

TWO YEARS BUILDING THE PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT.

On Saturday one of the largest protests in support of the Palestinians took place in London in defiance of the Government's intention to curtail protest. It was also at least four times bigger than Tommy Robinson's earlier protest. This article is dedicated to those marching in London on Saturday.

While it is true that direct action is ten times more effective than marches and while it is true that marches are ten times more effective than letter writing or petitions, it is also the case that quantity can compensate for quality when marches by their weight resonate. This was the case on Saturday when over 600,000 marched in solidarity with the Palestinians to mark the second anniversary of what was to become the first livestreamed genocide.

The protest movement in Britain has not subsided. While it is also true that some of the original protesters have become overwhelmed by the emotion of bearing witness to so much death, many more have replaced their ranks, with the movement growing younger after each protest. My region provided about 100 protesters despite being nearly 200 km from London.

We were proud to participate in the march. We had taken a vow two years ago that as long as the Palestinians resisted, we would protest in support. We have and will continue to honour that pledge. Through all our efforts we have ensured that this two-year solidarity protest has become the largest continuous British protest movement since the Second World War, as well as the largest single Western movement in support of Palestine.

The dual character of the protest in London was clear. It honoured and mourned the loss of Palestinian lives, but it also celebrated our protest movement which over time has brought tens of millions onto the streets in repeated protests and marches. We were one cog in the machine which forced US imperialism to finally impose an agreement on Israel. Politics is about achieving the impossible, and we helped achieve that.

The peace agreement, should it endure, represents a defeat for Zionism because it did not break the resistance, it did not drive the Palestinians out of Gaza, and it has not permanently erased a future Palestinian state. Instead, it has been Israelis who in large numbers have marched with their passports and left Palestine. While it has broken Gaza it also broke Isreal and while the Palestinians remain trapped, it is Isreal which is politically and morally isolated and therefore less likely to heal.

Trump's trip to Israel today ensures the Peace Agreement will endure until the war with Iran breaks out becoming the opening salvo of the war in the Pacific. As stupid as the Zionists are, and all the messianic are stupid because religion eats brains, they will not be stupid enough to embarrass Trump by breaking his agreement. The razmataz on the tarmac of Ben Gurion airport after *Airforce One* landed, solidifies this, even though this was not the gathering of victors. Nor could the absence of Vice-President Vance, hinting of divisions in the Whitehouse, dimmish the occasion. Trump is confident Netanyahu will comply: "[*The president*](#) fully grasps this dynamic." "I said, 'Bibi, this is your chance for victory,'" Trump told the Axios reporter Barak Ravid on Saturday. "He was fine with it. He's got to be fine with it. He has no choice. With me, you got to be fine." The president's official rapid-response team then posted that quote on social media, in case anyone had missed the implication." In turn Netanyahu offered his "heartfelt thanks" to Trump demonstrating once and for all who the real boss is because this agreement violates all the goals the Israeli coalition government had originally set itself.

Hamas knows this which is why they are taking liberties with the Agreement, by for example putting their police on the streets to thwart the Zionists financed gangs, who in time would have formed the armed muscle of a new technocratic puppet regime installed in Gaza by the West. There are also hints of disagreements between the exile wing and the internal wing of Hamas about the implementation of the agreement with the internal wing taking a harder if not more defiant stance.

The further question is what happens to the far-right religious parties propping up the coalition government. I am reminded of the pre-1948 pictures of religious representatives prostrating themselves on the quays of Jaffa waiting for the funds carried by the ships which sustained them in their Yeshivas. Today the same servility applies to politicians like Bezael Smotrich the right-wing Minister of Finance. He and his fellow religious leaders, and yes, they are all men, know which side their bread or matzos are buttered on. Without state hand outs they are nothing, and state hand outs depend on Israel being financially supported by the West especially by the USA. They may huff and puff, but they will not bring down the government. The bigger possibility under pressure from abroad, is the emergence of a unity government incorporating the opposition parties. One thing is clear, Netanyahu's protracted struggle to stay out of jail must be considered to be a minor matter.

Our tasks.

We have two central tasks. The first is to convert the international solidarity movement into a more generalised anti-war movement. The Palestinian solidarity movement is the closest our movement has come to becoming international since the triumph of neo-liberalism. The chant - *in our millions, in our billions we are all Palestinians* - exemplifies this. The war in Gaza may be paused, the war on Iran yet to proceed, the war in Ukraine coming to an end, the hegemonic struggle between the USA and China meandering, but none of this should make us complacent. We live in an epoch of tectonic change which means we are in an epoch of war because change in the capitalist order is never peaceful.

Our slogan must continue to be.

**NO WAR BETWEEN NATIONS
NO PEACE BETWEEN CLASSES.**

World Wars require suppressing class wars. External wars or what is the same thing, foreign wars, requires the absence of internal wars. Foreign wars therefore require prioritising the *enemy-without* while hiding the *enemy-within*. For as long as workers can be mobilised by their national rulers to fight their wars for profit and markets, workers will be unable to fight for their own interests. This means challenging the enemy within, their exploiters and oppressors. If in every belligerent nation, workers turned on their own rulers, a World War would be impossible and revolution probable.

The first requirement therefore would be for the leaderships of the national solidarity and protest movements to reach out to each other and to establish an international organising and co-ordinating body. If we don't use this opportunity born of a genocide, all will be lost with devastating consequences. Such a movement, if it is to be significant, must in turn become an anti-capitalist one. The war to end all wars can only be the war to end capitalist private property which is and remains the source of wars and the impoverishment of billions.

The second imperative is to ensure that the war criminals within and without Israel are punished for their crimes. This war over accountability will not be as prominent as the war to prevent a genocide,

but it is necessary, and it could take longer than two years. But if we exercise the same determination as we have done during the current struggle, then in time these criminals will be looking nervously over their shoulders.

This is the banner I have proposed for our regional group to march behind in our city shortly. It represents our pivot and our continued commitment to the Palestinian people. *No Justice, No Peace.*



Brian Green, 13th October 2025.