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UNTIL ALL OUR LANDS ARE FREE

PALESTINE IS EVERYWHERE
Palestine is Everywhere: A Call for Autonomous Action in New York City from March 27-30

Why have so many people in so many countries pledged their solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank? First and foremost, a genocide is happening in Gaza in real time, and it is being televised, for the first time in history. No one should be silent in the face of that kind of horror. But that doesn’t fully explain why hundreds of millions have taken to the streets, week after week, in the months since October 7th. More than anything, Israel’s crimes against humanity, with the full-throated sanction of Western powers, have drawn a bright line across the globe that corresponds almost exactly to the colonial division of the world’s population. When the U.K., Germany, France and the U.S. stand with Israel and set themselves apart from the rest of the planet, they have reminded people how much power is still invested in the old colonial order. In the same way, the Palestinian struggle against a brutal settler aggressor has unavoidably reminded people, wherever they are, of their own decolonial struggles, and how they are all connected to the Palestinian resistance. In the global South, everyone has their own version of the “ongoing Nakba,” even if it does not resemble the Palestinian one in its details. Even in states, like Haiti, that have been sovereign for centuries, the long shadow of the racist metropole continues to wreak havoc. Puerto Rico, Sudan, Haiti, Congo, Kashmir, Cuba and many of the planet’s other flashpoints show the impact of the shared legacy of imperialism.

That is why when South Africa stepped forward at the International Court of Justice to point the genocidal finger at Israel and its enablers (primarily Washington and London), it spoke for so many others around the world. That is why Palestine is everywhere, and why we hear this chant, loud and clear, “in our millions, in our billions, we are all Palestinians.”

The international alliance that stands behind Zionism in the West includes the racist right, Judeo-Christian groups, and the neoliberal establishment. Globally, elites who trade in religio-nationalist populism are also aligned. As a result of their combined influence, Zionism has long been effective in dividing our own multiracial alliances, across borders and oceans. Until now. We are seeing an unstoppable torrent of outrage at Israel’s crimes, and it is eating away the transnational influence of Zionism. In our own countries, state repression has been rolled out to stop the bleeding. It won’t work. Because the complicity is too visible and the cause of Palestinian freedom is too compelling. When we look at the decimation of Gaza, we are also seeing the ruins of the old colonial order, in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Because Palestine is everywhere, freedom fighters, martyrs, lovers, healers, and dreamers are everywhere.

Our desire for freedom is a planetary struggle beyond the nation state. Nation states are our prisons. We must be free of them and their property laws. When we chant and hear Free Palestine we are imagining a world that does not think of land, water, and air as private property and settlements, but as relations to care for.

A NOTE FROM NYC

For nearly six months, Gaza has bore witness to the most brutal campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing that the Zionist settler-colonial project has undertaken in decades. For nearly six months, the Palestinian people have been murdered, mutilated, starved, and displaced en masse. For nearly six months, the people of New York City have fought relentlessly against this genocide through mass mobilization, coordinated disruptions, creative actions, legal and cultural interventions, divestment campaigns, and more.

In response, we have seen an increasingly brutal wave of repression. New York State and city governments, along with board members and administrators at educational and cultural institutions, have deployed the NYPD and their own security forces to ruthlessly crush the latest uprising. Since October 7, thousands of protestors have been arrested with several of them sustaining injuries by police who were dressed in riot gear and utilizing surveillance technologies and repression tactics directly learned from the Zionist occupation. Governor Kathy Hochul has brought the national guard into our subway stations as public transit infrastructure crumbles. Both news media and social media have suppressed pro-Palestinian speech. Universities, museums, corporations and state agencies have imposed bureaucratic measures to restrict access to public space and muzzle people’s right to freely assemble and speak.

The boundaries of action deemed acceptable by the forces of hegemony—the same forces manufacturing consent for and contributing materially to the genocide in Gaza—are closing in as people are rising up.

THE CALL

Palestine is the center
Palestine is everywhere
Haiti, Congo, Sudan, Puerto Rico, Chiapas, Kashmir +++
Until all our lands are free

March 27 - March 30

What does it mean to engage in anti-colonial struggle where we are? NYC offers many sites of engagement where powers of oppression and domination reside, and where friends, family, students, communities, and organizations can think creatively, move autonomously, and act courageously.

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Globalizing the intifada expands the terrain of struggle by creating new points of leverage for our movements based on the interconnectedness of our struggles. Although these struggles arise from our specific place in the world, the forces we are fighting against—the creditor class, the landlords, the cops, the prison industry, the tear gas manufacturers, the multinational corporations, the mining companies, and the military defense complex—are all interconnected parts of the same oppressive system. So we can find points of convergence in our separate struggles when we join the dots between what is happening across the street, or ocean, and what we are doing in our own backyard. With each link, and each mobilization, we are building the collective power and relationality needed to effectively confront the tyranny of the settler state.
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“When we chant and hear Free Palestine we are imagining a world that does not think of land, water, and air as private property and settlements, but as relations to care for.”
Starting Friday, leading up to Land Day, we will de-occupy a public space in Manhattan where there will be trainings, teach-ins, food, and camaraderie. In de-occupying public space, we refuse privatization and take back what is ours. In teaching and learning from one another, we refuse capitalism’s desire to concentrate knowledge in the hands of a powerful few. In feeding each other, we refuse the myth of scarcity. And in being together, we refuse attempts to divide and isolate us - Palestine is everywhere. We are better together. Join us when you can for any of the following (location TBA 8am Friday via telegram):

### De-occupation

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**Poems to listen to:**

- 38 by Layli Long Soldier
- Poem About My Rights by June Jordan

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**BASIC RESOURCES**

**Palestine**

- Decolonize Palestine
- Mapping Israeli Occupation (article)
- BDS Movement

**Haiti**

- BAP Backgrounder: Haiti Behind the Headlines
- Zone of Peace Campaign Demands and Objectives

**Kashmir**

- Militarization, Surveillance, and Silencing: The 75th Year of Indian Occupation in Kashmir (Report)
- The Kashmir Syllabus
- How has India advanced its settler colonial project in Kashmir since 2019? (Brief)
- Hostile Homelands: The New Alliance Between India and Israel (Book)
- Kashmir Law and Justice Project

**NYC Jails**

Have You Heard of the Megajail in Chinatown? (Zine)

**Jails & Prisons in New York City**

- Captives: How Rikers Island Took New York City Hostage by Jarrod Shanahan
- New York City Has a Jail Problem by Nadja Eisenberg-Guyot
- The Happy Prison by Jeanne Haffner
- Second Death on Rikers Island in 2024 Brings New York City Jail Death Toll to 30 Under Mayor Adams by Vera Institute
- The Women’s House of Detention by Hugh Ryan

**Close Rikers Plan & the Borough Based Jails**

- Chinatown Jail Fact Sheet by Serena Yang
- The People’s Chinatown Zine by Serena Yang
- The Jail Money Trap by Esther Wang
- A Timeline on the Closure of Rikers Island by Kimberly Gonzalez, Sara Dorn and Sahalie Donaldson
The only effective challenge to power is one that is broad enough to make isolation impossible, and intensive enough to cause repression to affect the normal life style of as many members of society as possible. By compromising and playing at class war, we lose. - George Jackson

“Client state. Vassal state. Suzerain state. Consider the state of Israel in relation to the United States – a state that is subordinate to the U.S. government in international affairs, a subcontracted nation. Paid through military aid and political fiat in the form of U.S veto power at the U.N. Security Council against any censure of Israel. Placing Hawai‘i in dialogue with Palestine to highlight the politics of indigeneity and statehood, this piece asks how a shared conversation can become a shared politics. Because settler colonialism “destroys to replace”, it is – as Patrick Wolfe suggests – “inherently eliminatory.” It is at this structural level that Hawai‘i has profound commonalities with Palestine. An examination of settler colonialism across diverse geographies and geopolitical spheres brings these forces into sharp relief as different historical enactments that share the fundamental condition of indigenous territorial dispossession from which many other problems follow.

In the Hawai‘i case, there is a federally driven proposal to recognize a “Native Hawaiian Governing Entity.” The scheme is dressed up as offering parity with what recognized tribal nations are afforded as domestic dependent nations, but it does not even offer that. U.S. federal recognition for Native governing entities resembles the two-state solution as the “answer” to Palestine. In the United States at least, the two-state solution is the only model of sovereignty that has received mainstream attention. But, as many Palestinian critics have argued, the two-state solution is unjust at its core because it is premised on the continued acceptance of the Zionist claim to Palestine as being the exclusive land of Jewish people. It is fundamentally flawed as it denies Palestinians the Right of Return; abandons the Palestinians living within Israel ‘48; and does not provide Palestinians any semblance of an independent sovereign state.”

Each of the sites on this map is tied to the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the settler-colonization of Palestine. They reflect a network of dispossession, policing, prisons, surveillance, counterinsurgency, war, destruction, imperialism and militarization across the globe, with the mass media complex which manufactures consent for genocide acting as tools of the oppressor. These sites are also multi-purpose assets for some of the system’s most powerful perpetrators of violence. May this map serve as a call for every struggle to act in their own interest. As we do so, we uplift one another’s struggles and free Palestine from the river to the sea.

1. Checkpoint Software Technologies - 1155 6th Ave. (Btwn 44 & 45 St.)
2. News Corp (Fox, NY Post) - 1211 6th Ave. (Btwn 47th & 48th St.)
3. Grand Central - East 42nd St. (Btwn Park & Lexington)
4. Port Authority - 8th Ave. (Btwn 40th - 42nd St.)
5. BlackRock - 50 Hudson Yards (10th Ave. Btwn 33rd & 34th St.)
6. Meta - 770 Broadway [entrance on Wanamaker Place]
7. PUMA Flagship - 609 5th Ave. (SE corner of 49th St)
8. NBC News Studio - 49th St. (Btwn 5th & 6th Ave)
10. MoMA - 11 W 53rd St. (Btwn 5th & 6th Ave)
11. KKR - 30 Hudson Yards (on 33rd St. Btwn 10th & 11th Ave)
12. High Line - 30 St. [near 10th Ave, continue South to Gansevoort St.)
13. Penn Station - 31-33 St. (Btwn 7th & 8th Ave.)
15. Defense Logistics Agency - 201 Varick St. (W W Houston)
16. Bank of NY Mellon - 240 Greenwich St. (& Park Place)
17. Barclays - 745 7th Ave. (on NE corner of 49 St)
18. Trump Tower - 725 5th Avenue
19. Morgan Stanley - 55 E. 52nd Street (Btwn Madison and Park)
20. IDB Bank - 114 6th Avenue at 42nd St.
21. City Hall - City Hall Park, New York, NY 10007
22. Goldman Sachs/Zuccotti Park - Cedar Street and Broadway

+ everywhere you see: Starbucks, McDonald’s, Burger King ++
This action will take place march 27th, 5pm in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas

Anti-imperialism is a coherent world-view, and it needs to be consistently upheld. No to colonial wars, and invasions of other people’s territories. Everywhere and anywhere. And let us remember that anti-militarism, anti-imperialism, and anti-capitalism always belong together. Never one without the others. Because they are three heads of the same monster.
You might have heard the news through the imperialist propaganda system that the Palestinian people are exhausted, that they have given up the struggle, and that they are defeated by the reactionary Israel. Comrades, do not believe them. There is no end to our struggle. - Ghassan Kanafani
OUT OF THE TOOLBOX

Direct Actions

Nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience are radically transformative for people. Actions become moments of connection often infused with beauty, love, and hope. Great actions inspire and transform both those participating and those observing. These are some of my favorites, but this list is not comprehensive. For more ideas, look up “198 Methods of Nonviolent Action” by scholar and nonviolence advocate Gene Sharp. Actions are limited only by our imaginations; sometimes we strive for seriousness, sometimes for tactical frivolity.

The Classics

Occupying spaces like boardrooms, parks, and capitol buildings
Shutting down government buildings, corporate meetings, bank lobbies, offices, hotels, conference centers, malls, train stations

Office jams (delegations)
Blocking intersections
 Strikes
Pickets
Sit-ins
Unpermitted marches
Boycotts
Going to jail

Using Our Bodies

Flash mobs, flash dances, dance parties, body sculpture, freezes, swarms, earthquakes, human surges, human waves
Die-ins, sick-ins, art-ins

Snake marches, black blocs, pink and silver blocs, flying squads
Wildcat or breakaway marches
Human perimeters

Making Noise

A cacophony of resistance occupies spaces and attracts attention! Use drums, whistles, pots, pans, horns.
Local singers and musicians singing in the right place at the right time
Portable speakers blasting music or sounds
Chant sheets and song books

Marching bands and choirs (Infernal Noise Brigade, Brass Liberation Orchestra / BLO, samba bands, and the Rude Mechanical Orchestra have been some of my favorites!)
Chin-chinas—can shakers with popcorn kernels or BBs inside

Art, Ritual, and Media

Banner drops
Ceremony, rituals, and prayers
Flags (great for tactical communications)
Candlelight vigils
Giant puppets
Torchlight marches
Billboards
Social media campaigns using your opponents’ sites
Posters, to be taped, stapled, pushpinned, or pasted all around town
Ring of fire—signs strategically placed around your target’s home
Light boards and projections.
My first light board was back in 1988, Christmas lights on plywood attached to the back of a pickup truck. Our message: NO US MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR. We drove around the White House during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremonies.
Contestorias—a performance telling a story with images or words painted on sheets that can be turned
Newspaper wraps (full-sized phony newspapers wrapped around the actual papers)
Culture-jamming memes and parody news
Street theater productions (puppets, props, improv)
"I offer this analysis in the spirit of an anti-Zionist hermeneutic, one that seeks neither to exceptionalize Palestine nor to render it visible through containment in a comparative frame, but to understand intensifications of biopolitical modes of control that are continuous and resonant with historical modes and, indeed, across contemporary geopolitical spaces. Palestine in this sense is an epistemological blueprint, one that opens up the connective tissue between regions, regimes of power, sites of knowledge production, historical excavations, and solidarity struggles for liberation, apprehending the role of the Israeli occupation in legitimating technologies of securitization and sovereignty around the globe. An anti-Zionist hermeneutic demands the possibility of genuine debate about what Edward Said called The Question of Palestine. The subject/object referred to in the phrase “the question of,” explains Said, signals three things: a matter significant enough to be dealt with separately, an “intractable and insistent problem,” and something that is unstable or uncertain. That Palestine is all three simply means that its lessons cannot be put aside or ignored. My goal, however, is not to affirm an instrumentalist use of such a blueprint or to mobilize Palestine in order to foreground a corrective to Eurocentric theorizations of biopolitics. The ultimate purpose of this analysis is to labor in the service of a Free Palestine."

– Treatment Without Checkpoints by Jasbir Puar in Anemones.
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WHAT IS THE INTIFADA?

**What is the Intifada?** The Intifada is the shaking off (انتنافاة) of oppression, the unsettling of occupied territory, an uprising for dignity in the face of dehumanization, an expression of self-determination grounded in the relations between people rather than the authority of states and politicians that claim to represent us.

**Who is the Intifada?** The Intifada is all those seeking to get free in solidarity with others; all those who recognize the interconnectedness of our struggles against settler-colonialism, imperialism, and racial capitalism across borders and identities; all those who refuse to allow our struggles to be isolated, segregated, and pitted against each other according to the classic colonial logic; all those who practice what Huey P. Newton called a “revolutionary intercommunalism” that sees the modern nation-state as a hindrance rather than vehicle when it comes to collective liberation.

**When is the Intifada?** The Intifada is now, nourished by roots running deep into our entangled histories of survival and liberation across centuries and continents. In the words of Ghassan Kanafani, “Imperialism has laid its body over the world, the head in Eastern Asia, the heart in the Middle East, its arteries reaching Africa and Latin America. Wherever you strike it, you damage it, and you serve the World Revolution.”

**Where is the Intifada?** The Intifada is everywhere. It is all around us, within us, between us. In our homelands, in our diasporas, in our neighborhoods here in the belly of the beast. It lives with each act of resistance and care from the Bronx to Colombia, from Haiti to Punjab, from Standing Rock to Gaza.

**Why the Intifada?** To break the binds that settler-colonialism, imperialism, and liberalism have placed on our imaginations, relations, and practices of life. The Intifada wants todo para todos, in the words of the Zapatistas. The Intifada is desire-driven, fighting and building simultaneously, cultivating our own powers beyond anything the ruling classes can accommodate within their faltering systems.
Action Council

- Groups active in the streets can participate
- One spokesperson represents each group
- The coordination team moves the process forward
- Participants agree to points of unity

The Action Council is a space for groups in the movement to coordinate and support each other. The Action Council can be used to plan one major event or can be a longer-term space to coordinate within and across movements. One of its defining features is that it allows relationships and coordination to be fostered between formal organizations with less formalized clusters of activists.

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