Indeed, the occupation of Iraq appears to be inspired in its conduct by the decades of occupation of Palestine—creating another bloc of land within the Arab world subject to colonial, rather than popular power.

Our Mission

New Jersey Solidarity--Activists for the Liberation of Palestine is a grassroots organization dedicated to resistance and action in support of the Palestinian struggle for justice, national liberation, human rights and self-determination. We are dedicated to building coalitions, educating the public, spreading awareness, and organizing actions and events that highlight the pressing need for justice and spotlight ways in which we may take part in securing meaningful justice in Palestine. We are committed to standing in solidarity with the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people, supporting Palestinian resistance, and developing a strong and united resistance movement in the United States in solidarity with the liberation of Palestine.

As a movement, we are committed to standing firmly against racism and all forms of oppression, and to working in solidarity with liberation struggles of people around the world against imperialism and colonialism. We draw lessons and inspiration from earlier and continuing movements for liberation within the United States and around the world, and from the history of Palestinian resistance. Within the United States, we are committed to acting against all forms and structures of oppression, standing in solidarity with all movements for justice, and securing a foreign policy that rejects imperialism and embraces international human rights and economic and social justice. We are dedicated to exposing and highlighting the role of the United States in furthering injustice and oppression in Palestine, and call for an immediate end to all U.S. aid--political, military and economic--to Israel. We recognize our natural solidarity with all anti-racist struggles and the struggles of indigenous peoples and will work to expand our links of solidarity.

We are committed to several primary principles of unity to guide our organizing. We call for an immediate end to the Israeli occupation of all Palestinian territories, the recognition of the full, non-negotiable human right of return for all Palestinian refugees, and full political, social and economic equality under law for all people in historic Palestine. We are opposed to the existence of the apartheid colonial settler state of Israel, as it is based on the racist ideology of Zionism and is an expression of colonialism and imperialism, and we stand for the total liberation of all of historic Palestine. As an anti-racist, anti-imperialist movement, we support equality and justice for all peoples and all religious identities.

As a solidarity movement, we are committed to working fully in support of the Palestinian people's resistance movement. We unconditionally support Palestinians' human right to resist occupation and oppression by any means necessary. We are committed to building unity at local, national and international levels in order to provide the international support needed by the Palestinian people in their struggle for liberation, and we invite all that share this commitment to join us in struggle.

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