
AT LEAST 16 DEAD, HUNDREDS INJURED

END THE SIEGE OF GAZA!

Friday 30 March saw horrific scenes in Gaza – at the time of writing at least 16 Palestinians have been killed by bullets fired by the Israeli military, with over 600 injured.

Around 20,000 Palestinians had gathered to commemorate what is known as ‘Land Day’, the anniversary of the killing by the IDF of 6 Palestinian protestors in 1976 who were part of the General Strike against the confiscation of their land.

70 YEARS SINCE THE NAKBA

Protests are expected to continue for 6 weeks leading up to 15th May – the 70th anniversary of the Nakba (Catastrophe) which saw 750,000 forced to flee from their towns, cities and historic homeland.

The situation in Gaza has continued to deteriorate – 1.9 million Palestinians live in what is in reality the world’s largest open air prison camp – blockaded by land, air and sea by Israel and Egypt.

The economy is completely crippled – according to figures from the World Bank, there is 44 per cent unemployment, which rises to 60 per cent for those aged between 15 and 29. Around 80 per cent of people rely on humanitarian aid to survive whilst a staggering 97 per cent of water is not safe for human consumption.

Sadly, the latest massacre is not a new occurrence for Palestinians in Gaza. Thousands have been killed and many more wounded by numerous Israeli attacks. Responses to these murderous attacks have ranged from mealy mouthed condemnation from the Western powers and institutions, to out-right support.

At the same time as the Israeli state ruthlessly attacks the Palestinian population, there is massive



division within Israeli society itself. Israeli is one of the most unequal countries in the developed world. Child poverty is the highest in the OECD and 1/3 of Holocaust survivors live in poverty.

We need to build a mass movement of ordinary people here in the UK to show solidarity with the Palestinians - capitalist governments around the world, with the EU and United Nations, are part of the problem not the solution, only the solidarity of working class people can be relied upon.

The continuation of capitalism in the region means war, instability and oppression. We support the fight to build a revolutionary socialist movement across Israel-Palestine and the wider Middle East. Mass struggle can put an end to the siege of Gaza and the nightmare of occupation. Socialism would guarantee the right to self-determination of all national groups, as part of a voluntary, socialist confederation of the Middle East.

End the siege of Gaza
Down with the occupation
Fight for socialism!

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