## **Stop the Massacre on Gaza Strip** Worldwide Demonstrations in Support of Palestine

In Hebron, thousands of men and women took to the streets, waving the flags of both Hamas and Fatah. They carried signs that read "Stop the Gaza genocide" and "US capitalism is addicted to war." In the northern city of Nablus, youths clashed with the Israeli military, flipping cars and setting tires and garbage cans on fire to block roads. By 13/10/2023 afternoon, Palestinian fighters were still engaged in gunfights with Israeli soldiers in different areas of the West Bank.

Several thousands of people gathered in Sarajevo city center on 21/10/2023, waving Palestinian and Bosnian flags and demanding a halt to the Israeli offensive in Gaza. Some chanted: "Genocide, genocide," while a large and prominent banner read "Yesterday Srebrenica, today Gaza," Other demonstrators held banners with slogans including "Stop the War" and "Free Palestine."

About 100,000 people joined a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Central London on 21/10/2023, marching through the British capital to demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza following the Hamas attack on Israel two weeks ago. Chanting "Free Palestine," holding banners and waving Palestinian flags, the protesters moved through London before massing at Downing Street, the official residence and office of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Police estimated 100,000 people had taken part in the "National March for Palestine" demonstration, organized by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

In Sydney, Australia's biggest city, around 15,000 people attended 21/10/2023 march. The organizer Palestine Action Group said, with demonstrators chanting "Palestine will never die" and waving Palestine flags. Police, including officers on horseback, patrolled the event that closed city streets, and a police helicopter circled overhead. Pro-Palestine rallies were also scheduled on 21/10/2023 in state capitals Brisbane, Perth and Hobart, Palestine Action Group said, after thousands attended largely well behaved rallies around Australia last weekend.

In the French capital, Paris, thousands participated in a rally to express their support for the Palestinian people. Demonstrators chanted slogans such as "Gaza, Gaza, Paris is with you" and "It is humanity that is being killed, Gaza's children, Palestine's children." Several lawmakers also joined the protests, wearing keffiyehs and carrying Palestinian flags.

In Canada, hundreds gathered outside the Israeli embassy in Toronto, protesting against the massacres of civilians in Gaza. Demonstrators carried Palestinian flags and displayed various slogans, including "Freedom for Palestine." Pro-Palestinian rallies occurred in major cities in Canada including Ottawa, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver among others.

Jordanian anti-riot police on forcibly dispersed hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters trying to reach a border zone with the Israeli-occupied West Bank as thousands held anti-Israel demonstrations across the country. Witnesses said police fired tear gas to halt about 500 demonstrators who had reached a security checkpoint outside the capital Amman on a highway leading to a main border crossing.

Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered in the US capital on 14/10/2023, marching past the White House with chants of "Free Palestine" as the death toll continued to climb in the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Across the country, Americans have held pro-Palestinian protests with crowds gathering in Los Angeles, New York and Dearborn, Michigan – home to one of the largest populations of Arabs and Arab diaspora in the United States.

Several hundred people marched through Downtown Manhattan on 26/10/2023 night towards the New York Stock Exchange in protest of the US supplying the Israeli Defense Force with weapons made by American manufacturers. The protest was organized by Within Our Lifetime, which describes themselves as a Palestinian-led community organization.

Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters poured onto the streets of Brooklyn, New York's largest borough, on 28/10/2023 to voice their opposition to Israel's ongoing war with Hamas in Gaza, which entered its fourth week on Sunday (29/10/2023).

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) erected a monument on 27/10/2023 afternoon in Times Square, New York featuring a table laid out in traditional Shabbat meal style with 224 empty seats, one for every hostage being held by Hamas in Gaza, the organization said in a press release.

Thousands marched in Rabat, Morocco on 15/10/2023 in support of Palestinians in Gaza, in the biggest anti-Israeli protest since the 2020 normalization of diplomatic relations. At the march, organized by Islamists and leftist groups, protesters chanted: "Palestine is resisting" and "All against normalization" as they burned an Israeli flag.

In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, thousands of people rallied in support of Palestine and in condemnation of Israeli aggression against Gaza. Demonstrators also criticized international silence regarding these events.

In Yemen's capital, Sanaa, demonstrators took to the streets waving Yemeni and Palestinian flags.

In demonstrations, some 35,000 pro-Palestinian protesters marched through the streets of Madrid, Spain, calling "Freedom for Palestine."

A few hundred people also gathered in the Afghan cities of Kabul and Jalalabad for pro-Palestinian rallies organized by Taliban authorities. Thousands of people including women and children gathered on 29/10/2023 in Islamabad for the largest pro-Palestine rally in Pakistan since Israel's war on Gaza began this October, chanting anti-American slogans and accusing the US of "backing the aggressor." Political and religious parties staged dozens of small demonstrations across the cities of Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and the capital Islamabad, where US and Israeli flags were burned.

Some thousands of people rallied in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, after prayers to show solidarity with the Palestinians. Chanting "Free Palestine" and "Crush the Zionists". They burned two effigies draped with Israeli flags. Many protesters wore the keffiyeh, a traditional Palestinian scarf, and carried placards calling for peace in Palestine and an end to the United States' support of the Israeli military.

Fans of Scotland's Celtic Football Club have pledged to continue their display of solidarity with the people of Palestine and "show the world that the club stands with the oppressed, not the oppressor" in the wake of Israel's ongoing attacks on the besieged Gaza Strip and despite backlash from the club's board. The Green Brigade, an ultras group of hardcore Celtic fans, displayed banners saying "Free Palestine" and "Victory to the resistance" during the club's Scottish Premiership match against Kilmarnock in Glasgow 07/10/2023. Fans of Scotland's Celtic Football Club have defied their club's directives and waved thousands of Palestine flags during their team's UEFA Champions League match against Atletico Madrid. The Scottish Premiership champions hosted the Spanish club for their group-stage match at Glasgow's Celtic Park on 26/10/2023.

Tens of thousands of people rallied today in Istanbul, Turkey, in support of the Palestinian people amid the ongoing Israeli genocidal aggression on Gaza. People from different walks of life, carrying Turkish and Palestinian flags, showed up at the rally, held in the vicinity of the Ataturk Airport. Some of the attendants also wore headbands with the inscription, "We are all Palestinians," "End the genocide, let the children live" and "Be the voice of Palestinian children." Addressing hundreds of thousands of supporters at a huge rally in Istanbul, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said Israel was an occupier and repeated his stance about Hamas not being a terrorist organization.

A huge Palestinian flags was passed overhead at a protest in Rome on October 13. Other demonstrations in other European cities were in Braband in Denmark and in Berlin, where some protesters were detained by police.

In Beirut, Lebanon, supporters of the political party and militant group Hezbollah held a rally supporting Palestinians and denouncing Israel. "Death to Israel" and "Death to America" chants reverberated across a crowd of at least a couple of thousands, as Hezbollah leaders vowed to stand by Hamas.

In Jordan, anti-riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters who were approaching a border zone with the West Bank, according to Reuters.

In the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka, activists protested against Israel's actions after Friday prayers at the main mosque. Members of Japan's Muslim community demonstrated near

the Israeli embassy in Tokyo, holding signs and chanting "Israel, terrorist" and "Free Palestine".

In Sri Lanka, protesters held up signs saying, "Palestine you will never walk alone".

A group of students rallied in The Hague on 13 October to show solidarity with Palestine, followed by a 15,000-strong pro-Palestinian protest in Amsterdam, Netherlands on 15<sup>th</sup> October. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, activists opposed to Israel's actions in Gaza occupied The Hague, demanding action against Benjamin Netanyahu. Their placards read "Netanyahu is a war criminal."

## Indian Union Muslim League, a regional party in India's Kerala state, organised a massive rally in Kozhikode (Calicut) city. Tens of thousands of people joined the rally with the message: 'Save Palestine, save Humanity; end Israel's attack on Gaza; free Palestine'.

Thousands of Iraqis poured onto the streets of Baghdad on friday (13/10/2023) in support of Palestinians amid Israeli air strikes on Gaza in reprisal for a deadly Hamas attack, state television said. "No to the Occupation! No to America!" chanted the demonstrators, who had gathered in Tahrir Square after Shiite leader Moqtada Sadr called for a demonstration "in support of Gaza" and against Israel, an AFP journalist reported. Protesters waved Palestinian and Iraqi flags while a huge Israeli flag was laid on the ground for the demonstrators to trample on.

More than 5,000 people protested in Athens, Greece, on 29/10/2023, police said, calling for an end to the "massacre" of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. "We are fighting for the peace of people," Athens News Agency quoted demonstrators as chanting through loudhailers. "Stop the massacre of the Palestinian people in Gaza," they shouted.

In New Zealand's capital, Wellington, thousands of people holding Palestinian flags and placards reading "Free Palestine" marched to Parliament House.

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in the Irish capital, Dublin, in protest of the brutal Israeli aggression on Gaza and to express their solidarity with the Palestinian people. The protest saw a diverse coalition of participants, including members of the Palestinian community, Arab and Islamic communities, the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, labor unions, representatives of leftist parties, and hundreds of individuals who stood in solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

Tens of thousands of Algerians took to the streets in solidarity with the Palestinian people and condemnation of the ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza, with demonstrations

taking place in several cities, including the capital, Algiers. The capital's protest, which stretched from the First of May Square to the Martyrs' Square, covering a distance of approximately five kilometers, witnessed the participation of tens of thousands of demonstrators, who chanted slogans including "Palestine, the land of martyrs" and "The people of Algeria stand with you, Palestine." Various political parties, unions, civil

organizations, and the Algerian Workers' Union had called for the demonstrations in support of Palestine. The official Algerian television channels broadcasted these rallies live.

South African protestors were chanting "Free Palestine" during demonstrations that took place in South Africa on October 11. In Johannesburg, outside the United States of America Consulate, dozens of people, staged a protest to denounce Israel for what they called 'oppression of Palestinians'. During the protest, a scuffle broke out when one Israelisupporter staged a counter demonstration. In Cape town, dozens of protestors gathered outside the South African Jewish Museum, holding placards and calling for the freedom of Palestine.

12,000–25,000 protesters took part in the Bangsamoro Rally for Free Palestine in Cotabato City, Philippines. They also called for neighboring Arab countries to open their borders to refugees and for the United States to take a neutral stance on the issue. Various leftist organizations, including Bayan Muna and Gabriela Women's Party, also launched separate demonstrations in support of Palestine and urged for the end of the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

On 20 October, a rally was held in Skanderbeg Square in the capital Tirana, Albania in support of Palestine and the Palestinian people. Protestors condemned Israel's attacks on Palestinians and called for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine and for the implementation of the two-state solution.

Furthermore several demonstrations in several countries were held in solidarity to Palestine.