



# Unified Resistance: From Black Worker's Rights to Palestinian Liberation

The following messaging guide aims to highlight the paralleled plights of the movement for Black Workers and Palestinian people. We intend to inform readers of their intertwined histories, uplift current progress, and empower readers with tangible action steps for those willing to support them.

In order to maximize usage of this messaging guide, we encourage readers to share this guide via social media for continued circulation of this information. It can also be used to start conversations with others in your community and as a starting point to invoke independent research.

## **PART I: INTERTWINING HISTORIES**

- Both the United States and Israel are European settler colonial states built on the exclusionary ideology of white supremacy. Both states use insidious tactics like genocide, exploitation, and displacement of Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities in order to maintain imbalanced power dynamics.
- In America, the perceived “inferior” party is Black people, just as Palestinians are seen as such in the eyes of Israeli leaders. This solidarity reflects a joint struggle against racism and imperialism and a shared opposition to Zionism.
- But this phenomenon pre-dates the October 7th bombing attacks on Gaza in 2023. Black and Palestinian political solidarity traces back decades. In the 1950s, for example, Malcolm X was one of the earliest major African-American figures to support the Palestinian cause. He visited both the Gaza Strip and Palestinian refugee camps in addition to Egypt, Sudan, Nigeria, and Ghana to shine a light on the parallel struggle that his own people were facing back in America.



## **PART II: THE OPPOSITION, TACTICS AND MOTIVATION**

- Israel and European forces are the shared oppressors in this particular case. A common division tactic is to publicly present the issue in a manner that makes both oppressed sides believe they are more different than they are alike. They do so by using strategic racism and scapegoating through media and propaganda to divide communities that they know would be stronger as a united front.
- Repeated history shows their ultimate motivation is to obtain indigenous resources, money, land, and global influence.
- There are historic links between struggles in Palestine and Black communities on a global scale. As early as the 1960s, Israel was in full support of the Apartheid happening against Black folks in South Africa by providing weapons, military training, and border technology used to stifle anti-apartheid movements. They sold military-grade weaponry to repressive regimes, making them the 10th largest arms exporter worldwide. In Africa, Israel supplied repressive regimes with arms in exchange for “importing rough diamonds, fueling wars and ethnic cleansing” across the continent.
- “The Deadly Exchange” refers to the American-Israeli police partnership that skyrocketed after 9/11. Elements of this exchange include American police forces (who have a very lengthy and public history directly targeting Black people) who attend trainings to teach increased surveillance, racial profiling, and blatant violence against minority communities like Black and Palestinian folks. Instances like these are unfortunate, considering that funding could go into providing economic resources, jobs and other community safety net programs. Instead, large sums of money are being funneled into weapon provision to harm places like Palestine, among other countries.

## **PART III: UPLIFTING CURRENT PROGRESS**

- As of Feb. 2024, All European Union countries, except for Hungary, have jointly called for an eventual ceasefire in Gaza.  
<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/02/19/all-eu-countries-bar-hungary-call-for-eventual-gaza-ceasefire>
- After very persistent efforts by organizers and humanitarians across the globe since October of 2023, The U.S. has finally concluded to propose a U.N. draft resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza in March of 2024. This is a major win for



Palestinian victims first, in addition to the many Black folks who have helped lead the charge, standing in solidarity with Palestine for months.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-leaders-charles-michel-council-call-immediate-humanitarian-pause-leading-sustainable-ceasefire-gaza/>

- Although much more is needed, millions of dollars have been collected globally to help victims in Palestine obtain food, medicine, and other vital resources for survival. According to Steve Sosebee, president of the U.S.-based Palestine Children's Relief Fund, which typically brings in approximately \$12 million per year, says his organization raised \$15 million in just 10 days in October of 2023. -

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/palestinian-americans-fundraise-gaza-aid-groups-receive-record-donations-2023-10-31/>

#### **PART IV: CALL TO ACTION**

- Contact elected officials via the [5 Calls App](#) and encourage them to vote for a ceasefire.
- Use this guide to create messaging around the current conflict in order to combat inaccurate messaging on the topic. Israel is using spyware and government surveillance to spread misinformation regarding current happenings in Gaza, similar to what is done in America in the ongoing war against Black people.
- Donate monetarily to organizations to support raising funds for food and on-the-ground resources. The organization *Let's Talk Palestine* has provided a list of various fundraising and donation opportunities. [This link](#) is a great starting point!
- Stop backing corporations that support global oppression [see an example list here!](#)
- Speak up online! With the rise of social media and advanced technology, digital activism is leading the charge and has the ability to capture massive intersectional audiences. Explore new ways to speak up online, such as rewriting words like “genocide” to “gen0c1de”. With this increasing popularity of free speech also comes an increased desire for governmental control and speech censorship. Don't let the government deter you from using your voice.
- Use your voice in person!! Chants like “from Ferguson to Palestine, end racism now” and “from Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have got to go ” are not simply slogans; they are shared realities that emerge from a common experience under racist, settler-colonial regimes. Use your voice!

