

Good evening,

Today we are here to raise our voices and demand something that should not be even put in question: the right of the Palestinian people to live in peace, to get food and water, to work their land, to get education... the simple right of the Palestinian people to exist, and exist in freedom.

Over 100 days have passed since this indiscriminate offensive on Gaza started. 100 days where we have witnessed horrendous atrocities: hospitals and schools being bombed; whole families being killed at once; children dying under rubbles; and every basic human right being trampled. These actions have a clear responsible: the oppressor state of Israel and its western allies, headed by Germany and the United States, those countries who, ironically, claim to defend human rights and freedom.

We all know these terrible acts did not start on October 7th; they have been conducted for over 75 years. The biggest difference now is that we see this barbarism being streamed live to us; everybody can open their phones now and watch this tragedy happening in real time, which makes the silence of the people and the inaction of governments and politicians even more infuriating and despicable.

This immediate access to information should also be the reason that brings us to do a critical and historical analysis of this situation, specially in the German society, where many people refuse to emit any critic against Israel or even speak about the topic, as if it were a taboo. It seems the shadows from the past blind them, so they only see one side of the story, so they don't see the horrors happening in Gaza and the savage oppression being conducted in the West Bank.

Even the governments, federal and local, are putting an enormous effort to repress and criminalise anybody that dares to challenge their narrative, any demand for justice and any voice that speaks up for Palestine. They try to silence us by forbidding us to call these atrocities by their name, as if by doing it, the pain and suffering would magically disappear. They spend so much time talking about historic responsibility and the *Deutsche Staatsräson*, but are supporting, politically and economically, the oppression of the Palestinian people.

The dark history of this country is being used now as an excuse to ignore this catastrophe; as a reason to adopt the Israeli propaganda and provide unconditional support to the repressive zionist state, while it commits apartheid and an extensive list of war crimes, as per Amnesty International . To all of them, I say: Supporting Israel's violent attack on Gaza will not clean Germany's gruesome past; it will only make you accomplices. And we will never forget that.

Shouldn't be precisely these actions from the past the motivation to step up against any other war crime, regardless of who is the victim or the perpetrator? Shouldn't be this the reason to do an objective examination of the situation in Palestine? Why is this butchery

not tragic enough for some people? Or have we normalised this after 75 years of oppression?

Tell me, is it normal that kids start to think how, and when, will they die? Or that they wonder how painful death is? How many starving, traumatised, injured, amputated or dead children do we need to count until we say “enough”? Until now, around 10 thousand kids have died in Gaza, is this normal? Or it does not matter because they are not white?

Is it normal that the so-called “most moral army in the world” needs to fabricate lies in order to justify their attacks on hospitals and schools? Is it normal that no government is doing anything to stop them, even after these claims were proven false by international organisations and independent investigations? Are those attacks not clearly labelled as war crimes under international law?

Is it normal that the occupation forces design “safe zones” for the civilians but don’t protect them as international law requires? Why can’t the Palestinians have peace? They are treated with such sadism, and everything seems to be acceptable to the western countries, who refuse to condemn these atrocities, who just ask to reduce the barbarism but not stop it.

Maybe if we do some comparisons with things closer to us, we can size the hell Gaza is going through. In 100 days, more than 23 thousand people have been killed by the coward and indiscriminate Israeli bombings; that is more than the whole population of Frauenland or twice as much the population of Lengfeld.

To proportion this, let’s think in our football stadium, which can host around 13 thousand fans. This means we can fill it with dead bodies, and we would still need to find a place for other 10 thousand corpses. Please keep in mind that 70% of the people assassinated in Gaza are women and children.

Another outrageous statistic is the amount of bombs dropped on Gaza since October 7th: more than 65 thousand tons. We all know that Würzburg was also victim of a cruel bombardment during World War II. During that tragic episode, 1207 tons of bombs destroyed our city and reduced it to ashes. To put it in perspective, the Gaza Strip is just four times bigger than Würzburg, but has received 54 times more bombs.

I could continue making more examples to prove my point, trying that you understand how sadist, cruel and shameful this attack on Gaza is. But there is no comparison, no number and no picture that truly reflects the amount of pain, frustration and suffering that the Palestinian people is living since 1948, when they started to be decimated and their land started to be stolen piece by piece.

So now what? What else can we do? Simple: think critically, talk about this, speak against the injustice, against those who have kidnapped the truth and are trying to suffocate it by

killing journalists. Challenge the imperialist narrative, that tries to build its concept of democracy over the rubbles of hospitals and the memories of destroyed lives. Encourage the people to talk about Palestine and its struggle to keep its land and culture.

Those of us who come from oppressed countries can understand and join this movement easily, but we shouldn't be the only ones. This is a cause for everybody; a cause that only requires the minimum empathy to realise that the freedom of the Palestinian people concerns us all. Nobody can justify this savage trampling of the human rights and the constant violation of the international law.

Dear Palestinian brothers, dear Palestinian sisters, today I am here, proudly carrying your flag over my shoulders, to defend your land and tell you: you're not alone. We admire your strength; your bravery; your resilience. We are here to show we stand on the right side of history. We stand on the side of freedom and the true human rights, those true values that defend humanity regardless of skin colour, ethnicity or religion.

And I extend these words to all my brothers and sisters in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, Congo, my Latin-American family, and every other oppressed country. We stand today for Palestine, but we continue also in our struggle to break our chains from the west imperialism, together.

Finally, I would like to evoke some words that leaded a revolution in my homeland. Some words that are so simple, but at the same time carry a powerful meaning when they are together; words that I wish, from the bottom of my soul, can be soon a reality for the Palestinian people: Land and Freedom, Tierra y Libertad!

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Thank you very much! Gracias!