

PALESTINE WILL BE FREE!

As Israeli tanks close in around the open-air prison that is Gaza, much of the world has refused to accept the impending genocide. Solidarity marches have been massive and inspiring, as radicals, freedom fighters, and members of the arab and jewish diasporas alike have come together to once again scream, **NEVER AGAIN.**

But to what extent are large peace marches likely to affect the outcome? Are these permitted parades actually materially aiding the Palestinian resistance, and/or impeding the US-Israel war machine? Or are they a merely performative act of speaking "truth to power"? The Iraq War was also met with massive, worldwide protests, with virtually zero effect. How can we do this differently?






We are confronting a huge system of wealth, and power, in which both the media and the entire US state

















apparatus is fully committed to funding Israel's ethnic cleansing of Gaza.

Politicians and war profiteers are fully aware their policies are unpopular, and have been given little reason to care.

What does it look like to actually disrupt the war machine at home? What would it look like to connect the struggle for a free palestine with our own struggles for liberation here?

The following are some examples of inspiring direct action that have occurred in the last month. Some involve large groups, and others just a few trusted friends. The people who did these things were not paid activists or experts, and in some cases NGO "professionals" and peace police even tried to prevent these actions. Anyone can throw a wrench in the gears of empire; sometimes all you need is some friends, courage, and a good plan.

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-  **In Philadelphia**, at the All Out for Gaza demo, two Septa Transit Police vehicles had their tires punctured along the route of the march. A statement read, "Police are an occupying force in any form and are the enforcers of settler-colonialism."
 -  **In San Francisco**, the Federal Building and multiple banks that help fund the apartheid state of "israel" were painted during demonstrations.
 -  **In central North Carolina**, a Navy Officers Office was vandalized. The windows were smashed and "Free Palestine" was written on the building.
 -  **In western North Carolina**, a Cat/Caterpillar bulldozer was set on fire. Caterpillar company is responsible for many decades of apartheid enforcing, extreme land destruction and the displacement of many Palestinians, and is now aiding the genocide.
 -  **In Cambridge, Massachusetts**, the offices of the Israeli weapons manufacturer, Elbit, was the target of anti-war activists. People locked the site down, smashed windows and entrance key cards, and splashed paint all the building. "Gaza resists" and "Elbit arms genocide" were painted. These actions directly slowed the ability for the Israeli occupation forces to have weapons.

-  **In London**, the BBC offices were covered in red paint to protest the explicit bias in reporting on the war in Gaza.
-  **In Daly City, California**, a military recruitment office had its windows smashed in solidarity with Palestinian resistance.
-  **In Philadelphia**, at a thousands strong march, teams of people spraypainted slogans like "Free Palestine" and "Decolonize @" on walls and windows of businesses that support Israel and the police.
-  **In Toronto**, a crowd descended on INKAS Armored, a Toronto-based defence contractor with ties to the Israeli Defence Forces. Responding to a call from Palestinian trade unions for workers to shut down exports to the Israeli military, the protesters set up picket lines to block access to the facility.
-  **In San Francisco**, on October 28th, over 15,000 shut down highway 101, as demonstrators demanded a ceasefire and an end to the occupation of Palestine.
-  **In New York**, thousands of members of Jewish Voice for Peace and their allies shut down the main terminal of Grand Central Station during rush hour.
-  **In Durham, NC on Nov 2nd**, hundreds of people marched onto Highway 147 and blocked it for several hours, demanding politicians call for a ceasefire.
-  **In Oakland, CA**, for over 9 hours, community members demanding a ceasefire blocked Berth 20 at the Port of Oakland and delayed the Cape Orlando, a US military supply vessel bound for Israel.
-  **In San Francisco, CA** over 100 healthcare workers from San Francisco General Hospital and UCSF walked off the job in solidarity with those in occupied Palestine and to condemn attempts by management and officials to make workers "remain silent."
-  **In Tacoma, WA** on Nov. 5th, protesters converged on the Port of Tacoma, again blockading the same ship targeted by demonstrators in Oakland. Hundreds formed a massive picket, as Indigenous demonstrators in canoes and kayaks, "...successfully blocked off [the] shipping container from getting to the ship." Participants later complained that "organizers" ended the blockade early and prevented it from being as effective as it could have been.
-  **In Barcelona, Spain**, "dockworkers...refuse[d] to load or unload ships bound for Israel."
-  **In St. Charles, Missouri**, over 75 youth blocked all entrances to a Boeing weapons plant.
-  **In Illinois** protesters held a picket in front of the home of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.
-  **In Montreal**, a banner was dropped, red paint poured, and the names of Palestinians murdered by Israel left in front of politician Melanie Joly.
-  **In the Bay Area, CA**, four simultaneous attacks occurred in solidarity with Palestine: windows of an HSBC bank, who has business relations with weapons companies, were smashed; a US military recruitment office was smashed up; a Starbucks was smashed up in retaliation for its punishment of pro-palestine workers; and 8 cars related to Mobileye, an Israeli surveillance technology company, were painted.
-  **In Minneapolis, MN**, a new replacement site for the 3rd precinct, which was famously burned to kick off the 2020 uprising, was smashed up and tagged with anti-colonial and anti-police slogans.

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