

# GENOCIDE IN GAZA DEMANDS COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

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## LETTER FROM GAZA: “TWO MILLION PEOPLE ARE LEARNING TO LIVE COLLECTIVELY”

Greetings comrades,  
I am still alive. I have not been able to communicate regularly with you. We are constantly moving from one site of massacre to another. I have seen people next to me just hours ago getting blown into charred human flesh. My ability to have cell phones recharged is limited. I must take my flash drive to a location where the internet is available. Several small children in the refugee camp volunteer to take the flash drive. The cell towers are targeted by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) snipers. But small children take the risk.

I can report to you of horrors beyond the imagination, of the wailing and inconsolable grief one hears when the IDF deliberately targets the most densely populated refugee areas with the help of Artificial Intelligence. Then there are frantic scenes of injured people, their agony of amputation without anesthesia, doctors and hospital staff desperately trying to save every life.

**This imperialist genocide has brought out the best in the working class.** Money has lost its meaning. People are collectively learning how to survive. There are schools that teach children how to harvest rainwater, how to install solar panels from the ruins, and how to sterilize injured people. Young people are learning how to break into the IDF tank operators' conversations to find out their location and evade them.

There are thousands of volun-

teers and older teachers showing new skills to resist genocide. I have shared Red Flags and people say, “We did not know what communism was but what we are doing is the communist way of building our society based on need and necessity. We cannot go back to the old way of living. That way of living was based on the profit of rich people. Now we fear nothing. Our homes, hospitals, and schools are destroyed. We want to build everything but not the old way.”

Thanks for sharing a recent comment from a comrade from Israel. It was heartwarming to hear from him. Many of my friends were reassured by knowing that thousands of working-class Israelis would not support the genocide. The Israeli comrade wrote, “The Israeli government is on an insane rampage. They have alienated many. This is an opportunity to build a communist base among the masses.”

I just want to say, comrades, that two million people in Gaza are learning to resist collectively. Masses of people see death as a real possibility every second. So, they value life, they are building a new way of life – collectivity.

We have to transform this opportunity into a worldwide fight for communism, as the Israeli comrades said. No Zionists can stop us. The more they try, the stronger becomes our determination to end their fascist regime. Communism is the future.

— Comrade Hamza,  
February 2, 2024

## Amidst the wreckage of Gaza and the old world order

### WE URGENTLY NEED TO BECOME AND DEVELOP NEW COMMUNIST LEADERS

29 February 2024— “Stop the genocide in Gaza!” shout millions worldwide. “The only solution: Intifada, revolution!” It’s the only solution in Delhi, Gqeberha, San Salvador, Barcelona, and Seattle as well as in Rafah. Not resistance, but revolution!

It must be communist revolution, everywhere. Communist, not “national” or “democratic” or anything else. Why?

Because the genocide in Gaza is rooted in capitalism’s drive to maximize profits at whatever cost to the working class. As Marx said, “capital comes dripping from head to foot, from every pore, with blood and dirt.”

Over a century ago, that drive led unstoppably to imperialism. The most powerful

national capitalists fought each other in ever-deadlier wars to exploit the global masses.

World War I saw the Armenian genocide, and World War II the Nazi Holocaust. Does the Gaza genocide herald World War III?

Whatever comes next, the USA (once the world’s most powerful military) and Israel (the world’s tenth most powerful) will have been defeated. The US rulers, who shamelessly fund this genocide, are increasingly isolated at home and internationally. Capitalist rulers elsewhere are lining up to join the China-led BRICS alliance.

Chinese imperialism is now the global economic superpower, with 35% of the world’s industrial production. The imperialist China-

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## DISILLUSIONED ISRAELI SOLDIERS SPEAK OUT, SHOW POTENTIAL TO ORGANIZE A RED ARMY

TEL AVIV (Israel), November 14— “Amid mass hysteria to support IDF, a viral video of four Israeli soldiers speaking in Arabic is circulating everywhere,” said a comrade here. “They denounce the Israeli army, saying God is with Palestine, f\*\*\* Israeli Army. Such a blatant attack on the Israeli Defense Forces usually brings harsh punishment. But the brass only warned them that their behavior contravenes the principles and values of the Army.”

Masses in Israel are questioning their support of the Israeli rulers and their genocidal slaughter in Gaza. The parents of two peace activists killed by Hamas on October 7 blamed the IDF for creating unbearable conditions for 75 years in Gaza. In 2014, IDF killed over 2200 Palestinians in Gaza. Most were civilians. And Israeli rulers continued to fund Hamas with millions of dollars after 2014.

Every time the Israeli rulers send young soldiers off to fight, many come back angry and disillusioned with Zionism.

A soldier formerly in the elite Golani training bitterly complained that he constantly gets nightmares from his combat duty. He gets no therapy. “I killed them all (Pales-

tinians), anything that moved. I did not spare even small children. I was part of the ‘mow the lawn’ campaign. Now I shout, I complain, and I pee all night from post trauma. I see the innocent children’s faces and I hear, ‘Why did you kill me?’

“My whole family contributed to the army,” he continued. “They told me lies about the Suez Canal. I was selected for the Havatzalot intelligence project. I had the highest motivation. Only to find out they were feeding me lies.”

The documentary “To see if I am smiling” tells about IDF in 2006 in the West Bank. It is narrated by six women soldiers. “Our unit threw a hand grenade at a crowd of Palestinians,” one said. “Several died. I saw a young girl limping in pain. My natural instinct was to run to the girl to help her. The Palestinian woman who saw me thought I was going to kill the little girl. I will never forget the rage in her eyes. I will never forget those eyes of anger and agony. It gives me nightmares.”

These women’s story is the story of Israeli society. Young men and women at the age of 18 are conscripted. They are told lies about how they are going to create security. In reality, soldiers are forced to

terrorize the population to serve the Israeli capitalists.

Their story shows explosive potential to recruit soldiers from the capitalist army to build a communist red army for revolution.

Thousands of Israeli ex-soldiers have seen that their life was spent not on the security of the working class but on the security of the capitalist oppressors. They have formed a mass organization called Breaking the Silence.

“I was a tank commander between 2010 and 2013,” said one. “We have been Breaking the Silence for 18 years now and have been collecting evidence of soldiers in occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank. Our task as the army was to keep them down, to subjugate them, to make them worthless, humiliate them. Now thanks to the brave soldiers, they are disobeying these orders. They don’t want to serve in these mass murders and create massive refugee camps.”

“I was a part of a terror organization,” said a former Israeli Air Force pilot. “This occupation is an ongoing criminal act, war crimes after war crimes. And we are not going to continue in these war crimes anymore.”

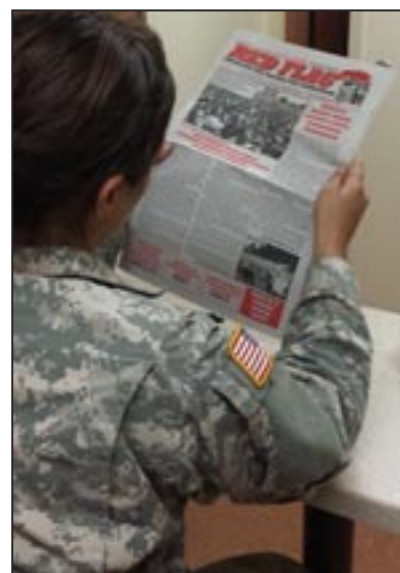
Thousands of ex-soldiers in Israel are seeing the class nature of the war. It only serves the ruling capitalist class. While rulers like fascist Netanyahu carry out genocidal attacks in Gaza, his son lives luxuriously in Miami. The top leadership of Hamas also live luxuriously in Qatar.

The imperialist genocide in Gaza shows that the Israeli ruling class is both extremely weak and lethal. It relies on the US, another declining power. War has created millions of angry masses around the world. The most important lesson we can draw is the necessity of organizing soldiers in the bosses’ armies.

**Red Flag adds:** A soldier in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, distributes *Red Flag* to his unit. He says that the Gaza genocide is making more soldiers see our line of recruiting communists. “The bosses are powerless if we refuse to fight for them.” Let’s follow his lead by recruiting more soldiers from the bosses’ armies everywhere. We must build one united Red Army. Neither Hamas nor IDF can bring peace. They are enemies of the working class. Let’s build a mighty ICWP of red soldiers to free the working class from wage slavery and genocide.



Mexico City, December 2023—In marches and university classrooms we have handed out flyers and *Red Flag* calling for a communist revolution to end the genocide in Palestine. Our ideas have an impact on the masses, especially our struggle against nationalism and to bring to the forefront the ideas of a communist world and nothing less.



Read our pamphlet,

**Soldiers, Sailors, Marines: Crucial to a Communist Workers’ Revolution,**

Available at:  
[icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf)

### NEW COMMUNIST LEADERS from page 1

Russia-Iran bloc is fighting US imperialism for world domination. It, too, is guilty of the Gaza genocide. It funds and arms Hamas and Hezbollah to tie down the US in Palestine. That, plus sharp divisions among the US rulers, diverts US imperialism from Taiwan and Ukraine.

But the wounded beast fights ever more ferociously. Fascism intensifies. As the global capitalist crisis deepens, we face the unimaginable destruction of world war on top of the ongoing capitalist climate crisis.

Only communism – not nationalism—can unite the international working class to build the new world we need. A world without borders or nations, money or markets, wages, or exploitation. With-

out racism, sexism, xenophobia, communalism, and all the other ways that capitalists turn us against our class siblings.

Only communism – not democracy – can take power into the hands of the masses so that we can collectively control our destiny. So we can contribute our labor to produce and distribute what the masses need to all who need it.

And we can get there only by mobilizing directly for communism – not for reforms, or socialism, or anything short of what we truly need.

That is what comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) are doing in Gaza. “This imperialist genocide has brought out the best in the working class,” one wrote. “Money has lost

its meaning. People are collectively learning how to survive.... People say, ‘We did not know what communism was but what we are doing is the communist way of building our society based on necessity. We cannot go back to the old way of living.’”

These comrades are inspiring ICWP collectives worldwide. We are finding a new openness to communism. We must develop strong relationships among the masses of workers and youth who are rising up against the Gaza genocide. They, in turn, will mobilize the workers, soldiers, and youth around them.

This communist work is developing in auto factories in Chennai, India and the maquila sweatshops of El Salvador. In working-class neighborhoods of Bengaluru, India and Gqeberha, South Africa. In high schools in Seattle, Portland, and Los Angeles, USA.

We want to talk with you! If you like what you read in this pamphlet, we invite you to join the ranks of new communist leaders. A new communist world must arise on the rubble of Gaza and of the coming world war.

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## INDIA: COMMUNIST GARMENT WORKERS ORGANIZE GAZA SOLIDARITY ON THE JOB

BENGALURU (India), December 29— The garment worker collective here was very moved by the letter from Gaza. We decided to distribute *Red Flag* in our neighborhood and ask people to donate to support our work in Gaza. We went to the homes of regular readers. People were eagerly waiting for the *Red Flag* because workers were familiar with the war in West Asia (Palestine/Israel).

As soon as our neighbors saw the Gaza letter on the first page, they started reading it. Usually, when we distribute RF, most people say they will read it during the week. Some

people were in tears as they read the letter. Without even realizing it, they grabbed whatever money they had and put it in our can as a token of their support.

“This is communism, comrade. I did not know you have such people in your party,” said a woman who has worked in the garment factory for five years. “I don’t have a lot of money, but what I have here, is going to help people like you. I know comrade Hamza is our comrade.”

We asked her to join our Party that fights directly for communism. She said, “I am thinking about it se-

riously. The letter from comrade Hamza has touched my heart.” We had similar responses from most of our regular readers.

This is the first time we have asked people to contribute to *Red Flag*. We learned that we can truly rely on the masses. The workers are struggling to have two meals a day, but they opened their hearts to a communist cause. We will ask workers to contribute regularly because it always leads to a much deeper discussion about the need to end imperialist wars with communist revolution.

I was so encouraged by the heart-

warming response in my neighborhood that I decided to take another step. I work in a small garment shop of about 150 workers. I have nine regular readers. We all decided to read the Gaza letter to everybody in the shop during our lunch period. The workers not only gave us money, but they are talking about communism as the only solution.

It is perhaps a small step. But there are many comrades in our collective engaged in similar struggles at their workplaces. We will get their report later.

We are on the path to building a mass party.



India, October 2023—In mass protests throughout India workers and students are protesting against the Zionist and US Imperialist genocide in Gaza.

## FROM GAZA TO SHAHEEN BAGH, INDIA: COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL DEFEAT NATIONALISM AND FASCIST TERROR

SHAHEEN BAGH, DELHI (India), November 10— “When I saw images of the genocide in Gaza, my heart exploded in rage. We have been subjected to similar atrocities here since 1947”, said Ali, a Muslim resident of this predominantly Muslim community. “Over two million Hindus and Muslims were killed, and twenty million people were displaced”. This third-generation youth, like his neighbours, lives in constant fear of police killings, bulldozers destroying homes, and years-long imprisonment under harsh conditions.

“We are organizing for communist revolution”, said a comrade. ICWP members were distributing copies of *Red Flag* in Shaheen Bagh under fascist conditions. “From Gaza to Shaheen Bagh, rich capitalists have brought immense misery to people like you while amassing enormous wealth. We want to end this grotesque inequality by mobilizing hundreds of millions of workers to smash capitalism. It is a system based on insatiable greed. We want you to join ICWP”.

After October 7th, fascist Modi pledged support for the Zionist butchers in Israel. His government declared that demonstrations against the genocide in Palestine

would be considered treason and punished with imprisonment. In Muslim areas, it is an even bigger threat as fascist RSS goons, protected by police, brutalize people.

**Our party distributed the *Red Flag* in Shaheen Bagh in 2019 during a massive months-long protest against xenophobia.** Ali, like many others, read *Red Flag* then. But when a comrade came to his house, things started to change. The conversation opened doors to many similar conversations about the need to organize for communism.

Ali was very impressed that so many non-Muslims flocked to the Shaheen Bagh protest. There was a tremendous sense of solidarity when Sikhs, Hindus, and secular people joined hands with the Shaheen Bagh residents. The fascists were trying to divide people based on their religion.

However, Ali saw that the movement was very nationalist. This bothered him. A comrade asked, “Are workers from Pakistan and India more similar than different”? Ali paused for a long time. Then he said, “We are more alike. It is the rulers who teach and indoctrinate people, it is the divide and conquer that the British colonialists used to forcefully displace people”. He

gave an example of how the billionaire Adani supports fascist ideologues like Modi.

“We were blinded by nationalism”, Ali said. “This is the same ideology that the masses in Palestine and Israel are taught. It makes workers in both places enemies of each other. We should be all united against the ruling class in Israel and the Palestinian nationalists like Hamas and Palestine Authority”, he continued.

Ali offered us his house and introduced his extended family. An older brother spent four years in jail on fake charges. The violence in the jail made him disabled. Everybody in the family is glued to the news from Gaza. The ICWP comrade told Ali that he was a Hindu but understanding communism, he sees himself as a worker. “I would ask you to join ICWP and change the world. I want you to invite everyone you know to join ICWP”.

Ali said he is now a member of ICWP. “In this Gaza war, I was hoping that some Muslim countries would put pressure on Israel or the US to stop the war. I now see they are all rich capitalists making their profit from the misery of the working class”.

“What is the next step? How many people do you know”? asked

the visiting comrade. “Come with me with *Red Flag*”.

**He and Ali brought stacks of *Red Flags* to the neighbours.** By the end of the day, we distributed hundreds of copies and Ali knew all of those who took it. He brought communist energy, explaining that we have to organize with the masses against the capitalists. It resonated in people’s imagination because they had experienced daily violence, brutality, and horrors. Now, many of them feel they have seen the communist solution that can destroy their oppressors in Gaza and Shaheen Bagh.

Our Delhi collective is engaged in many struggles like the one with Ali. In the last week, we recruited three new comrades from Shaheen Bagh. This is our new party cell. When we meet as a collective, our creativity, imagination, and strength expand. When we consistently meet as the collective, it brings life and future possibilities of more collectives culminating in a communist revolution.

Gaza has caused horrific death and destruction to the working class. But we will organize workers and soldiers to destroy our class enemies and triumph with the communist revolution.

## History of Arab-Jewish Relations in Palestine:

### WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE! REJECT ALL NATIONALISMS!

“Arab and Jewish workers are brothers,” they chanted in Tel Aviv on September 24, 1945. Thirteen hundred civilian laborers shut down British military camps in a seven-day strike. It was organized jointly by the communist-led Arab Workers Congress and the Zionist-led Histadrut (Jewish Labor Federation).

The Hebrew-language daily Ha’aretz reported: “Masses crowded both sides of the streets to watch this extraordinary sight of Jewish and Arab workers marching through the heart of Tel Aviv.”

We have much to learn from this history as the Israeli rulers continue their genocidal attacks on Gaza. And as they arrest and silence Israeli Jews and Arabs who stand in solidarity with the Palestinian masses.

#### A Hidden History

Most Jewish migrants to Palestine before 1925 were poor and working-class folk from eastern Europe. They fled discrimination and violent pogroms. They hoped to build a new society where they could live without fear. Their Zionist vision did not acknowledge that the land was already the home of Palestinians—Muslims, Christians, Jews, and others.

Many of them called themselves “labor Zionists,” embracing a racist position of socialism in the service of nationalism. The founders of the Palestine Communist Party (PKP) opposed that position. They re-

jected Zionism as an instrument of oppression against Indigenous Arabs. It was a tool of the Jewish bourgeoisie, allied with British imperialism.

The PKP was almost entirely Jewish. It explained to Jewish workers that the Zionist bosses exploited their situation. Zionism turned them into a reserve army to dominate Arab workers.

The PKP, following the Comintern, recruited a few Palestinian Arabs. Twelve went to Moscow for political education in the late 1920s, but only four returned to become party leaders. One died fighting for the Republic in the Spanish Civil War.

By 1934, the PKP, largely due to struggle in the Comintern, had decisively rejected Zionism in practice as well as in theory. Its leader was an Arab worker. But the “United Front Against Fascism” policy led it to uncritically support Arab nationalism, even as it organized Arab workers on the job.

#### Unity in Class Struggle

Arab-Jewish worker solidarity was important from 1920 on. This, despite the opposition of both the Zionists and the Palestinian rulers, who organized Zionist paramilitary groups to attack Palestinians and Jews who united with them.

Notably, in the port city of Haifa. In 1920, Palestinians, Jews, and Arabs from Syria and Egypt established the first trade union in Palestine in the yards and workshops of

the railway, telegraph, and postal services.

A united strike of Jewish and Arab truck drivers paralyzed Palestine in 1931. Between 1938 and 1943 there were an average of two joint strikes a year. These were mainly in the railways, city governments, and British army camps. In 1947, a joint strike of the Jewish and Arab unions of government clerks shut down government services. Strikes of postal workers and telegraph operators followed.

#### Imperialist Roots of Today’s Crisis

The 1936-1939 Arab revolt grew out of an Arab general strike, reflecting growing tensions. The Palestinian elite turned it into an armed nationalist insurgency against British imperialism, Zionist institutions, and Jewish settlers in general.

Britain’s rulers and Zionist paramilitary terror organizations violently crushed the revolt. Britain issued a White Paper, limiting Jewish immigration and giving other concessions to Arab nationalism. Zionist leaders called for resistance, but soon allied themselves with Britain to fight Nazi Germany.

After World War II, Zionist paramilitaries resumed their struggle for a “Jewish state” by any means necessary. They bombed bridges, railways, and ships, fought British forces, and smuggled in Jewish immigrants. They also attacked Palestinian infrastructure, politicians,

and terrorized Palestinian towns and villages. This encouraged a revived Arab nationalist movement for Palestine’s independence as an undivided “Arab state.”

Amidst all this came the joint 1945 strike of workers at British military camps in Tel Aviv. This was part of an unprecedented level of joint struggle of Arab and Jewish workers on the job. Arabs and Jews in Palestine couldn’t know what was ahead. Yet they fought for unity.

What they needed then, and what we need now, is to direct that unity to fight for communism. Twentieth-century communists vacillated between a policy of “Workers of the World Unite” and a policy of all-class unity in national liberation struggles against imperialists. That doomed them to splits, infighting, limited outlooks, and failure.

We see the results of this now in Israel/Palestine. A fascist state where Jews fear both their rulers and their neighbors. And a genocide of the original inhabitants of the occupied land. “We cannot raise our children in a world like this,” said a woman in a Los Angeles demonstration.

Rejecting old mistaken policies allows us to fight for something totally new. We are building ICWP in Israel/Palestine and around the world. We are one international party. We reject every form of nationalism. The history of the struggles of our class shows that we can win.

## US: Lessons from Gaza Protests

### PUSHING ON WALLS AND CHANGING IN THE PROCESS

“If I push a chair, it moves...because of the real outside pressure I apply. ... but to end here would be mechanical materialism,” said a comrade in a recent report on dialectical materialism.

“The main reason the chair moves is because of its organic composition and not so much because of the pressure I apply to it. Dialectical materialism considers both the internal and external when looking at change, but the in-

ternal is primary. If you applied the same amount of pressure to a wall or a tree, they wouldn’t move a bit.”

Physics shows that if I exert force on a chair or wall, that object also exerts an equal and opposite force on me. The resultant motion (or not) also depends on the internal composition of the person(s) pushing on the object. If they are seated on a bulldozer, for example, they can move or even destroy the wall. Many in Gaza and India know this firsthand.

Here’s why this matters. Over a hundred people here in Pasadena have been protesting weekly. They are pushing Rep. Judy Chu to sign a Gaza ceasefire resolution. It’s like pushing a wall.

“Yes, we are pushing on a wall with a hand, and it’s not moving,” commented an activist. “But this analogy fails because hands never change. Here the ‘hand’ is changing, and

people are getting radicalized.”

He continued: “When we tried to get Chu to move towards a ceasefire, she didn’t, and that is the unmovable wall of the American institutions. But we (the organizers) were changed by the course of events. Through rain, or storm, or cold, we have been protesting every week, and have found a genuine community.

“To complete the analogy, we need to actually see what has changed among the people. There’s more awareness. There’s cross-age organizing. Often students are very radical and older workers are not on the scene. But now we have people from Pasadena City College and Caltech organizing with people from churches and mosques. People come with their families. I think that would be the materialist analysis of what has happened so far in the consciousness of the people who are challenging this genocide.

“But fundamentally no relationships have been changed. Right now we’re voicing dissent, and we still have a way to go in building

power amongst ‘the people.’”

The “wall” (Chu) is immovably committed to the Democratic Party and their imperialist project. Focusing on that could lead to cynicism and passivity.

But, looking at the “hand” (protesters), we do see change. There are conversations about whether the movement should be nationalist or internationalist reformist or revolutionary. What’s the long-term goal? How would the movement have to change to destroy the class relationships of imperialism?

Many have read our answers in *Red Flag*. Some ask for the new issue. Some say, “we’re communists, too.” We are developing relationships at the weekly gatherings and beyond.

Opposing forces are two sides of a dialectical contradiction. Our communist practice focuses on resolving our side’s internal contradictions. That’s how we’ll create a force capable of destroying the capitalist “wall” and building the communist world we need.

—Comrade in Pasadena (USA)



Pasadena, CA (USA), November 13, 2023  
Weekly protests at offices of Rep. Judy Chu

# PALESTINE: 125 YEARS OF STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM

## 1900-1918

- Palestine (6% Jewish) is controlled by the declining Ottoman Empire
- Zionist Jews flee violence in Europe, settle in Palestine
- British imperialism seeks to use Zionists to take over Palestine; occupies Palestine after victory in World War I



## 1917-1922

- British Balfour Declaration promises Palestine as Jewish "homeland"
- Palestinians, Jews & Arabs unionize Haifa railways & telegraph offices
- League of Nations gives Britain a "Mandate" to govern Palestine per Balfour Declaration



## 1931-1939

- Jews massively flee to Palestine from Nazi Germany
- Joint strike of Palestinian and Jewish truck drivers leads to massive 3-year Arab Revolt
- British troops and Zionist paramilitaries suppress Arab Revolt, killing thousands
- 1939: British White Paper cuts off legal Jewish immigration; Zionist paramilitaries organize illegal immigration



## 1924-1929

- More Jews settle, buy land in Palestinian towns under unofficial government of Jewish Agency
- Communists defend Palestinians evicted when absentee landlords sell farmland to Zionist settlers
- Jewish-Arab riots in Jerusalem



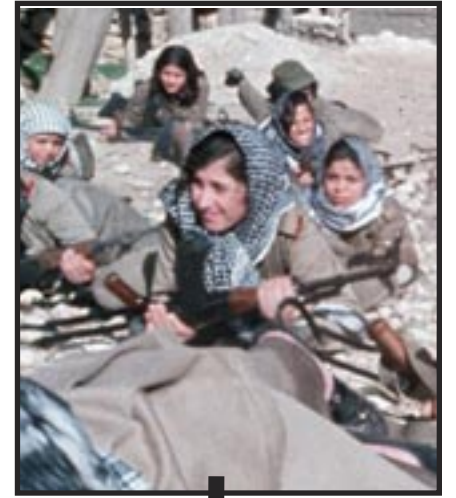
## 1945-1948

- 1945-46: Joint Arab-Jewish strikes against post-war cutbacks
- Zionist paramilitaries attack British railroads, gov't buildings
- 1947: Britain withdraws; UN "Partition" of Palestine into Jewish & Palestinian sections
- 1948: Arab-Israeli War; Israel wins
- Nakba (Catastrophe): 750,000 Palestinians expelled into Jordanian-controlled West Bank and Egyptian-controlled Gaza



## 1950-1973

- Israel becomes US policeman in Cold War rivalry over oil
- Palestinians in Israel given citizenship rights
- 1967 War: Israel attacks Syria, Egypt, Jordan; occupies Golan Heights, Gaza, West Bank
- Zionist settlers seize Palestinians' land and homes in occupied territories
- 1973: Arab states attack Israel; Israel counterattacks, takes Sinai



## 2000-2007

- 2000: Second Intifada
- 2005: Israel withdraws from Gaza, fences it in as world's largest prison
- 2006-7: Hamas wins Gaza elections and civil war with Palestine Liberation Organization



## 1978-1993

- 1978: Camp David Israel-Egypt Accords; Egypt gets back Sinai Peninsula
- 1987: First Intifada (uprising) protests Israeli occupation & West Bank settlements
- 1991 Madrid/1993 Oslo Agreements for "2-state solution" set up Palestinian Authority as Israeli puppet government
- Israel funds Hamas to divide Palestinians



## 2008-2023

- Israel blockades Gaza, creating massive hunger and disease
- Israeli military assaults on Gaza: 2008-9, 2012, 2014, 2021
- Apartheid fences control Palestinians in West Bank



## 7 Oct 2023 to 28 Feb 2024

- Hamas attacks Israel, killing 695 Israeli civilians, 373 security forces, 71 foreign nationals; takes 253 hostages
- Genocidal Israel attacks on Gaza, funded by USA, murder over 30,000, injure 70,000; 90% of Gazans homeless, 25% at risk of starvation





From Gaza to Gqeberha, South Africa:

## UNITE WORKERS EVERYWHERE TO ORGANISE FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

GQEBERHA (South Africa), November 13 — “During the march in Summerstrand, I met a few communist friends”, said a comrade. “They would like to build a relationship with me through the ICWP. They want to have a meeting asap. They are from Johannesburg”.

Comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) went to a march around Summerstrand (Gqeberha) against the genocide in Gaza. Members of the local mosque were there. It started small, but very soon there was an energetic multiracial crowd of thousands. We were impressed to see Black and white, Muslims and people of other religions, from all over the world, side by side, denouncing atrocities in Gaza.

We called for workers of all races and nationalities, from South Africa to Palestine, to fight for communism. We openly asked new comrades to join ICWP so we could destroy genocide, xenophobia, and racism.

In a communist society without

money, we will be able to struggle and smash all forms of racism. We met some soldiers as well and explained to them our goal to eradicate wage slavery. We appealed to the soldiers to be part of the Red Army for communism, not the bosses’ army to suppress workers.

We went to spread our party’s communist ideas and communist solutions by distributing *Red Flag* and carrying our banner. We don’t fight for national liberation. We have experience here in South Africa of both apartheid and the betrayal of the so-called liberation movement, exemplified by the African National Congress. The masses and the working class can only be liberated by dismantling capitalism, which exploits workers and advances only international capitalist interests.

“Our fight is to destroy capitalism and usher in a new communist society”, explained a comrade. “Join us in this struggle for true liberation by joining ICWP and reading and distributing our literature.”

Our communist banner was visible to hundreds. ICWP comrades got to know some new members and recruited them to our party. We also made contacts with church members who are in solidarity with the Palestinian masses.

About three years ago, ICWP members participated in a demonstration at the same location, when the Israeli government bombarded Gaza. Among the hundreds of protestors, our members met some Muslim workers from Bangladesh, Somalia, and Zimbabwe. We also got to know a leader of the local New Muslim Unity, which had some Marxist influence.

One friend put us in contact with a comrade from Gaza. We shared and discussed *Red Flag* with our new friends and brought them closer to the party. They still get the paper and we have met with them since.

Our aim is to participate in the solidarity strikes to show contradictions in capitalism, and to bring communism as the only solution in solving such conflicts.

The Israeli government, together with the USA imperialists, are committing genocide in Palestine. They have killed over eleven thousand, including over four thousand children, claiming that it is “self-defence” against Hamas. They are not defending any homeland, but American capitalist interests.

Even US politicians have openly stated since the 1950s that Israel is their unsinkable aircraft carrier guarding their interests in the Middle East.

Hamas leaders are no saints. They are not “defending Palestine.” They too are capitalists trying to control resources, especially the gas reserves found off Gaza’s coast. They are not fighting for liberation of the working-class Palestinians but for their own enrichment.

Fighting for national borders doesn’t solve problems that the masses face. We should recognise this and mobilise our brothers and sisters for the destruction of capitalism and its profit wars with communist revolution.



### ZIONISM IS FASCISM! THE SOLUTION IS COMMUNISM!

AGUADILLA (Puerto Rico), January 15 — With red flags flying defiantly, shouting “Free and Communist Palestine!” and other revolutionary slogans, members of Communist Workers and Students for Social Change demonstrated to repudiate Israel’s genocide in Gaza. They protested in front of facilities of Lockheed Martin, a leader in the armaments industry and the largest US military contractor. They denounced and condemned the fact that the US-backed genocide in Gaza is fueled by weapons produced by Lockheed Martin.

### Egypt: End Wage Slavery by Smashing All Borders

I have participated in daily demonstrations against the fascist war in Gaza. It is perhaps hard for you to imagine the roaring masses who kept saying “Open the border!” “We are millions, and we will join you with our guns.”

Egypt has very high unemployment. I can safely say that almost every unemployed person in Egypt is in the streets expressing their desire to join in urban warfare against the Israeli Defense Forces.

The anger of the masses is spilling into all the countries in the Middle East. All these rulers have nothing in common with the suffering of the workers in Gaza. Their interests are in making opportunist alliances to make sure the oil flows uninterrupted to China.

I really appreciate your analysis in the pages of *Red Flag*. I agree that only communism will end wage slavery by smashing all the borders. I am talking to all my

neighbors about *Red Flag*. Many don’t understand English, but I can translate it for them. The comrades’ mood changes when we say, “communism is the only solution.”

I want to formally recruit them to ICWP. Please print more pages of *Red Flag* in Arabic. We also know many other comrades in Jordan. Our ideas are going to change the face of the earth.

“Open the border” rings in my ears.

—Comrade in Egypt,  
November, 2023



## ZIONISM: FASCIST, IMPERIALIST CREATION

February 27, 2024— “Israel is imposing a complete siege on Gaza,” ordered the deputy speaker of Israel’s parliament. “No electricity, food, water, fuel. Everything will be closed. Israel is fighting human animals.” He called for erasing the Gaza Strip.

“We cannot have women and children getting close to the border... anyone who gets near must get a bullet [in the head],” spewed Israel’s National Security Minister on February 13.

Zionism has been used to justify and conduct ethnic cleansing, expulsions, and murder of Palestinians and other Arabs for over a century. Israel’s army, backed by US imperialism, is conducting genocide today: systematic mass displacement, bombing, and deliberate conditions leading to death.

The state of Israel was founded on racist, nationalist ideology and action. Today’s fascist genocide is the result.

This is capitalism-imperialism in decay, fighting for its survival. This calls on us to organize ICWP worldwide to mobilize the masses for communism.

“Zionism isn’t Jewish. It is imperialist,” insisted a Palestinian demonstrator. And it’s fascist.

Many confuse Zionism and Judaism. Judaism is a religion and ethnicity. Zionism is the political ideology of the Israeli government and the movement supporting it.

Many Jews oppose Zionism and its genocide in Gaza. Many Zionists are not Jews: US President Biden, most other US and European imperialists, and right-wing Christians worldwide.

Zionism purposely lumps all Jews together. However, Jews, like all ethnic groups, are divided between workers and capitalists. They have opposing interests. If we work for a wage, we are members of the international working-class. Palestinians, Jews, and all workers have more in common with each other than with any capitalist-imperialist!

### Zionism: Anti-Communist Tool of Imperialists

In the 1800s, the Imperial Russian government scapegoated Jews for capitalism’s failures. It organized pogroms (racist massacres) against Jews, killing many thousands.

In response, many Jews joined the Bund, a Jewish socialist mass organization, which mobilized for self-defense. Many of them later joined the Bolsheviks to help organize the Russian Revolution in 1917.

Zionism was organized to oppose united revolutionary struggle. It advocated nationalism: that Jews needed their own “homeland.” British imperialists developed the Zionist plan of Jews colonizing Palestine. They needed a state there to defend British interests in the Middle East.

The founder of Zionist political organization (1897) was Theodor Herzl. His mentor, the first Political Zionist, was Moses Hess. “The race struggle is primary; class struggle is secondary,” Hess argued.

Herzl convinced Czarist officials to support Zionism to prevent Jews from joining the growing revolutionary movement.

But Jewish masses in Russia supported the socialist Bund. They hated the Zionists, who were largely capitalists, including their garment bosses.

The Zionists and imperialists knew that a “Jewish state” meant displacing Palestinians but hid this from the masses. In truth, no capitalist nation helps workers anywhere. Workers have no nations. Nations all belong to the capitalists.

**As fascism rose in Europe, Jewish immigration to Palestine grew dramatically.** The US and England closed their doors to most Jewish immigrants. US Zionist groups opposed Jewish entry to the US!

Jews who had lived peacefully in Palestine for centuries alongside

their Muslim and Christian neighbors, and most of the newcomers escaping genocide, had no interest in displacing Arabs for any imperialist. But that was the Zionist plan.

### Zionists and Nazis

Zionists agreed with the Nazis that “race mixing” and assimilation were evil. The Zionists saw Hitler’s rise as an opportunity to build their Jewish state in Palestine.

If not for the Judenräte (Jewish Councils, mainly Zionists) who cooperated with the Nazis, the Nazis couldn’t have murdered six million Jews. The Judenräte assured Jews they were going to “work camps” while knowing they were death camps. In exchange, the Nazis gave some of these traitors passage to Palestine.

The current genocide in Gaza makes it impossible to ignore the fascist nature of Zionism. It has always been fascist: anti-worker, racist, nationalist, and pro-imperialist.

Increasing numbers of Jews in Israel and worldwide are demonstrating in solidarity with Palestinians and other workers in the fight to abolish the fascist Israeli ethno-state. We need a united struggle of Palestinian, Jewish, and all workers to abolish fascism, capitalism, and imperialist genocide with communist revolution. That’s the only way to bury these capitalist-imperialist butchers and their genocidal system forever!

All workers have the same interest: a communist society that meets the masses’ needs. The masses, armed with communist ideology and with weapons, will defeat Zionism and all fascism.



Los Angeles, CA (USA), 2014—Both US capitalist political parties have a long history of attacking immigrants and supporting genocide in Gaza.

### End imperialist wars, fight for a communist revolution

“I feel completely frustrated and helpless about the indiscriminate attacks on humanity, hostage taking, forced displacement, bombings, a complete genocide. Is this war worth it?” commented J.

“An artificial state founded by British imperialists with the excuse of early 20th century Zionism, to defend British and US imperialist interests in the Middle East is leaving the bloodiest genocide of the 21st century,” J concluded.

“No, none of this has to do with the Jewish people, none of it has to do with the Muslim faithful. They

are just people stripped of their dignity, of their lives, so that a few politicians can hold power for a while longer,” said R.

The problem is Zionism, which is a racist ultra-nationalist ideology that defends the superiority of Jews over Arabs. Israel’s defense minister demonstrated this when he spoke of Palestinians as animals. This is the policy promoted by Netanyahu’s fascist government. This ultra-right-winger even blamed the Nazi genocide not on Hitler, but on the Arabs!

It is a crucial time to fight and

mobilize the masses for a communist system, to reverse the genocide in Gaza.

“What difference would it make to this war if we made a communist revolution?” J asked.

The difference is great. That is an imperialist war. Our struggle is for freedom, to materialize our ideals of a common good. To live collectively without wage slavery, without exploitation, sexism or racism, a life without borders, to defeat and end capitalism.

We need a red army to mobilize the masses where young commu-

nist soldiers and the working class give leadership for a communist society.

We must spread the ideas of real communism among our working-class brothers and sisters around the world to stop the plans of the imperialist bosses.

Join and be part of our party. It is urgent to build a mass ICWP. Help us strengthen the revolutionary movement we need. Read and distribute *Red Flag*.

—Comrade in El Salvador  
October, 2023

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turns peddling the bike. Pretty soon I had a fully charged cellphone. And they are doing it for anybody who needs a charge. No money was exchanged. We can build a long-term relationship with them.

Children who can turn scraps

into a charge station, can hold the guns to destroy our class enemy. I am talking to these children about war, revolution, and communism. Remarkably, war has taught them that change is possible. We want to bring about and fight for a commu-

nist change.

So, in these chaotic, desperately difficult conditions, thanks to your efforts and encouragement, we will continue to grow with communist ideas. They cannot kill us all. The workers around the world must support us with communism. It took me 46 years to see commu-

nism as the only solution. But these children of Gaza are ready to fight for us and improve our line if we learn from them.

Still alive and fighting for communism.

—Hamza

## LETTER FROM GAZA: BETWEEN HUNGER AND THIRST, ORGANIZING A COMMUNIST COLLECTIVE IN A REFUGEE CAMP

GAZA, November 7—I am a freelance photographer in Gaza. I want to tell you how it feels to be living in the middle of the genocide.

The Israeli Defense Force has the GPS location of all the water tanks installed on rooftops. They are systematically dropping bombs on these tanks to deprive water to the population. They also have the GPS location of every solar panel installed in Gaza, the bakeries, and flour mills. Now they have bombed all these structures. Thousands of dead bodies are under the rubble. The stench from the rotting is spreading everywhere.

Add to this the breakdown of the sanitation and sewer system. We are

reduced to about two liters of salty water, and dry bread every other day. Masses of people are herded into hospitals that are constantly bombarded. The screaming of the injured people is unbearable, and the wailing of those relatives after they find their loved ones are dead, children in shock, separated from their parents. Horror after horror.

So why am I writing to you now? First, I want to say that this may be the last time I might be alive. I want to thank you for the *Red Flag* you have been sending for about three years. It was very nice to keep in communication about communism. I have shared your literature with some friends in Gaza, Egypt, and

Jordan.

You were asking me to organize for a communist revolution by making a small collective. I thought a lot about it. I consider myself a secular Muslim. I know from my personal experience and talking to many others that Hamas is no friend of the working class. In the north of Gaza, they have built ultra-luxury homes on the oceanside for the super-rich functionaries of Hamas and other rich people. It was a \$500 million project financed by the capitalists in Egypt and United Arab Emirates. There was a fight between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority for territorial control of the prime real estate properties.

The idea of communism sounded very appealing to me when I thought that not a single ultra-billionaire who controls the oil wealth in the Muslim countries has done anything to stop this genocide. The monarchs in the Middle East are like vultures.

Then I thought of many Jewish common people who have come to Gaza and helped us over the years. They were telling us many stories of the Jewish soldiers unwilling to fight. We have heard of many Zionists who joined the Israeli Defense Forces but when they saw that they were just occupying people in the

West Bank, brutalizing them, they started rebelling against the Israeli government.

I have also heard of many demonstrations against the Gaza genocide all around the world. The masses of these workers are disgusted with genocide. My message is to unite the workers, not the capitalists. It is this fight among the capitalists that is causing genocide.

I am also thinking about how I can ask people to fight for communism when they are injured, bombed, their houses destroyed, no food, no water, and they have no hope. Communism is hope. It is based on reality. Out of 2.5 million people in Gaza, some will survive. So, I am sending all my friends in Gaza my stories of how I am becoming a communist. I have friends in Gaza in my camp who like the idea of communism. Between hunger and thirst, I will struggle to form a collective of our party.

I urge you to do the same. Spread the word of communism everywhere in the world! Today's children of Gaza will carry on the fight for communism. If this is the last time you hear from me, my message is: Fight for communism.

— “Hamza”



Tel Aviv, Israel—October, 2023

“Please Come Back! Immediate Cease Fire!” in Hebrew and Arabic

## SECOND LETTER FROM GAZA: TALKING ABOUT COMMUNISM AMID THE RUBBLE OF A REFUGEE CAMP

December 3— It is becoming increasingly difficult to communicate with you.

After a pause in the genocidal war, the Israeli Defense Forces launched carpet-bombing in the area where we are taking refuge. We are in Khan Yunis with at least 200,000 people. We are all homeless and overcrowded. Hepatitis and viral flu are spreading like wildfire.

You would like to know how I am spending my days and nights since you started sending *Red Flag* regularly. *Red Flag* has been my source of joy, excitement, and hope. I read every word of it. As we sat around at night, I started talking to many friends. I share my Arabic translation of *Red Flag* with them. I don't have the same friends every night, but we quickly talk about communist ideas and how things

could be so different.

One friend said that his grandfather was a communist in the 1930s. He clearly remembers his grandfather talking very affectionately about a Jewish communist who remained his lifetime comrade in struggle. When I showed him *Red Flag* and said that ICWP is building an international working-class party for communism, he raised his fist. I said that we could organize a small group to talk about *Red Flag*. He agreed but also said that we are on the move every day.

### Rich Israeli Rulers

#### Responsible for Brutal Attacks

I have also seen that ordinary people who are displaced, many of their relatives are killed, and their houses bulldozed don't carry a grudge against Israelis. They think there is a powerful system in Israel and a handful of super-rich people

order the army, police, and politicians to carry out this brutal attack.

Many people are very carefully reading about the few Israeli ex-soldiers who have denounced the war. It gives them hope that not every Israeli soldier is willing to fight.

I thought of the friend whose communist grandfather had a Jewish comrade. We can do it again. The Israeli workers are showing signs of distrust with Netanyahu. If ICWP can organize workers and soldiers there, people in Gaza will erupt in solidarity.

Many of the top Hamas leaders grew up in the refugee camps in Khan Yunis and other areas. I don't want the future of our children to get wasted by Hamas or other nationalist groups. I want a red flag, not the green flag of treacherous and opportunistic Hamas. Hamas

and Israeli rulers have sold out the working class in Palestine and Israel. They are using genocide to advance their sick system.

### Children Learn Collectivity, Ingenuity, and Communism

How can we build a network of *Red Flag* among children? They have seen every horror of this capitalism. I see hope in these children. Amid starvation, they feed younger children. There is no rioting or looting. This is because as a collective society, the adult workers have pledged that they would feed children first even if they are starving.

Children are the future. As you know, we are not able to charge cell phones. Some children found a badly damaged bike in the rubble. They converted it into a stationary bike and connected it to a discarded led rod, and acid jar. They took

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# RED FLAG

## MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

