
BLACK FOR PALESTINE

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Expanding our network to Lebanon, South Africa and Palestine

Black4Palestine members have traveled around the world in 2017 to build connections with Palestinians and other Arab and African comrades in pursuit of our mutual liberation.

Read more about our visits to Lebanon, Palestine and South Africa and the lessons we've gained from these trips.

From Jerusalem to Johannesburg and Burj el Barajneh, our people are in deep need of liberation from the capitalist and colonial oppression around us.

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Members of Black4Palestine with Palestinian comrades from Adalah NY, Al Awda - NY, Existence is Resistance, Palestinian Youth Movement, and NYC Students for Justice in Palestine at our March meeting.



Liberation for all political prisoners

Read our statements of support for the Freedom and Dignity Hunger Strike, as well as a message of congratulations from local activists in Detroit.

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Tribute to Rasmae Odeh

We dedicate this issue to our dear comrade Rasmae Odeh. Through her decades of service to people around the world, she has been a true friend and champion of the oppressed.

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WHO WE ARE

Black4Palestine is an emerging national network of Black activists committed to supporting the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice, peace and self-determination. We seek to integrate our work around Palestine into the global and domestic struggles for Black liberation and human emancipation.

We advocate full sovereignty and rights for the Palestinian people and fully endorse the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement. We seek to engage the margins of Palestinian society - including refugees in the Middle East, the prisoners' movement, people in Gaza, and youth across the diaspora. Providing practical support towards the right of return is one of our priorities.

We oppose racism, capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, sexism, Zionism, and all forms of oppression. We organize through an intersectional approach that values the struggles of women, LGBTQ, and indigenous people around the world.

Launched in August 2015 with our Black Solidarity Statement with Palestine, signed by over 1,000 Black activists, artists, political prisoners, scholars and students - including Angela Davis, Mumia Abu-Jamal and Talib Kweli, Black4Palestine seeks to increase the participation of Black organizers and activists in the struggle for Palestinian liberation.

We have members across the country who are part of a variety of Black organizations. We are an intergenerational group that includes artists, academics, full time activists, and students.

Over the past two years, we have hosted two network gatherings - one at the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights conference in DC (October 2016) and a second in New York City in March 2017. Organizers traveled from Detroit, St. Louis, Atlanta, New York City, Ithaca, Boston, Philadelphia, and Miami to these meetings. At these gatherings we have developed our initial structure, external political principles, and internal points of unity.

All of our local and national gatherings involve Palestinian allies to help us craft our vision and develop our work and provide space for Palestinians to have their own intra-community dialogues on local organizing needs. Our local and international work is grounded in meeting the people where they are, in refugee camps or in their homeland.



WHERE WE ARE

Our members live in a variety of cities and are part of many different political and cultural organizations. Here's where we are:

Cities

Atlanta
Boston
Chicago
Detroit
Ithaca
Miami
Minneapolis/St. Paul
New Orleans
New York City
Philadelphia
San Diego
San Francisco
Washington, DC

Organizations*

American Friends Service Committee
Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)
Campaign to Bring Mumia Home
Columbia Black Students' Organization
Columbia Law for Palestine
Copwatch NY
Dorothy Cotton Institute
Dream Defenders
Fellowship of Reconciliation
Former Black Panthers and SNCC members
Freedom Bound
International Socialist Organization
Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
Minnesota Break the Bonds
New Orleans Palestine Solidarity Committee
New Orleans Palestinian Film Festival
NY Collective of Radical Educators
Pan African Today
Popular Education Project
The Jews of Color Caucus in Partnership with JVP
Venceremos Brigade (Cuban Solidarity)

***While our members are part of these organizations, the organizations themselves are not part of Black4Palestine**

Connect with us

Many of us have traveled to Palestine and are willing to speak about our experiences. We can also talk at public or private meetings from the following perspectives alongside our counterparts in Palestine:

Art and film, the Black church and religion, the civil rights movement, Movement for Black Lives, Black Panther Party, New Afrikan Independence Movement, policing, mass incarceration, and political prisoners, public education, Cuban solidarity, Puerto Rican liberation, Pan Africanism, Jews of Color, and much more.

Reach out to blackforpalestine@gmail.com if you would like to be in touch with a member in your area or working on a certain issue.

OVERVIEW OF 2017

INTERNAL WORK

- Held one national in-person meeting to solidify more of our work
- Built relationships with local Palestinian organizations
- Set near term priorities for creating educational tools
- Created a process for selecting representatives at events
- Began process for forming a core leadership
- Began work to commemorate the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's 1967 Palestine document and the 70th year of the Nakba

CONFERENCES

- Multiple members spoke at the Jewish Voice for Peace National Member Meeting in Chicago on Zionism, policing and imprisonment, and cross movement solidarity
- Panel on the intersections of Blackness and Zionism at Palestinian Youth Movement Summer School
- Panel on "Palestine at the Intersections: Connecting with Black and Indigenous Movements in America" at American Muslims for Palestine 10th Annual Conference

INTERNATIONAL WORK

- Made multiple visits to Lebanon to connect with Palestinian organizers
- Sent two members to a conference in Palestine on the Israeli arms trade
- Connected with organizers in '48, Jerusalem and the West Bank after the conference
- Sent one volunteer at Heartbeats to Palestine's summer sports camp for refugee youth in Lebanon
- Visited South Africa to connect with the local solidarity movement

Support for Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi

One of the highlights of the year for our network was getting to know Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi. Rabab shared with us a wealth of information on the history of Black and Palestinian solidarity in the US, and the history of the Palestinian movement domestically and abroad. Her concept of the "indivisibility of justice" - the inherent connectedness of all our struggles - is one that anchors our work.

This year, Dr. Abdulhadi and her Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies program at San Francisco State University came under heavy attack. Dr. Abdulhadi, AMED, and the General Union of Palestine Students at SF State were targeted in a lawsuit from a Zionist group.

Black4Palestine issued a statement in support of Dr. Abdulhadi in July. We understand the intense vilification that occurs when we take action for our rights as Black people or speak out against racism and white supremacy; we view the attacks on Palestinians who speak out against their oppression as cut from the same cloth of right-wing reaction and repression.

In November, a judge dismissed the case against Dr. Abdulhadi, but we remain vigilant, ready to support, and eager to continue working with her.



B4P member Taurean with Dr. Abdulhadi at the American Muslims for Palestine conference in Chicago

MOVING FORWARD IN 2018

As a new and growing network we have faced a number of challenges in 2017 that we must overcome in the new year:

Solidifying our internal & external structure

We need to identify an internal and external structure for leadership, decision-making, and membership. In the absence of formal structures, our decision making and work have moved slower than we would have liked in 2017. This has also made it difficult for us to expand our network, as we do not yet have clear roles or project for people to plug into. This has also prevented us from signing onto external projects and some statements, as we don't want to take on external projects without having the capacity to fulfill them.

With limited resources, we were only able to meet once in person this year, which limited attendance to people in driving distance of New York or who could afford to cover their travel costs. Our network is skewed towards the Northeast and we'd like to be sure it develops in the South, Midwest, and West.

We are currently looking for (trans)national organizing models with autonomous local and global chapters and yearly national meetings. We have spoken with members of Palestinian Youth Movement and Students for Justice in Palestine as examples. We are open to exploring a number of structures and appreciate any insight from our own networks. ***Please share your own models with us!***

Developing a people's funded network for our work

We are not a funded organization and have relied on the kindness of small donations to travel and attend conferences this year. In 2017 we raised \$4000 from roughly 40 people around the country. We were able to send two people to Palestine, one person to Lebanon, and two representatives to the Palestinian Youth Movement's summer school. For 2018, we need to develop a more sustainable plan.

Travel constraints for our comrades in Africa

In August, we attempted to send two people from Kenya and Zambia to volunteer at a camp for Palestinian youth in Lebanon. We raised the funds to cover their travel costs, but Lebanon would not issue them visas. This was incredibly disappointing to us and our African comrades. We wanted to explore an ongoing program of sending continental Africans alongside Black people from the US in our trips to the Middle East. We appreciate any advice or future assistance on making this possible.

Limited capacity impacting our partners in Palestine

In the spring, We Are Not Numbers, a collective of young Palestinian writers from Gaza, reached out to us about collaborating on a project: a virtual exchange between youth in Gaza and Black youth in the US. We intended to make this happen during the summer, but were not developed enough to make it happen. We apologize to our friends in Gaza and wish to commit publicly to developing this exchange within the next two years.

GOALS FOR 2018-19

Looking forward to the next two years, we have a few main priorities:

Goals for 2018-19

Building internal capacity

- Solidify a network leadership and membership structure reflecting gender and class diversity
- Hold 2 in-person organizing meetings per year
- Host regional network gatherings in the South, Midwest, Northeast, and West Coast
- Generating funding to support our national and international solidarity work

Resource production

- Generating educational resources about Black and Palestinian experiences of policing, prisons, land theft, apartheid and other themes
- Publishing blog posts and quarterly newsletters
- Revisiting SNCC's 1967 Palestine newsletter and commemorating 70 years since the Nakba

Developing and expanding international solidarity work

- Shifting energy, attention and resources within the solidarity movement to refugees and right of return
- Bringing Palestinians in and outside of Palestine into Black-Palestinian solidarity work through local visits, speaking tours, and volunteer trips with Black communities in the U.S.
- Continuing work in Lebanon as a starting point for engaging with Palestinian refugees in other countries
- Sending representatives to the Middle East and Africa to develop relationships and projects
- Sending non-B4P members to visit and volunteer in Palestinian refugee camps

SUPPORT OUR WORK

If you're interested in supporting our work in, you can make a tax-deductible donation by sending a check to the address below, or contribute directly at paypal.me/black4palestine (*online donations are not deductible*):

Payable to: ASI-KP, Inc.
Memo: Black4Palestine

Mail to: Black4Palestine
PO Box 32977
Detroit, MI 48232

Other ways you can support us include: inviting us to speak at conferences or events; sharing resources (e.g. network & leadership development, trainings, retreats, leads on funding), and liking and sharing our content on Facebook.



We appreciate all our community support!

LOCAL WORK

Our members have been active hosting film festivals, organizing conferences, speaking at churches, and much more



BOSTON

In February, Boston-based member Khury spoke at the launch of the Massachusetts Against Hewlett-Packard boycott campaign in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In June, Khury represented B4P at the Left Forum on a series of panels focused on teaching about Palestine. These were part of Rabab Abdulhadi's Teach-in on *Palestine: Colonialism, Resistance, and Justice*. In November, Khury spoke about Black-Palestine solidarity on a panel organized by Christian Witness for Palestine and co-sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in Rochester, NY about the mirrored experience of Black people in the US and Palestinians in Palestine regarding the criminal justice system in particular, and more generally what solidarity and liberation look like.

CHICAGO

With a focus on the interracial and interfaith dimensions of Palestinian and Black/Palestinian-justice, Chicago member Taurean's 2017 work has ranged from facilitating webinars on Zionism (with Interfaith Peace Builders) to speaking on cross-movement best practices (with American Muslims for Palestine) and representing B4P at Palestinian Youth Movement's summer school (on Zionism & Imperialism). He recently authored a study curriculum for Black Christian churches seeking to awareness-raise and mobilize around both ending the occupation and Palestine liberation more broadly. So far, it has been used in Black and multi-racial churches in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Washington, DC. Please reach out if you would like to use the curriculum.



B4P reps with the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement & Project South at the Palestinian Youth Movement summer school

DETROIT

In May, B4P convened a meeting of Detroit-based Black and Arab organizers, who recorded a video to congratulate the hunger strikers. In June, B4P held a joint iftar to celebrate Juneteenth (the day the last African slaves were freed in the US) and Al Quds Day during the last Friday of Ramadan. The group was able to raise



Afrikan and Arab activists at the Juneteenth BBQ in Detroit

\$500 to buy a wheelchair ramp to ensure one of our network members had access to the iftar and future events. B4P cosponsored a rally to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion and the 1967 Israeli Occupation. Local B4P member Kristian participated in screenings of *Al Helm: Martin Luther King in Palestine* at local universities and Black churches. He also spoke in favor of divestment at the University of Michigan, and on behalf of B4P at a local rally for Jerusalem in Dearborn, Michigan.

LOCAL WORK



structural and cultural violence used against Palestinians, African Americans, and Native Americans, as well as their methods of resistance. Speakers included Towns, Nadia Ben-Youssef, Adalah Justice Project; Dhoruba Bin Wahad, Black Panther Party; Alan D. Gross, American Indian Movement; Philip Weiss, Mondoweiss.net; Raven Ziegler, Lakota Sioux Activist; Jennifer Bing, AFSC, No Way to Treat a Child; Erika Levy, Jewish Voice for Peace; Wissam Balshe, Palestinian-American Activist; and Etoy Wilson, Social Justice Activist for Incarcerated Women.



the importance of unified struggle, specifically Black-Palestinian solidarity. Films on opening night focused on Palestinian and Black experiences in Palestine and Occupied Palestine; the films were followed by a panel moderated by B4P member Tabitha and featuring B4P members Ciara and Rebecca. In response to Trump's Muslim ban, NOPSC convened a press conference, bringing together Black-African Muslims and Palestinian Muslims. Work in New Orleans has since grown into a municipal campaign charging the City to divest from companies engaged in human rights abuses, namely Israeli apartheid and prison profiteering.

NEW YORK

In 2017, Robyn continued her commitment to support campus based dialogues around Palestinian liberation. On June 2, she spoke on a plenary organized and moderated by Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi called *"Indivisibility of Justice and Global Solidarities: From Palestine to Standing Rock, Puerto Rico to Missouri"* at the Berkshire Conference for the History of Women at Hofstra University. The plenary included Madonna Thunder Hawk and Elizabeth Castle, Warrior Women Project; Pauline Park, New York Association for Gender Rights; Simona Sharoni, SUNY at Plattsburgh and Shariana Ferrer, Universidad de Puerto Rico. On October 15, I spoke on a roundtable called *"No Ban, No Wall: Resistance Without Borders"* held in conjunction with the Jenin Freedom Theater's North American premiere tour of *The Siege*, a play about the siege of the Church of the Nativity during the Second Intifada.



MINNEAPOLIS

In October, B4P member Sanna moderated a conference of the Minnesota BDS Community titled *"Parallel Liberation Struggles: Lessons in Resistance."* The conference commemorated 100 years of Palestinian resistance to colonialism and explored similarities in the direct,

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans organizers spent 2017 changing the local conversation around Palestine. The New Orleans Palestinian Solidarity Committee pushed local policy and culture by utilizing a human rights framework and uplifting the power of the arts. One such event was the New Orleans Palestinian Film Festival, which dedicated an entire day to



The question of the artist is **what does freedom look like?** The question of the activist is **how might it be obtained?** The question of the activist is **how might we dismantle the system?** The question of the artist is **how might we envision liberation beyond the system?**

— Carlton, Creative Director, **Freedom, Bound** and Atlanta-based Black4Palestine member

Pictured Left: "100%" by Jamaal Barber, Atlanta-based artist and printmaker
Commissioned piece for **Freedom, Bound**.

Freedom, Bound is an artistic and historical account of the shared struggle for collective liberation. Inspired by and rooted in the rich legacy of Black-Palestinian solidarity, this multi-media experience considers solidarity both as shared lived reality, and as political choice made time and again throughout history. Through data visualizations and a trans-historical gallery of artifacts, the visitor is invited to consider the inherent interconnectedness and timeless resonance of shared resistance to oppression.

APRIL: DIGNITY AND FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS

April 2017 statement in support of the Palestinian hunger strikers



Black4Palestine extends our solidarity and support to the 1,500 Palestinians who are now in the 10th day of their Freedom and Dignity Hunger Strike in Israeli prisons.

Hunger strikes, as they have been used in struggles for liberation across the world require commitment from an individual's mind, body and spirit. They are an outward sign of commitment to the community, to the struggle, and to each other that their physical detention will not thwart their ability

to move forward in the liberation of their people and land. We support the prisoners in their steadfast determination.

We recognize the violence of Israel's ongoing use of administrative detention to create political prisoners and stifle Palestinian resistance. As fighters for Black Liberation we understand the support and release of Political Prisoners as a core organiz-

Similar to the experience of our Palestinian comrades, the United States government continuously tries to silence and neutralize our liberation movement through incarceration and targeted assassination. The US has readily used force feeding, a practice recognized as torture by the UN, to neutralize prisoners on hunger strike in Guantanamo Bay. We know that Israel is ready



ing principle and commitment.

We understand that fighting Israel's occupation and illegitimacy requires that we fight back against the criminalization and imprisonment of Palestinians. Israel thrives off of the incarceration of Palestinians and Africans (mostly from Sudan and Eritrea), targeting both populations due to the "demographic threats" they pose to the state.

to do the same, with its supreme court recently deeming force feeding a constitutional practice.

We urge our people to understand that prisons are institutions of social control against poor and oppressed communities and a way of suppressing movements based in human rights in the US and Palestine.

The largest purveyors of violence and crime (the war ma-

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chines of the US and Israel) remain free, while we are imprisoned for trying to exist or resist in the violent world that they create.

As participants in the Black Liberation Movement and Indigenous Sovereignty Movement approach 40 and 50 years of imprisonment by the United States, we reiterate a call for the freedom of all our political prisoners from Pennsylvania to Palestine.

We also wish to honor Rasmae Odeh, a survivor of Israeli sexual assault, torture, and political imprisonment, as she ends a chapter of being targeted and harassed by the US government. We salute Rasmae, who has been a vocal advocate for Palestine and for the Black struggle in the US wherever she goes. We salute all the unnamed



Palestinian women who have experienced sexual assault by Israel, to the women prisoners, and to the women who maintain their homes while their children and husbands are behind bars.

United we fight against prisons, united we fight for Palestine, and united we fight for the people!

B4P MEMBER JOINS HUNGER STRIKE IN ONE-DAY SOLIDARITY FAST



"I am hunger striking today in support of Palestinian liberation and self-determination, in solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners and those under occupation and in the diaspora. I stand and fight against the actions of the Israeli state, and against Zionism and imperialism."

-Terrence

MAY: VICTORY TO THE HUNGER STRIKERS

At Black4Palestine's first local chapter meeting in Detroit, activists recorded a video to congratulate the successful hunger strike.



One man went on hunger strike for 140-days to resist his eviction and offered his own remarks: “My heart goes out in solidarity to the brave people who risked fasting for forty days in order to bring attention to the importance of the issue of justice. I personally understand what sacrificing and fasting is. I myself fasted for 140 days. So I know personally what you had to go through. And again, my heart goes out to you in solidarity. We are one.”

We'd like to end with a chant from one of our own revolutionary comrades and a former political prisoner - Assata Shakur. Assata was liberated from prison and has been living free for decades in Cuba. So we offer this chant from our struggle to ours. It goes:

The following is text from a video congratulating hunger strikers from Black and Arab people in Detroit. The comments come from water rights activists, a former Black Panther, a formerly incarcerated person, and artists and activists in the city:

“We are a group of Black, African, Arab and Palestinian people here in the city of Detroit—on occupied territory in “the United States.” Like Israel, the United States stole indigenous land and renamed all the cities.

We're here to offer our solidarity and congratulations to you, the prisoners who steadfastness was inspirational to all of us. We're calling for the decolonization of Zagajibiising (“Detroit”) and all of Turtle Island (“North America”) and Palestine. And we're here in solidarity with you. Free the water! (In Detroit, the government is threatening to

shut off the water of 18,000 families who cannot afford to pay their water bills. The entire city of Flint, Michigan drank poisoned water for a year because of corporate greed. The city still does not have clean water.)

Power to the People!

Free the Land in the US and Palestine! Rise Up!

Ah-hurriya falastinia! (Freedom is Palestinian!)

Congratulations on your step towards a free Palestine!

It is our duty to fight for our freedom

It is our duty to win
We must love and support each other

We have nothing to lose but our chains

We have nothing to lose but our chains

We have nothing to lose but our chains!



ديترويت إلى فلسطين: تهانينا للمضربين

وفيما يلي ترجمة فيديو من ديترويت، اجتماع السود والعرب للاحتفال بالاضراب عن الطعام المنتصرين ويشمل لنا الفيدرالي ناشطون في مجال حقوق المياه، ونمر أسود سابق، ورجل بدأ اضرابا عن الطعام لمقاومة طرده من منزله، وسجين سياسي سابق. نحن نحبك فلسطين و تهانينا مرة أخرى إلى السجناء .

السلام عليكم و رمضان كريم ومبارك لرفاقتنا وأسديقاتنا الفلسطينيتين وخاصة للمضربين عن الطعام الذين انتصروا بحق في اضرابهم لمدة 40 يوما من أجل الحرية والكرامة

نحن مجموعة من السود والأفارقة والعرب والفلسطينيين هنا في مدينة ديترويت - على الأراضي المحتلة في الولايات المتحدة. و مثل إسرائيل، قامت الولايات المتحدة بسرقة الأراضي من السكان الأصليين و اعادت تسمية جميع المدن

نحن هنا لتقديم تضامننا وتهانينا للأسرى الذين كان صمودهم الهاماً لنا جميعاً.

إننا ندعو إلى إنهاء استعمار "ديترويت" و "أمريكا الشمالية" وفلسطين ونحن هنا في تضامن معكم حرروا المياه [في ديترويت، تهدد الحكومة بإغلاق المياه عن 18000 عائلة لا تستطيع دفع فواتير المياه، شربت مدينة قلبيث وميشيغان المياه المسممة طوال عام كامل بسبب طمع الشركات. ولا تزال تلك المدن لا تتحصل على المياه النظيفة]

القوة للشعب!

لحرروا الأرض في الولايات المتحدة وفلسطين! انتصروا!

الحرية فلسطينية

تهانينا على خطواتك نحو تحرير فلسطين!

رجل في مجموعتنا اضرب عن الطعام ليقاوم الحكومة بطرده من منزله. ولكن قامت الحكومة بالنهاية باخذ منزله منه وهو يقدم تضامنه:

قلبي معكم، تضامننا مع الشجعان الذين خاطروا باضراب دام اربعين يوما من اجل لفت الانتباه إلى اهمية قضية العدالة. أنا شخصياً أقدم ما معنى التضحية و الاضراب— أنا نفسي قمت بالاضراب عن الطعام لمدة 140 يوم. لذلك أنا اعرف ما الذي خضتموه و مرة أخرى قلبي معكم، و أنا اتضامن معكم نحن واحد! نود ان ننهي بكلمات من امرأة اسمها "اساتا شاكور". هي احدى رفيقاتنا الثوريين وهي سجينه سياسية سابقة. اساتا تم تحريرها من المعتقل و هي تقيم الآن بحرية في كوبا منذ عقود من الزمن. لذلك نقدم هذه الاثنية من تضامننا لتضامنكم. و هي كالآتي:

ومن واجبنا أن نكافح من أجل حريتنا

من واجبنا أن نتنصر

يجب أن نحب ونؤيد بعضنا البعض

ليس لدينا ما نخسره، إلا أفعالنا

ليس لدينا ما نخسره، إلا أفعالنا

ليس لدينا ما نخسره، إلا أفعالنا!

AUGUST: TRIBUTE TO RASMEA ODEH

Black4Palestine offers our unconditional support and love to Rasmea Odeh

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Black4Palestine offers our unequivocal and unconditional support for Palestinian-American activist and former political prisoner Rasmea Odeh.

We understand that as Black people living in the heart of the US empire, we will not be free until the people who are also under the boot of this empire are free. Today that is our comrades and family the Palestinians.

The trial against Rasmea has always been political, but Rasmea's Defense Committee rightly understood that Rasmea would not receive a fair trial under the Trump Administration and the state's response to recent white supremacist violence in Charlottesville illustrates exactly why:

'No justice on stolen land'

During the hearing, the judge spoke about punishing "intentional and deliberate false statements." He said that the United States operates around "truthfulness" and requires punishment for "wrongdoing."

Yet when has the United States been "truthful" about its colonial nature or punished for the wrongdoings of genocide, land theft and slavery?

How clear are the interests of this country and it's so called "justice system" that white nationalists and neo-Nazis are not being prosecuted, but a 70-year-old community organizer is being targeted and de-



Rasmea's supporters outside the Detroit courthouse

ported by the "Department of Justice"? How clear are the interests of this country that an entire community's water can be poisoned by the state and no one faces any consequences? How clear are the interests of this country that police can murder thousands of individuals and not face any punishment?

There has never been any justice for Native, Black or poor people on this land, so these calls for "justice" expose a fundamental hypocrisy: punishment for the people, but never for the state or the violent practices that hold it up.

Attacked for her political organizing

The judge claimed this was not a political case, but we all

know that it was. We understand that Rasmea is part of a long lineage of political activists who have resisted US empire and Israeli colonialism and were targeted by the state.

Two years ago, Angela Davis compared Rasmea's case to her own: "I identify with Rasmea because I know that it is through individuals that entire movements are attacked," she said. "I knew when I was placed on the FBI's '10 Most Wanted List' that it would have made no sense to put a single person on that list in that way unless the target was much larger."

At that same event, Angela Davis also compared Rasmea's case to Black revolutionary Assata Shakur, who was liberated from

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prison by her comrades in the 1970s after facing persecution by the state. She has lived in exile in Cuba since her emancipation.

At Rasmea's farewell event in Chicago, which more than 1,200 people attended, Angela Davis also compared Rasmea to Trinidadian-American communist activist Claudia Jones, who was deported by the US in 1955 for her political activities.

Steadfast in the face of repression

Regardless of her circumstances, Rasmea has been committed to organizing and committed to the people. She gave 10 years of her life in Israel's brutal and illegitimate jails and then spent more than a decade organizing within Palestinian refugee communities across Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

She even organized during her five weeks in a US prison in 2015. She overcame the divide and conquer efforts of the state to label her a "terrorist" and began to bring the other incarcerated women together. For this "wrongdoing," she was placed into solidarity confinement for three weeks.

The hundreds and thousands of people who came together for Rasmea didn't have to physically break her out of jail—but we were able to mobilize for her to be released from solitary confinement, and from an 18-month prison sentence. And because of the power of the people, we were able to make sure that Rasmea does not have to spend any more time in jail.

Despite being forced into the "choice" of prison or voluntary



Rasmea with Black liberation icon Angela Davis in 2015

deportation, Rasmea refused three times to admit "guilt" during her April hearing. And during her sentencing last week, she refused three times to be silenced by the judge as she named all of the violence Zionists have committed against Palestine.

In a country as violent and racist as the United States, Rasmea's refusal to bow in the face of the court inspired us as Black people. Rasmea has continued to embody and teach us the Palestinian practice of "sumud" or steadfastness.

A model for joint struggle

Rasmea has always demonstrated a commitment to joint struggle. Over the last four years she's brought together a powerful coalition of communities across various backgrounds that are united in our struggle for freedom.

Because of her, we have a very powerful community that will continue to organize in Chicago, in Detroit, and in communities around the world.

And we know Rasmea will

continue to organize wherever she goes. And we know she'll be welcomed wherever she goes. She might visit South Africa where she'll be welcomed as a freedom fighter by revolutionary songs and chants. She might visit Europe, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians live in exile as refugees similar to her and she'll be welcomed as someone who has given her entire life to her people. She might visit the rural Philippines, where she'll be welcomed as a hero of the people and a comrade of struggling and indigenous people worldwide.

Wherever she goes Rasmea will be welcomed because she's part of the people and fights for the people and the people will always have her in our hearts. The people will never abandon the struggle for Rasmea or the struggle for Palestine.

**Long Live Rasmea Odeh!
Long Live Palestine!**

DECEMBER: ALL OF JERUSALEM BELONGS TO PALESTINE

Black4Palestine rejects Trump and Zionist claims on Jerusalem

Black4Palestine joins millions around the world in condemning President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of "Israel." Trump's decision adds yet another assault to seven decades of Zionist theft of Palestine's holiest city. It continues the US government's refusal to adhere to its basic positions in East Jerusalem, rooted in international law: opposing Israeli settlements and protecting its sovereignty for a future Palestinian state.

We know that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine, just as we know that all of Jerusalem—East and West—is Palestinian land, and that all of "Israel" is Palestinian land.

The division of "East" and "West" Jerusalem is an illegitimate and colonial division. Palestinians of all faiths lived in all of Jerusalem prior to their ethnic cleansing by Zionists in 1948, when Zionists expelled nearly 40,000 Palestinians from their homes and land in "West Jerusalem." Today more than 5 million Palestinian refugees still have an inalienable right to return to their homelands in what is currently "Israel."

We say this with an understanding that "Israel" is actually the land of over 400 Palestinian villages that were demolished to build the entire infrastructure of the state. And we say this with an understanding that the "Unit-



Top: Roads in East Jerusalem vs West Jerusalem
Bottom: Palestinian village vs Israeli settlement, both in East Jerusalem

ed States" is actually the land of over 560 indigenous nations, for whom Palestine has already happened and whose capitals have all been destroyed.

Defenders of Israel point to a fear of Israel "being wiped off the map," even though it was Zionists who literally wiped Palestine off the map. We reject the Zionist project on Palestinian land, under which the indigenous inhabitants of the land are dominated, subjugated and colonized by Jewish settlers from around the world.

Many members of Black4Palestine have been to Palestine and have seen firsthand the violence and discrimination in Jerusalem: we've spoken to families in Sheikh Jarrah where Zion-

ist settlers have literally kicked Palestinians out of their homes; we've spoken to people who lost their status as Jerusalemites for going to study abroad or marrying someone in the West Bank; we've seen the apartheid wall divide parts of Jerusalem from other parts of the city, farmers from their land, and families from seeing each other.

We've seen the apartheid in the separate roads, buses, and resources between East and West Jerusalem, both apparently "the eternal capital of Israel." And we've seen the day and night contrast between Palestinian villages in Jerusalem and Israeli settlements less than five minutes away.

We watch in condemnation as

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Israel demolishes the homes of Palestinian resisters or families who “illegally” built new rooms or floors onto their apartments. These demolitions are collective punishment and often the result of Israel’s refusal to grant 98 percent of permits for Palestinians to build in Jerusalem, while allowing settlers to colonize more Arab land.

The aim of the Zionist project is to own the maximum amount of land in Palestine with the minimum number of Palestinians and minimum Palestinian political power. Israel knows that if Palestinians can organize themselves to rise up, they will have the will, the strength, and the numbers to succeed. This is why they have sought to destroy every instance of their existence and resistance. But the Zionist project will not win.

We encourage our family in Palestine to remain steadfast in the face of such violence and to continue their resistance until the liberation of all the land.



“The road to Al Quds” (December 2017, Facebook)

Palestinian activist and child prisoner Ahed Tamimi pushes the martyr Ibrahim Abu Thuraya on the road to Jerusalem. Ibrahim was a Palestinian living in Gaza who lost both of his legs in an Israeli strike in 2008. He was shot and killed by Zionist forces on December 15, 2017 while protesting Donald Trump’s decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. Shortly before he was killed he said: “This land is our land. We are not going to give up. America has to withdraw the decision it made. The most important message to send to the Zionist Occupation Army is that Palestinian people are a strong people.”

16 year old Ahed Tamimi is from Nabi Saleh, a West Bank village heavily targeted by Israeli settlers and soldiers. She was arrested after pushing Zionist forces off her family’s land on December 19, 2017. She is one of more than 300 Palestinian children currently imprisoned by Israel.

SPOTLIGHT ON PALESTINE

RG reflects on the global nature of the industries that cage and kill our people.

In May, we traveled to Palestine for an international gathering to develop a shared strategy for fighting the Israeli weapons industry hosted by Stop the Wall and the American Friends Service Committee. The gathering was held during one of Israel's largest weapons expos. There were representatives from South Africa, Bosnia, Colombia, Brazil, Palestine and the US - all folks fighting the occupation of Palestine and the impact of Israeli arms and weapons on the destruction of their local communities.

This experience made it clear that coming together in the face of an industry that makes money off of military occupation, death and destruction across the world is our only fighting chance at liberation. We literally cannot win without each other. Palestine has been at the forefront of building an internationalist resistance movement and has pushed and inspired me to build the Dream Defenders into an organization that is not only internationalist in our rhetoric, but in our strategy and daily organizing practice.

I had been to Palestine once before, and each I was overwhelmed with sadness and anger about the state of the occupation and the suffering and exploitation human beings are forced to face at the hands of the state and corporate elite. In the year between my trips, it was hard to imagine that things could get any worse, but they did.

It's overwhelming to see human beings forced to endure so much, including the many lies that are spread about them in order to justify the killing of their children, the destruction of their homes and the stealing of their land and culture. To witness the power of Palestinians to keep fighting and resisting in the face of this inspires me to do more for our people everyday. The plight of Palestine represents both everything that is wrong about humanity and everything that is beautiful and possible about us too.

Our trip to Palestine took place four months into Donald Trump's presidency. While we know that none of this starts or ends with Trump (or Netanyahu), Trump and Netanyahu are at the forefront of building economies that rely on perpetual war and the destruction of the planet. They are perpetuating a culture that presumes people are innately criminal and terrorist, and that war, death, and incarceration are the only solutions to the problems we face. Then, they profit off of this propaganda. The day after Trump was elected, all of the US stocks plunged except for the private prison corporations and the arms/weapons industry.

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At the apartheid wall

SPOTLIGHT ON PALESTINE



Members of the Dream Defenders' August 2017 artist's delegation to Palestine in front of a Palestinian road closed by the Israeli military in Hebron.

In the US, 8 major donors have contributed over \$57 million since 9/11 to anti-Islam think tanks. These propaganda outlets create financial incentive and ideological justification for the “war on terror,” as well as anti-Palestinian sentiments. In the prison industry, even though crime is falling, the two biggest prison corporations in the US take in annual profits of \$3.3 billion. This is also due to a well-funded lobbying and propaganda network that capitalizes on racism.

These prison companies are connected to the expansion of policing and militarization of communities around the world. G4S, a company that is profiting off of locking up Black people in the US, is also responsible for beating up indigenous protesters at Standing Rock fighting for our collective right to clean water, and is also responsible for detaining, torturing and deporting immigrants. This same company provides services and equipment to Israeli prisons, checkpoints, police and the Apartheid Wall.

It is on us to resist the systems this society is rooted in - racism, imperialism, capitalism - and to end use of prisons, weapons, and war in the name of “security” and “peace.”

Coming back from Palestine after this experience made me realize we need to build a mass movement against the defense industry, a movement that fights the propaganda spread about our communities to justify the industry's existence. On a fundamental level, we must help everyday people realize that they should not be scared of one another as human beings and that they must start looking up at the people who are profiting from our fear and suffering.

We cannot become complicit in the world they are building. We have a responsibility to envision a new world, and a new way of being in relationship with one another and the land which we stand upon. We must not only unite around the commonality of our oppression, but around a common vision for liberation. When we do this, the vision becomes larger than ending the weapons trade or police killings of Black people, larger than tearing down the wall between the US and Mexico or the wall in Palestinians. Our movement becomes a struggle rooted in a new vision for humanity. (RG)

SPOTLIGHT ON PALESTINE

LiT reflects on the roots and global implications of the struggle for Palestine.

When I returned from my first trip to Palestine, I was filled with rage. I saw Palestinians fighting a three layered assault: they are separated (apartheid), dehumanized, and killed (genocide).

I saw parallels between Palestine and what I learned Turtle Island (America) looked like in the first 100 years of European colonization. The Zionist's illegal kidnapping, detainment, torture, and murder of Palestinian people and their extraction and dispossession of land and natural resources parallel the attacks on indigenous people on Turtle Island and the formation of the United States.

Connecting my work with indigenous groups on Turtle Island, other African descendants, and anti-colonial struggles across the world, I look back to the Balfour Declaration - Britain's declaration of support for a Zionist state in Palestine in 1917.

The issue of Palestine is not 50 years old, but over 100 years old. So it is not enough to be anti-occupation, we have to be anti-zionist and anti-colonialist. It is not enough to end the occupation, but we must support and secure the right to return for all Palestinian refugees. We must be clear that all of "Israel" is occupied Palestinian land, not just the West Bank and Gaza.

During my time in Palestine I formulated grounding principles that frame my definition of liberation:

- 1. As told to me by Afro-Palestinians in Jerusalem, African and Palestinian solidarity is key to ending zionism and colonialism around the world.** Africans must see Palestinians and the Palestinian struggle as interlocked with African liberation and anti-colonial struggles. When we trace the dispossession of land and resources as well as disparities in our countries, we find the source of the problem as colonialism and imperialism backed by the United States, Israel, and Western Europe.
- 2. Our definition of and struggle for freedom must be grounded in internationalism in order for indigenous people to win.** Encountering numerous Occupiers throughout Palestine speaking to me in English exemplifies the internationalist nature of the occupation. Imperialists share practices and people around the world, so we must too.

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Palestinians and Native Americans share two sides of the same story, via Settler deCOLONIZATION (Facebook)

SPOTLIGHT ON PALESTINE

3. **It is our duty to fight back against the isolation and silencing of freedom fighters through imprisonment, assassination, and exile.** We are required to hold up Rasmea Odeh with Assata Shakur, Nael Barghouthi with Mumia Abu Jamal, and Ghassan Kanafani with Malcolm X. Palestinians and Africans in exile sacrificed their life and their families for ours. In Palestine, Zionists have isolated Palestinian communities from each other by apartheid walls and checkpoints in order to more readily steal Palestinian land. It is our responsibility to see isolation as a common tactic of imperialist regimes and acknowledge those who fight on a daily basis. Local resisters who live in refugee camps are as important as the famous names who are lifted up in the media. We must honor the fighters in Nablus, Nabi Saleh, Ramallah, Gaza, Jenin, Bethlehem and Hebron. We must also honor the fighters in what we call Baltimore, Ferguson, Cleveland, New York who fight against local forces who are trained by Zionists and practice isolation, imprisonment, and exile. We must fight for Leonard Peltier (political prisoner of the Indigenous People's Movement) and center his right to freedom and return to his land.
4. **Lastly, fighting for Palestinian and African rights is environmental justice.** Deep in the conversation of climate change and environmental justice is the reality that people suffering from food insecurity, poisoned water and drought have been suffering from colonization. The soil is abused by our colonizers and soaked with the blood of our people. We have a duty to free the land and trust the earth to repair itself without further bloodshed of its people or extraction of its resources.

In spite of intense Zionist violence, Palestine remains beautiful. The morning I left Palestine, two young boys saw me waiting for the bus to Qalandia checkpoint. They asked where I was going and after I told them to the airport, they walked away and returned with flowers offering “something to remember us and our land.”

I felt despair when I first got back, but then I realized there's no time for that - we must get to work. (LiT)



Graffiti in Dheisheh Refugee Camp outside of Bethlehem honors Ghassan Kanafani, Leila Khaled, and Wadie Haddad from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

SPOTLIGHT ON LEBANON

LS reflects on volunteering with Palestinian youth in Lebanon



In August I had the privilege of traveling to Lebanon to represent Black4Palestine while building solidarity by working as a coach at Heartbeats to Palestine, a sports camp for Palestinian youth. My role at the camp was as a basketball coach, which was dominated by the girls, although there were a handful of boys. The camp serves Palestinian youth that live in various refugee camps, those that live outside the camps, as well as several Lebanese and Syrian youth.

As a former athlete, the camp was unlike any sports camp or sports event I have attended as it combined sports with political, cultural and self awareness. Each day involved the youth practicing two different sports (basketball, soccer, running, swimming, and volleyball were all offered) as well as an activity on politics, culture and self-awareness. This helped to bridge the goal of the camp with the sports. One of the main goals of the camp is to move beyond the awareness of the Palestinian right to return and build capacity for the actual return.

I gave a talk at the camp for one of the cultural sessions. I spoke about the history of Black4Palestine and the projects we had going on at the time. I also spoke broadly about police brutality and the persistent non-indictment of white officers, stop and frisk, the patrolling of Black communities, and the training of several city police departments by the Israeli military. The youth had a number of questions:

Are they still killing you?

If the police are doing this then why would some Black people become police officers?

How can these things happen when your President was Black?

It was fruitful conversation on several levels. Black US America is not accessible outside of mainstream media so this was an opportunity for the youth to see into our world beyond stereotypes and negative images. There were lots of questions about my hair, our communities, and how we handle interactions with the police. This conversation also opened up conversations about how they were experiencing their own situation.

I had a few days before and after the camp to see Lebanon. I was able to spend time in, visit, or go to events in Jabra, Saida, Beirut, Tripoli, Brumanna, Bekaa Valley, and Miniyeh (the site of the camp). My ability to attend and see so much was because of the generosity of my hosts. I would like to see this be something we participate in annually while also building this relationship throughout the year.

The only thing that would make this trip better is to send more than one person. (LS)

SPOTLIGHT ON LEBANON

KB reflects on the conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon

This year I took two trips to Lebanon to get a better sense of conditions facing Palestinian refugees in the country and of what local work on Black-Palestinian solidarity might look like. Part of my work is sharing the plight of Black people in the US and helping to draw parallels between our experiences.

After talking to a family in Burj el Barajneh camp that knew nothing about the Black struggle in the US for five minutes, they all sucked their teeth in disbelief and immediately noted our similarities. In many ways, Palestinians in Lebanon are the “Black” population of the country. Both Palestinians and Black people face exploitation because of discrimination against our racial or national background. A majority of us are poor both because we were dispossessed from our homelands and because our national economies rely on us for cheap labor.

In Lebanon, Palestinians are legally barred from working in 70+ professions, largely forced to live in camps with inadequate electricity, water, and sewage, and face an educational system that guarantees they won’t succeed. Palestinian refugees deal with decades of trauma, poverty, and inadequate social services. The camps are seen as violent and ridden with drugs and crime, and most Lebanese avoid the camps like most Americans avoid Black neighborhoods. The camps are often the only places where other marginalized national groups (e.g. Syrians, Iraqis) can afford to live.

While many people are disillusioned about the conditions of the camps and the liberation struggle, the camps still *feel like Palestine*. Generations of people continue to fight for their country and their people. At the Naqab Center in Burj el Barajneh Camp, youth are given a map to trace the route to return to Akka in ‘48 Palestine from their camps in Lebanon. At the Arab Palestinian Cultural Club in Baddawi Camp, posters honor the martyr Basil Araj, who was assassinated in Palestine by the Zionist military in March 2017 (pictured below). The map of Palestine hangs everywhere—on the inner walls of people’s homes and on the outer walls of the buildings of the camps (pictured below). Palestine’s spirit and life blood continues, even though Zionists have separated the land from its people for 70 years.

I had the chance to visit the Lebanese border with “Israel,” guided by a Nakba survivor who could point to the site of his original village from where we were. Israel has denied him and all refugees the ability to go back home for 69 years now. One look at the land and it is clear why the refugees will never abandon their right to return: the camps are an insulting solution to the beautiful, fertile land they know is theirs. In a world where many of us struggle to say what liberation looks like, Palestinians can see it: it is returning to their land and their homes.

Palestinian travels are restricted throughout the Middle East. Palestinians from Lebanon can’t visit Jordan or Palestine; Palestinians from Palestine can’t visit Lebanon; many Palestinians from Syria are now double or triple refugees in the Middle East or Europe. This is the essence of Zionist violence to the region: that indigenous populations that could once move freely between Beirut, Damascus, Haifa, Jerusalem and Gaza are now divided and confined to Western-imposed borders.

Right of return is the most basic line that we in the West owe Palestine and we must name it and fight for it every time we talk about it. “End the occupation” is not sufficient unless we’re talking about the occupation of all Palestine, not just the West Bank and Gaza. Right of return is necessary for justice. (KB)



AFRICAN-PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY

African activists across the continent are eager to connect to Palestine, but face the barriers of visas and resources

This summer, I attended a school in South Africa focused on Pan Africanism. I was one of more than 70 students from South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, the Congo, Kenya, Ghana, Cape Verde, Mauritius, Brazil, Argentina, Haiti, and the US. We learned that strong Pan African movements are both socialist (committed to liberating poor and working people and not just creating a new African elite) and internationalist (committed to the liberation of people's struggles around the world, and not just their own).



Kenyan solidarity with Palestinian prisoners

Through the school, I connected to an activist from the Kenya Palestine Solidarity Movement. I was able to talk about Black4Palestine and give a Palestine 101 lecture. Afterwards many comrades were eager to know how they could show solidarity with Palestine and educate their groups at home. They asked for educational materials, kuffiyehs, and Palestine t-shirts. This showed me the need for building relationships and providing resources to groups on the continent, both about our respective struggles and for Palestine.

Black4Palestine realized it would cost the same to send two volunteers to sports camp in Lebanon from Africa as it would to send one person from the US. So we decided to send one US volunteer, one person from the Kenya Palestine Solidarity Movement, and classmate of mine who was a football coach in Zambia. Unfortunately, we faced the reality of Lebanon's racist visa system, which refused to issue visas to the Kenyan and Zambian comrades.

This trip was supposed to be the start of developing relationships between Black people in the US, continental Africans, and Palestinians across the Middle East and the visa denial was a huge disappointment. We maintain a commitment to building with African comrades in Lebanon and Palestine and seek any assistance we can in making that a reality.

We don't want to be US-centric in Black4Palestine when solidarity exists from dozens of African countries around the world, so it was a dream to meet these other comrades. Comrade Gacheke of the Kenya-Palestine Solidarity Movement said Kenya na Palestine is very eager to connect with people in the US and across the Middle East. His message to us: "We must intensify the solidarity struggle with Palestinian people to be free, and live in dignity." Comrade Agatha of the Zambian Socialist Youth League said that "We are together in this struggle. We will never leave Palestine behind and will always be with them." (KB)



"At the Heart of the Crossroads"
by S. Khatib and
K. Bailey

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA

Palestine solidarity organizers in Johannesburg and Cape Town raised a number of important challenges, questions, and needs:



A comrade from the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa wears his new kuffiyeh to the 5 year commemoration of the police massacre of striking miners at Marikana

Dealing with the post-apartheid reality: “The apartheid analogy does not resonate with youth,” who were not alive to remember the struggle, said one organizer. 23 years after the fall of the apartheid regime, South Africans confront an economic order where most of the country is poor, while the old white capitalist class and a new Black business and political elite are rich. There is disagreement over the role of and relationship of the solidarity movement to the ANC, whose post-apartheid direction in some ways mirrors the post-Oslo PA.

Engaging more Black South Africans in solidarity efforts:

Most Black South Africans are too focused on surviving poverty, unemployment, and other pressing issues, to engage in international solidarity - something we face in the US. Beyond solidarity from Black unions, political organizations and student movements, Palestine organizations in South Africa are primarily led by non-Black people, even though the country is 80 percent Black. Many organizers commented that most of the movement fails to show up for issues that impact Africans. “There was a march last week for Al Aqsa, but it was only Muslims,” said one organizer in Cape Town. “They have solidarity with Palestine but are still racist and exploitative towards Africans.” This mirrors conditions in the US, where the Black people face racist exploitation from Arab and other immigrant merchants in cities like Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis. This plus a lack of support for our own social issues creates a barrier to Black support for Palestine.

Developing solidarity among youth: Every organizer I spoke to said that youth need to drive solidarity efforts. They dream of more joint projects between youth, including brigades, delegations, art, and a global meeting for youth to strategize together. And youth are already doing this work. While I was in the country, the 11-year-old Palestinian journalist Janna Jihad, 16-year-old activist Ahed Tamimi (currently imprisoned by Zionist forces), and 12-year-old Muhammad Nawajah spent two weeks in the country for a speaking tour with other children. Equal Education, a movement of students, teachers, parents and youth, has taken firm stances against Zionism and Israeli apartheid and incorporated Palestine into their curriculum.

Questions and needs: The inevitable question is: *how do we fund transnational projects?* Other questions that came up are: *How do we make Palestine and BDS relevant to ordinary people? What tangible actions of solidarity can we take beyond marching? What does global affiliation with Black-Palestine look like? What can we work on across borders?* Two important needs that: exposing Zionist terrorism in 1948 that led to Israel’s establishment and insisting that “it’s not just the Occupied Territories; it’s all of Israel,” even within our movement.

I will soon publish more detailed content from South Africa and Lebanon in Jadaliyya. Please reach out if you have connections to other Palestine solidarity groups in Africa. (KB)

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Arab American Action Network (Chicago)
Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies (San Francisco)
Arab Resource & Organizing Center (San Francisco)
Arab Studies Institute (DC)
Arabs4BlackPower
Existence Is Resistance (New York)
New York City Students for Justice in Palestine
Palestinian Youth Movement
US Palestinian Community Network

Palestine

Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association
African Community Society (Jerusalem)
Baladna ('48)
BDS National Committee
Grassroots Al Quds/Grassroots Jerusalem
Hebron Center for Development and Empowerment
Laylac Center (Dheisheh)
Nabd Youth Forum
We Are Not Numbers (Gaza and Lebanon)
Youth Against Settlements (Hebron)

Lebanon

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BDS Lebanon
Global Campaign to Return to Palestine
Heartbeats to Palestine
Jaffra Center (Beirut and Athens, Greece)
Lebanese Communist Party

France

Tahya Falastin (Toulouse)

We encourage connections between the groups listed here and are happy to introduce you to any groups that interest you for events, campaigns, or just to get to know better. Please contact us at blackforpalestine@gmail.com

SOLIDARITY & GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS

North America

American Muslims for Palestine
Black Agenda Report
Black-Palestinian Transnational Solidarities Project
Cooperation Jackson (Mississippi)
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Social Justice Initiative at the University of Illinois, Chicago
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Kenya: Kenya-Palestine Solidarity Movement (Nairobi)

Zambia: Socialist Youth League

South Africa

Afro-Middle East Centre (Johannesburg)
BDS South Africa
District 6 Museum (Cape Town)
Equal Education (Cape Town)
National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa
Palestine Solidarity Alliance
Social Justice Coalition (Cape Town)
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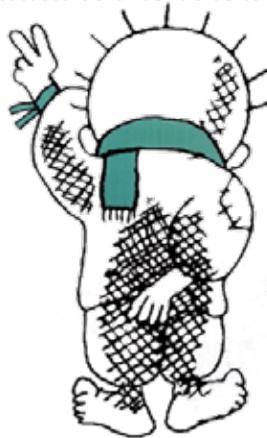
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IN SOLIDARITY UNTIL LIBERATION AND RETURN



Palestinian flags overlook Israeli-occupied Palestine from the Lebanese border, as a steadfast Handala looks towards returning home.



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