

Palestinians and Mexicans/Indigenous People Have A Common Enemy: Settler Colonialism! This is why we strongly support Palestinian Liberation!

Since our founding in 1981, Unión del Barrio has expressed our support for all oppressed peoples' *Right To Resist*. Today, we express our solidarity with the bold resistance of Palestinians in their struggle against normalized Israeli state terror and settler colonization.

As a Mexican and Latin American organization based in California, for over 40 years, we have struggled for the self-determination and liberation of Mexican and Indigenous people within the political borders of the United States. Like our Palestinian cousins, we understand what it means to have our lands occupied and to face genocide in our historic homeland. Beginning in 1492, colonizers attacked Native Peoples, murdered millions, and stole our lands. Since 1845, American colonizers attacked and invaded Mexico and stole half of its territory. Today, U.S. "citizens" (Republicans and Democrats alike) treat Mexicans as foreigners, immigrants, criminals, and invaders, in our own historic homeland. Mexicans and Palestinians are similarly besieged by apartheid walls, constructed by the same Israeli companies; Albeit Systems, Elta North America, Kiewit Corporation and Magal Security Systems.

In the 1940's, Israel terrorist organizations such as Irgun, Lehi (Stern Gang) and Haganah attacked Palestinians and stole the majority of their land to establish the illegitimate state of Israel. Today, the world is witnessing the consequences of the Israeli occupation in Palestine. Palestinians, particularly those in the Gaza strip, have endured an ongoing illegal blockade for generations. Prior to the current conflict,

Today, we condemn the normalized violence and terror that the Israeli state has inflicted against the people of Palestine. In the last month, more than 10,000 Palestinians have been massacred by the IDF; more than 4,200 of them have been innocent children. Israel has bombed hospitals, apartment complexes, refugee centers, churches, schools. Those attacks are war crimes and crimes against humanity! We unite with the call for an immediate ceasefire and we demand that Israel stop the genocide against the people of Palestine!

We reject the false notion that Israel is simply defending itself. A colonizer settler state can never claim self-defense while on stolen land. We denounce U.S. imperialism as represented by the Republican and Democratic Parties. Both parties are complicit in the occupation of Palestinian land and the oppression of the Palestinian people. In 2023 alone, the US government has given Israel over \$4 BILLION in military aid. President Biden is currently proposing to give away an additional \$14 billion of tax-payer dollars to the Israeli war machine.

We reject and denounce all forms of terrorism, because terrorist acts are not revolutionary acts and they do not lead to revolution or liberation. Moreover, we unapologetically uphold the right of all colonized people to engage in anti-colonial armed struggle for liberation from colonization.

We salute our Jewish comrades who have bravely taken the righteous position of opposing the racist ideology known as Zionism and the Israeli oppression of Palestinian people.

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Unión del Barrio stands with the people of Palestine and with their righteous struggle for self-determination and the right to return to their illegally occupied lands. The bold resistance of the Palestinian people is supported by billions of colonized and displaced people around the world! We unite with the vast majority of people across the world who support the Palestinian struggle for self-determination. Justice will prevail in Palestine! Palestine will be free in our lifetime!

Free all Palestinian Prisoners

Self-determination for the People of Palestine

Viva La Lucha Palestina

From Palestine to Mexico, border walls have got to go

Es Mejor Morir De Pie Que Vivir De Rodillas!

Viva La Lucha Palestina!

Tierra Y Libertad!

Hasta la victoria, siempre! Venceremos