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Press Release: Halt Israeli Genocide in Gaza!

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) declares its unflinching solidarity with the People of Palestine and their struggle self-determination especially in these terrible times. SMG calls on the State of Israel and its Western allies to cease genocidal attacks on Palestinians especially in the Gaza strip.

Israel's current campaign is genocide. Israel is systematically destroying "the largest concentration camp in the world" to destroy the entire governance structure of Hamas and it claims deter future militant struggle. The People of Gaza have been driven out of their homes, denied food, denied fresh water, denied electricity, and denied medicine, and medical care. Children are traumatized by exploding ordinance. Parents are helpless to protect their children. Everyone is dying. We demand that these crimes against humanity cease at once.

The root cause of the conflict in Western Asia is colonialism: Israel's forcible 76-year occupation of Palestinian lands, its apartheid-like repression of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs, and its campaign of ethnic cleansing and unlawful settlement of land seized from Palestinians. If, and when, Israel's occupation of Palestine ends, the necessary Palestinian liberation struggle will also end. Hamas' attacks on 7 October do not in any way justify accelerated Israeli genocide in Palestine. The Peoples of the world know this and are demonstrating their revulsion in literally every country of the world.

Israel's collective punishment of the 2 million people of Gaza is also pointless. It cannot and will not stop the Palestinian Liberation struggle. If Hamas' recent attacks teach us anything, it is the futility of Israel's vast military and intelligence apparatus (paid for by taxpayers in the West). Billions of dollars in "Iron Domes", tanks, fighter jets, missiles and fascist troops did not and cannot guarantee the safety of Israeli citizens. Only peace can deliver security. And only justice can deliver peace. And justice requires not escalation but direct political negotiations between the leaders of Israel and Palestine.

1. We call on Israel to implement an immediate ceasefire. Israel must meet its international law obligations as an Occupying Power and guarantee the safety of every citizen of Gaza. Israel must withdraw its forces, and restore basic services - food, water, medicine, electricity, and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. Israel must respond to the demand for a negotiated peace process.
2. We call on ordinary Israeli citizens too to reject all the unnecessary blood that is being shed in their name. We call on Israelis to increase pressure for a politics and a leadership committed to peace. We call on them to reject war-criminals who exploit Israeli insecurity and tragedy to consolidate unaccountable power for themselves.
3. We call on Western leaders to stop facilitating genocide. The world sees through the crocodile tears about the "humanitarian crisis" in Gaza. So long as you continue to channel cash, aircraft carriers, and "weapons packages" to support Israel's so-called "defence"; as long as you continue to block UN Security Council resolutions that would de-escalate the situation, save lives, and allow space for a peace process, we will hold you responsible for the blood of Palestine's children.

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4. We congratulate China, Gabon, Mozambique, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates for their principled stand on this issue at the UN Security Council.

5. We congratulate the African Union for its defence of the Palestinian people. We call for greater African unity. We can only have the democratic influence in world affairs that our size entitles us if we are united. We remember that the Western powers that gave us colonialism and apartheid once also plotted to impose the so-called “Jewish homeland” on African soil. We must work now to actualize the Pan-African vision of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. We call on all African people to pressure their governments, especially wayward governments like Ghana’s, to abandon subservience to the forces of exploitation and repression and to fight for self-determination of people everywhere.

6. We call on the governments of the Global South – all recent victims of colonial oppression - to resume united non-aligned moral authority in global affairs again. We are in dangerous times and the campaign for Palestinian self-determination is essential to protect our own sovereignty.

Long live the People of Palestine!

Long live Africa!

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