

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

FIDH International Board Resolution

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In the face of Israel's genocide in Gaza, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, including the historic injustices inflicted upon the Palestinian people through settler-colonialism and apartheid—such as forced displacement, starvation, ethnic cleansing, refugee-hood, pillaging of natural resources, torture, sexual violence, arbitrary arrests, killings, destruction of homes, and various forms of oppression, domination, and denial of rights — FIDH's International Board strongly reaffirms its commitment and solidarity with the Palestinian people. FIDH upholds the rights of the Palestinian people, like those of all other groups and nations, to live in justice and dignity, to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination, and to facilitate the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes, towns, and lands.

At a time when the Palestinian people and the global solidarity movement face silencing, intimidation, arrests, and denial of basic rights, it is crucial for the global human rights community to emphasize the universality of human rights and international law, applying them without prejudice, discrimination, or double standards.

In the past nine months, the genocidal campaign in Gaza has exposed the failures of the international system established in the aftermath of World War II. It is our shared responsibility to ensure that the path to justice remains clear and is not obscured by governments, including Western governments, that remain silent, some of which have provided unwavering support for Israel regardless of its actions, and may even be aiding and abetting mass atrocities in Gaza through arms sales and other means. This complicity, driven by the political, financial, and ideological positions of states and global leaders, exacerbates the horrific injustices we have been witnessing.

While students establish solidarity and divestment encampments, police crackdown on peaceful protests, labeling them as violent and extreme. In the US, the same politicians who encourage suppression of peaceful protests are also threatening the International Criminal Court Prosecutor for applying for arrest warrants against Israeli leaders. And despite the genocide case brought by South Africa against Israel before the International Court of Justice and the numerous provisional measures issued by the Court, Israel continues to defy these orders and commit atrocity crimes against Palestinians.

Today, it is estimated that over 45,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli authorities in Gaza alone, many of which remain under the rubble or are unaccounted for. Our movement bears witness to this immense tragedy, and we must not stand idly by as the global system continues to fail us. This system is meant to serve humanity, and it is our collective responsibility to reclaim it for the sake of justice.

We call on the global human rights movement to act and mobilize to stop the historic injustices and ongoing Nakba of the Palestinian people, and to work collectively to support Palestinians in achieving their rights to self-determination, the right of return, and to live in freedom, justice, and dignity.

Solidarity from the people alone is not enough to end atrocities, especially when states become complicit. Without external pressure, Israel and other complicit states and leaders will continue their human rights abuses. Israel must face sanctions, arms embargo, suspension of agreements, divestment, and other forms of accountability measures for crimes committed against Palestinians.

Supporting the Palestinian people is nothing less than supporting international law and fundamental human rights.

Justice and freedom to the Palestinian people!