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Combating the US Genocide Against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples!

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## A Victory for the Palestinian People as the Struggle Continues!

USPCN Statement on the "Temporary Truce Agreement"

*This Special Supplement Edition of the Peoples' Senate Newsletter features two guest articles from the Palestinian Community both here in the US and in Palestine*

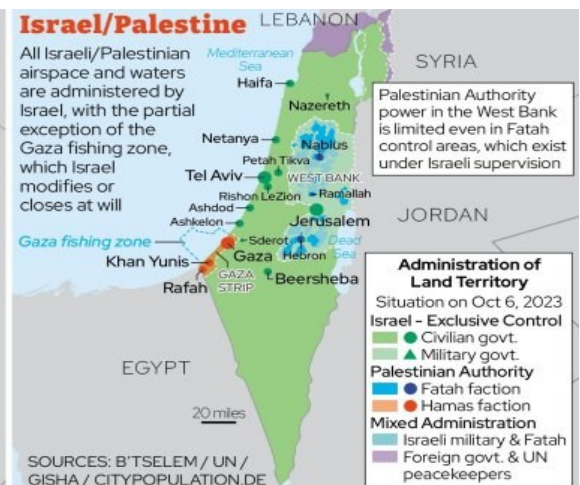
The U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN) salutes our steadfast Palestinian and Arab people for their courageous self-defense and unified resistance to the ongoing U.S.-backed Israeli genocide against our people in all of Palestine, especially Gaza.

Although we mourn, with deep sadness and grief, the 14,000 Palestinians who have already been killed, which includes 5,500 children, USPCN recognizes the recent truce agreement between the unified Palestinian resistance and Israel as an interim victory for the Palestinian people, a clear indication that Israel failed to meet its military objectives after October 7th. With this deal, 150 Palestinian women and child political prisoners will be liberated from occupation jails, humanitarian aid will enter Gaza, and the besieged people of Gaza will gain at least five days of reprieve from vicious, U.S.-backed Israeli bombing. The Resistance also knows that it now has political leverage to force an extension of this suspension of Israel's war crimes against the people.



Source: Al Jazeera

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The demand of the Resistance, from day one, was an exchange of Israelis (including a number of very high-ranking military officials) captured on October 7th and Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails. Israel rejected the deal, and instead, vowed to "eliminate the resistance" and "turn Gaza into a parking lot." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu repeatedly stated that there would be no end to the attacks... but the Resistance has forced Israel to concede. [...]

Even with its ground invasion

and all the damage it inflicted upon the people of Gaza, Israel's occupation forces and government still failed to achieve any significant military or political victories, and even the blatant propaganda videos and pictures of the Israeli (Continued on page 2)

# END THE OCCUPATION





## Spirit of Mandela Coordinating Committee Statement on Palestine

The Spirit of Mandela Coalition ([www.spiritofmandela.org](http://www.spiritofmandela.org)), from the onset of its very existence in 2018, joins with the millions around the world to express openly and unequivocally its support for the Palestinian peoples' right to be free from any and all Zionist Israeli settler occupation and oppression. Notwithstanding our support for the mass protests around the world, our vocal support is materialized and manifested in the work we do as a coalition, viz. actively organizing within the United States to build a viable communication and accurate information and resource sharing network initiative called the "Peoples' Senate." We recognize that it is not only essential to protest the Israeli settler occupation and slaughter of thousands of Palestinians, but it is immensely vital for future progress and development of movements and activists within the belly of the beast – a beast that sponsors and financially drives the Israeli genocidal machine - to build and strengthen the efficacy of movements within the United States to challenge, oppose, resist, and defeat US international aggression, exploitation and colonization of other people around the world. ■

**Free all Palestinian Political Prisoners!**

**Free all Political Prisoners around the world!!**

**Love, Prayers, Action and Support for the Palestinian People!!!**



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army in Gaza's hospitals and schools tell the truth of failure and defeat. The unified Palestinian resistance, which, under international law, has the right to resist illegal occupation by any means necessary, continue fighting back and resisting the aggression [...]

The series of events that started on October 7th have changed the power dynamic in the region forever, and shortened the life of the racist, white supremacist, apartheid, Zionist Israeli occupation. The Palestinian people

have shattered the idea of an "invincible" Israeli army, and proven that even an army in possession of the most advanced warfare technology is capable of being confronted and challenged... [...] Israel is being exposed as what it is: a criminal, illegal, racist, settler-colonialist state.

The genocide also exposes Joe Biden and all those in the U.S. political establishment who are cheerleaders for war crimes and genocide. It exposes their double standards, anti-Arab racism, and hypocrisy, and makes it clear that they care only for the U.S. empire and not at all for the lives of oppressed people like Palestinians. [...]

But we must remain steadfast and understand that Israel is not to be trusted... We must continue to be out in the streets, pay close attention to the political guidance of our people back home, and never waver in our demands to stop the

genocide immediately, end the siege on Gaza now, and end all U.S. aid to Israel. [...]

The will to resist and to return and live on our historical land has never wavered. On the contrary; it has grown stronger, even after the past 45 days, and we can see our liberation more clearly than ever. The brave Palestinian people and their unified resistance will continue to stand tall against the U.S.-backed Zionist aggression! We mourn with them our martyrs, and we pledge to continue organizing until Liberation and Return! ■

**Long live the Palestinian  
struggle for National  
Liberation and equality!  
Long live International  
Solidarity!  
Long Live Palestine!**



# Ending complicity in international crimes: a two-way arms embargo on Israel



*The statement below has been initiated by Al-Haq, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and International Service for Human Rights. They invite signers ongoing. We have excerpted the statement for purposes of inclusion in this special edition of the Peoples' Senate Newsletter. However, the full statement and signature location is available through the link below.*

The full statement, demands and signature location are here:



The undersigned organizations demand that States that have provided and continue to provide arms and other forms of military assistance to Israel, adhere to their legal obligations and act resolutely and urgently to prevent Israel from perpetuating further international crimes and other serious violations of international law. This includes their obligations to prevent the

commission of **genocide**.

We remind these States that their binding obligations under international humanitarian law, international human rights law, international criminal law, and other international law, including the United Nations (UN) Charter, require that they put an immediate stop to such transfers, and suspend all licenses for arms destined to Israel from their jurisdictions.

*States parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)* have additional binding obligations under the treaty, and so do States under relevant regional and national legal instruments on arms control. We recall that providing arms or military support to Israel may make exporting States complicit in its actions.

[...] On 27 October, the UN General Assembly, in a resolution adopted at its emergency special session, stressed “*the imperative, under international humanitarian law, of ensuring that civilians are not deprived of objects indispensable to their survival.*”

Statements by Israeli officials urged that “*the emphasis is on damage and not on accuracy*”, and called for “*erasing the Gaza Strip from the face of the earth*”.

[...] Between 7 October and 2:00 pm on November 5, 2023, in the West Bank, including Jerusalem,

the Israeli occupying forces and settlers killed 149 Palestinians, including 44 children. Furthermore, the Knesset’s National Security Committee continued with “the government’s broader plan to arm Jewish Israeli civilians”, by loosening Israel’s gun control and reportedly making an additional 400,000 Jewish-Israelis eligible to have a license for guns.

In the midst of these attacks, and despite well-documented and reported grave violations and crimes against the Palestinian population over the years, *the supply of arms and military support to Israel from the United States (US), — the largest single provider of military aid to Israel for decades,— and from Canada, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom (UK), and the Netherlands — States Parties to the ATT, has continued.* [...]

At its 2021 Special Session on the grave human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, the UN Human Rights Council urged all States to refrain from transferring arms when they assess that there is a clear risk that such arms might be used to commit or facilitate serious violations or abuses of international human rights law or serious violations of international humanitarian law. ■



## **Women United Against Genocide CONDEMNS THE U.S. and ZIONIST STATE OF ISRAEL'S ON- GOING MASSACRE AND GENOCIDE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE!**

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We join with the hundreds of millions of people worldwide in calling for an immediate cease fire and the immediate end to this bitter act of U.S./Israeli genocide being perpetrated before our very eyes against the Palestinian people. We join the 120 countries (in opposition to the 14 countries, including the United States and Israel, who condone this war in violation of international law) demanding a ceasefire. We stand with the 120 countries and the various agencies of the UN, organizations of doctors and lawyers condemning the U.S./Israeli war crimes and calling for accountability. Biden's unequivocal stand with Israel exposes the US complicity in this genocide against the Palestinian people. The Zionist state of Israel with U.S. backing and funding is engaged in a deplorable manifestation of crimes against humanity. As the massive protests here and worldwide are making clear, it is not weapons, but the people of Palestine and their allies who will be decisive in defending justice and Palestinian rights. **Today, we are all Palestinians.**

The Israeli declaration of war against Palestine and its refusal to acknowledge the right to self-determination, and independence of

the Palestinian people is the perpetuation of a colonial settler regime, propped up and protected by the United States and its western acolytes, as an historic and ongoing imperialist project for the U.S. and it's western allies to control the people, land, oil, and other natural resources of the Middle East.



Moreover, we decry the genocidal policies of the U.S. and the state of Israel in both the 75 years before this war and the reckless unrelenting war crimes since October 7 in light of the suffering of innocent people, women, and children. History shows that it is women and children who are the disproportionate victims of genocide no matter the time and place. The crimes against women and children only grow and deepen the longer acts of genocide go on as rape, disease, and violence against women and children become the most heinous weapons of war. It is also the people of Palestine, including Palestinian women and

youth, both in Palestine and worldwide, that are showing the way forward, with their unapologetic organized resistance.

Black, Brown, and Indigenous oppressed and colonized peoples and their allies inside the imperialist United States, know well the U.S. crimes of genocide and brutal repression of resistance. As women we all stand as one with the people of Palestine, persisting in the revolutionary struggles inside the U.S. and supporting the Palestinian people until they achieve national liberation, self-determination, freedom and victory. ■

**Cease Fire Now!  
End the Genocide!  
Stop All U.S. Aid and Support  
for Israel!  
Long Live Palestine!**

