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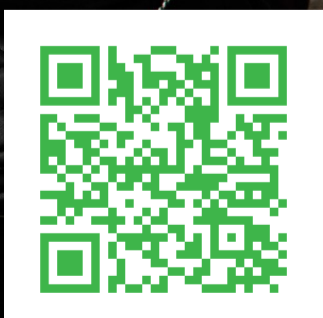
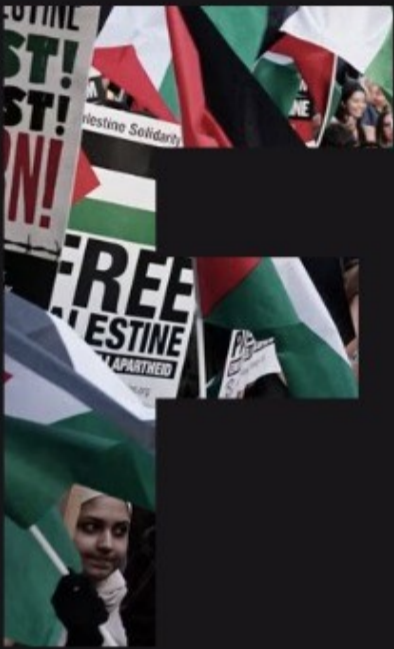


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IN OUR THOUSANDS, IN OUR MILLIONS...

ACR statement on Palestine

Israel is committing war crimes on a massive scale in Gaza. Collective punishment, siege and blockade, denial of food, water, power and other essentials, use of white phosphorous weapons against civilians, uprooting and expulsion of hundreds of thousands of residents – all of these are undoubted war crimes, and the perpetrators should face international tribunals.

Meanwhile, in the occupied West Bank, Israeli troops and settlers continue their daily persecution, killing scores of Palestinians since 7 October and driving them out of several villages in preparation for further illegal settlements.

It is no excuse to point to atrocities committed by Hamas; these too are to be condemned. But we should not lose sight of the context. Israel's behaviour in the past two weeks is a direct continuation of its criminal behaviour over the past 75 years, beginning with the Nakba of 1948 – the establishment of the Israeli state over the ruins of Palestine, the expulsion of the majority of its population, and the destruction of hundreds of towns and villages.

The suffering of the Palestinian people since then, whether as exiles and refugees denied return to their homes and land, as residents of the West Bank and Gaza living under Israeli occupation and military rule since 1967, or as very much third-class citizens in the Israeli state (where they now form 20% of the population) has provided the fertile ground in which nihilistic religious fanaticism has taken hold – strongly abetted, as documented in the Israeli press, by tacit support from successive Israeli governments.

The area between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea is now, in effect, one single apartheid state. For three-quarters of its short existence, this has been the reality of the Israeli state.

And that is why the call "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" reflects a genuine aspiration for liberation from an intolerable reality and for freedom and equality, and not an antisemitic desire to eliminate all Jews from the region

AntiCapitalist Resistance stands in unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

We call for a future in which Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews will be able to live in genuine equality between the river and the sea.

Our website anticapitalisresistance.org carries in depth coverage of the Palestinian issue and wider political discussion and analysis



Support the fight for Palestinian liberation

Despite overwhelming calls for a ceasefire from all but three governments (Israel, USA and UK) Israel has ignored international pressure and continues to kill Palestinians as part of its genocidal war.

Resistance and solidarity is appearing everywhere as huge demonstrations have been organised in support of the Palestinians and their national rights. The protest in London on 21 October of around 300,000 was only matched by the one on 28 October with some estimating around 500,000 taking part. And it wasn't just in London, there were other solidarity demonstrations in towns and cities across the UK as people took to the streets to show their solidarity for the Palestinians.

ACR has produced three new poster / leaflets which we distributed on the demonstrations. Our materials have been incredibly popular, we handed out over 5,000 broadsheets on the recent demonstrations. We plan on continuing our intervention into the movement and organising meetings to talk about the political situation and how we can build solidarity.

This means we are issuing an appeal to raise money for our campaigning work. Please donate whatever you can.

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From the river to the sea: The true history of a famous slogan for Palestine

The size and spirit of recent Palestine solidarity demonstrations across Britain has shocked our rulers and sent them into a frenzy. The air is thick with calls to ban such demonstrations, or crack down on their slogans and chants.

Adam Johannes looks at the history of one of the movement's most well known slogans, its call for a one state solution and its aspirations for lasting peace.

The home secretary Suella Braverman has recently picked up on the popular chant, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free". She falsely claims it is a "staple of antisemitic discourse" that "causes alarm not just to Jews but to all decent people". It is neither of those things – it is what it says, a demand for the liberation of all Palestinians across the whole historic territory of Palestine.

But Braverman does have a point when she says the slogan "was dropped by mainstream organisations after Israel and the PLO made peace with the 1993 Oslo Accords". It comes from an earlier period of Palestinian struggle, and reflects an early aspiration of the movement. And that aspiration for just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine is coming back today.

"From the river to the sea" is a recognition that apartheid began in 1948 when Israel was created through the ethnic cleansing of Palestine. It is no call for genocide. To call for the destruction of Israel as an apartheid state is not a call for the destruction of Jews living there, any more than the call for the destruction of apartheid in South Africa was a call for the destruction of white people.



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