



**PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN
&
THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA**



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The Regional Commander
Ghana Police service
Accra.

Dear sir,

RE- PALESTINE SOLIDARITY; 100+ CAR PARADE

1. We refer to your letter of yesterday, referenced ARHQ/V.22/225 headed as above.
2. First the Public Order Law does not require us to seek your permission in the organisation of any protest. The duty which the law imposes on us is to give you five days notice, which we did by our letter dated May 27,2024.
3. We are unable to accept your claim that the 100+ car parade we are organising “may disrupt traffic flow which would affect the running of essential services or violate the rights and freedoms of other persons”. This is because car parades have become a regular and frequent feature of life in Ghana. They are organised for weddings and funerals especially Muslim funerals. We cannot see how a 45-minute drive on the independence Avenue which ends up at the Hearts Park on the Professor John Evans Atta - Mills High Street can violate the rights and freedoms of other citizens.
4. Your claim that “the intended date and route has already been designated to a different group for a proposed demonstration and the holding of the events at the same time “would affect public order which may lead to violence or endanger public defense, public safety and public health" is very strange.
5. We are not aware of any group planning a demonstration on the same day and using the same route. Which group is this, and what are they protesting for or against?



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Indeed if the group is not pro- Israel and opposed to the purpose of our protest, how can their activity lead to a crash which would affect public order which may lead to violence or endanger public defense, public safety and public health.

6. Sir, you would recall that at a meeting of our organisers with your Command, we made it clear that we seek no confrontations with the police or any state authority and that as a response to your concerns, we were ready to reduce the number of cars which would participate in the parade from 100 to 50.

7. This should have significantly demonstrated our commitment to full cooperation with your Command in the organisation of this peaceful protest against the genocidal war unleashed on the people of Gaza. Besides, your command and us have co-operated in organising a number of protests in Accra and you can bear testimony to the fact that they have all been very peaceful.

In the light of the concern expressed in your letter under reference we have agreed to make one more concession of shifting the date from Saturday, June 8, to Saturday June 15,2024.

It is our hope that your command will take the necessary steps to protect our constitutional right to protest and not put any impediment on our way.

Very Best Wishes

Kwesi Pratt, Jnr

For organisers