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## Stop the Genocide! Free Palestine!

This is the cry heard around the world in response to the massacre in Gaza and killing throughout Palestine/Israel. People everywhere have poured into the streets outraged to know a defenseless population is trapped under bombing, invasion, and seige.

War crimes have been enabled by U.S. weapons, funding, and “no daylight between us

and Israel” political policies. Women Against Military Madness joins with the world in saying, “Listen to us and end U.S. complicity with war crimes!” The Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121 will connect you with the offices of your U.S. Congressional members.



*Palastine solidarity demonstrations have been taking place daily in the Twin Cities. Above: Street march in Minneapolis. Below: More people joined the decades-long Friday Palastine vigil in St. Paul. Photo: Kim DeFranco.*



# NEWSLETTER

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# Statement on Gaza and All of Palestine

The WAMM Middle East Committee demands that the Biden administration and Congress immediately end all political and military support of Israel and its genocidal attacks on the people of Gaza.

We denounce the hypocrisy and doublespeak of our political leaders in the face of the horror that is being unleashed on Gaza, resulting in the death and injuries of thousands of people – mostly women and children, the utterly devastating destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, even bakeries, and the lack of food, clean water, medicines, electricity, and fuel because of the imposition of a draconian siege by Israel, which is not even letting in the fuel for hospitals.

As of this writing, November 3, the death toll is over 9,000, 40 percent of them children. There are black-outs cutting off communication with the outside world and within Gaza.

The aid allowed into Gaza is completely inadequate to supply even a small fraction of human needs and acts as a fig leaf to cover crimes against humanity while at the same time, Israel continues to bomb the people with the complicity of the U.S. and with the use of U.S. weapons. What has been commonly described as an open-air prison is being turned into a death camp. Israel and the U.S. do not value the lives of hostages either in this scenario.

In addition to the \$3.8 billion that the U.S. gives to Israel every year, we vehemently oppose the additional billions of dollars that Washington wants for Israel, Ukraine, the U.S. border wall, and Taiwan to continue military madness. The Israeli component of this money will be used to fund more of the thousands of bombs

being dropped on Gaza right now, aircraft carriers, other military equipment, and thousands of U.S. troops sent to the area.

We join the millions of people around the world who are in the streets every day demanding an end to the ongoing slaughter to eliminate the Palestinian people with the massacres in Gaza and the state-sanctioned murder and imprisonment in the West Bank just being the most recent phase of what is metaphorically referred to as “mowing the grass,” a euphemism for ethnic cleansing.

Because this could not go on without the full support of the U.S. government, it is especially up to us, the people of the U.S., to stand in solidarity with the people of Gaza and all the heroic people of Palestine who have bravely resisted the obliteration of their collective identity, history, and culture for 75 years. With them, we call for justice and self-determination, not to be cast into exile again, and to have the right of return to their native land.

~ the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness

The United States is not only failing to uphold its obligation to prevent the commission of genocide, but there is a plausible and credible case to be made that the United States' actions to further the Israeli military operation, closure, and campaign against the Palestinian population in Gaza, rise to the level of complicity in the crime under international law.

— Emergency Legal Briefing Paper, Center for Constitutional Rights

# Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City 1988

by Lucia Wilkes Smith

When I learned the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City was damaged by an explosion or bomb during the tragic back-and-forth violence touched off by the October 7th attack against Israel by Hamas, I immediately remembered that I had visited that very hospital. At the time of the first intifada, I had traveled in Israel, the Occupied West Bank, and Gaza with a group organized through the World Council of Churches. I immediately located the journal I had kept during my travel there. The narrative is disjointed because the visit was upsetting. My notes remind me that our group of 12 travelers from around the U.S. was told repeatedly that the Arabic word “intifada” could mean to shake a rug, “to shake away the dust, the burden, that oppresses you.”

The intifada was largely nonviolent with Palestinians halting all of their economic activity throughout Israel, Jerusalem, and the Occupied Territories (which included the Gaza Strip at that time). This had significant impact on the Israeli businesses. Palestinian-owned shops did open for their customers’ needed supplies during morning and early afternoon hours only. In Gaza City, our travel group was witness to demonstrations and piles of tires burned in the streets creating great plumes of acrid smoke. The Palestinian people didn’t seem to have weapons, but the Israeli soldiers were well-armed.

When our group visited, November 30, 1988, Al-Ahli Hospital was focused on treating people injured by the Israeli soldiers who beat or shot anyone they found throwing stones at an Israeli tank or writing the date of the next demonstration on a wall. We were told that soldiers sometimes blocked ambulances heading to Al-Ahli Hospital.

On the first day Israeli soldiers used “plastic bullets” (manufactured in and shipped from Pennsylvania) in Gaza, 36 wounds were treated in Al-Ahli Hospital. The day we visited we couldn’t talk with a man who was sedated in anticipation of surgery. A soldier had shot him in the buttocks, but the bullet was dangerously close to the base of his spinal column and had to be removed through an abdominal incision.

I was most disturbed to be introduced to two 12-year-old boys who were recovering after being shot in the stomach and in the thigh by Israeli soldiers firing “plastic bullets.” We were told by hospital staff that the metal core of a plastic-coated bullet was revealed in the x-ray of the one boy’s stomach. The bullet was removed intact, cleaned up, and shown to our group of American visitors. It was about ¾ of an inch long with a black plastic coating. I know this because I held it in my hand.

The day prior to our visit, 11 people were treated for gunshot wounds. The son of a hospital cook had been beaten to death by the soldiers. This was in 1988 – long ago, when I was hopeful. We met with several Israeli citizens, religious leaders of Jewish, Muslim, and various Christian denominations. We shared our concerns with many Israeli Jews who sought the just treatment of Palestinian people. At that time, I truly believed the Israeli people would have the power to change government policies.

I was wrong.

*Lucia Smith is a member of the WAMM Middle East Committee.*



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## Al-Ahli Hospital 2023

On October 17, an explosion in the courtyard killed many, many people who had come to find shelter there.

### More hospitals and unspeakable tragedies

According to reports on October 31, numerous hospitals in Gaza have borne the brunt of Israeli airstrikes and shelling. The World Health Organization reported 82 attacks on healthcare facilities.



*This page, clockwise from left: Cape Town, South Africa; Los Angeles, USA; Geneva, Switzerland; London, England; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Tokyo, Japan*



*People rallied in cities and towns around the world to protest the genocide of Gaza and to demand a free Palestine.*

*These screenshots of web images from just a handful of the rallies around the world show people everywhere pouring into the streets in an outpouring of solidarity with the people in Palestine under attack.*



*This page, clockwise from left: Paris, France; Tunis, Tunisia; Miami, USA; Turin, Italy; New York, USA; Seoul, Korea.*



# Speaking to Us from Palestine/Israel

October 11

## *Blog journal*

I am going to bed tonight in full certainty that as I sleep, Israel, a member state of the UN, abetted, armed, and egged on by the U.S. and the other G-7 countries that rule the world, is committing genocide in Gaza . . . Confining two and half million people to a tiny area (while cynically and cruelly advising them to “leave”), cutting off all food, water, and electricity, declaring that all Gazans are Hamas, thus making even children legitimate targets, carpet bombing for days to “soften” the terrain. . .

And yet, again, we must remember that Hamas and its excesses are the product of a century of systematic and brutal destruction of the Palestinian people by a Zionist project determined to displace the Palestinian people, take its lands, turn their country into an exclusively Jewish state and Palestine into Israel, and eliminate all traces of their collective existence, history, and culture.

– *Jeff Halper, founder and director of the Israeli Committee Against House Demotions (ICAHD), Jerusalem*

October 13

## *Human Rights Newsletter*

Israel targeted a group of journalists in Lebanon who are covering the events in the north, killing one and injuring several. They also targeted ambulances and medical personnel in Gaza killing nine medics. Israel, having cut off water, medicine, food, fuel, and electricity to 2.3 million Palestinians, asked that 1.1 million of them leave their homes and head south (South Gaza



*Hoping to find safety, but with nowhere to go, women and children flee within Gaza.*

and then into Egypt). The Israeli army then bombed those (a minority) who actually complied with their orders to leave thus killing 70 and injuring over 200 (again wiping out whole families trying to flee). The carpet bombing continued and as medicine and water and food run out, an environmental and health catastrophe is unfolding . . .

Here in the West Bank eleven unarmed protesters were killed and dozens injured Friday.

– *Mazin Quimsiyeh, founder and director of the Palestine Museum of Natural History and Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability, Bethlehem*

October 15

## *My dear friends in the Western world —*

We woke up this morning to the news of Israeli air raids on Gaza indiscriminately as Israel was getting ready to meet the French President, the last of the Western leaders who visited Israel since October 7 . . . the leaders of the USA, and Europe came rushing to the support of Israel whose ethnic

cleansing of the Palestinians, which started with the Palestinian Nakba in 1948 and has been ongoing ever since, could not have been possible without the support of those same countries . . .

Those 2.2 million oppressed people under siege are not “human animals” as they were called by Israel. They are actually humans who have been dehumanized, as if they were children of a “lesser God.” They have reached a tipping point and could not take the oppression and the deprivation of freedom any more.

– *Samia Khoury, East Jerusalem.*  
(*Excerpt from a letter, “The Gaza Surprise”*)

October 23

## *Message from resident of Hebron area, West Bank*

The situation is very bad, there is no education, there is no time, we are in a war, Israeli raids every night, arrests and shooting, the roads are closed, the economic situation is very bad, and we can only pray to God. Children are being killed on the bypass roads.

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# The Lies of War Can Be Ended by Truth

*Free Speech, Free Julian Assange!*

by Amy Blumenshine

**Update:** On October 16, Craig Murray was detained when he arrived at the Glasgow Airport after meeting with the Assange campaign and attending a Palestine solidarity event in Reykjavik, Iceland. He was detained under the Terrorism Act, interrogated by British counterterrorism agents and, after one hour, released. His phone and laptop were confiscated, and they took information about his bank account.<sup>1</sup>

As war breaks out in various parts of our globe, one yearns to know who is doing what for why so that the horrors can be stopped. This was the promise of *WikiLeaks* under the leadership of its founder, Julian Assange, an Australian citizen. Insiders of moral principle could safely leak documents in the public interest to this media organization. People all over the world learned of the misdeeds of the powerful and were motivated to take action. With this exposure, the hope was that fewer crimes would be committed.

Instead, the powerful attacked both *WikiLeaks* and Assange, who lost his freedom for over 13 years for publishing truthful information about U.S. government crimes.

Recently a delegation of Australian members of parliament traveled to Washington, D.C. to urge the U.S. to drop the prosecution of Assange. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has said he will make the same request of President Biden during his scheduled visit to D.C. in late October.

When Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar met with the Australian delegation, they impressed upon her the significance of a



*Assange Defense team, St. Paul, July 3. Protests have continued with a dedicated presence in the Twin Cities. Photo: Mike McDonald*

letter they brought with them that was signed by 63 parliamentarians representing different sides of the Australian political spectrum. We don't usually agree, noted one parliamentarian, but we agree on this.

It's not surprising that the Australians were concerned. The U.S. sets a bad precedent when it imprisons a foreign journalist who publishes truths about the U.S. government. Indeed, as the delegation pointed out, when China detained Chen Lei, an Australian journalist who was a prominent anchor on the news channel CGTN, the Chinese government accused her of sharing some of its state secrets;<sup>2</sup> for three years, they defended their action by pointing to the U.S./UK treatment of Assange.

As of this writing, the British confine Assange to a maximum-security prison, Belmarsh, in

London, in expectation that he will be extradited for a trial in the U.S. Some have called this punishment by judicial process, even as he is "presumed" innocent awaiting trial. The official UN rapporteur on torture who investigated Assange's treatment, Nils Melzer, has characterized his treatment as torture.<sup>3</sup>

Among those flying to Assange's defense, however, is Craig Murray, a Scotsman and former career diplomat for the UK who had become a whistleblower while serving as ambassador to Uzbekistan. On the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, over a hundred people came to the Hook and Ladder, a nightclub venue in Minneapolis, to hear Murray plead for protections for whistleblowers and the media who publish them – most especially Julian Assange.

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Coleen Rowley, renowned as a 9/11 FBI whistleblower, introduced the event with a quote from journalist and commentator Chris Hedges: “A society that prohibits the capacity to speak in truth extinguishes the capacity to live in justice.” Upon learning of Murray’s visit to the U.S., Rowley had quickly organized a speaking engagement with the Tackling Torture at the Top Committee (T3) of Women Against Military Madness, along with Twin Cities Assange Defense.

Ironically, Rowley’s announcement of the event promoting free speech, entitled, “The Power of Personal Courage in an Era of Mass Censorship,” was taken down by Facebook. Rowley denounced this act of censorship related to highlighting censorship, as an example of the too common gatekeeping in these times.

Despite this setback, an audience was able to hear Craig Murray. In his speech, he detailed the slow-motion execution that the U.S. and UK governments have waged on Assange. The *WikiLeaks* revelations about U.S. torture, the “Iraq War Logs,” the “Afghan War Diary,” and even the political shenanigans of politicians earned Assange the vengeance of the U.S. security forces, said Murray. Unfortunately, those same entities engineered an effective public smearing with a character assassination. (It has since been revealed that the Swedish sexual assault charges, which served initially as the British excuse to seek the capture of Assange, were indeed merely a ruse in the attempt to ultimately extradite him to the U.S.) It is conjectured that the U.S. prosecution was maneuvering how

to manage this unconstitutional assault on freedom of the press. The Obama administration, for instance, held back on seizing Assange citing as their reason “*The New York Times* problem,” since mainstream media regularly reveal secrets.<sup>4</sup>

In his talk, Murray also honored the late whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, who testified in defense of Assange near his own life’s end. The kangaroo UK court conducting the case for extradition attempted to sabotage Ellsberg’s testimony by allowing access to 600 pages of evidence only the evening before he was to testify (online) at 5:30 a.m. Nevertheless, the elder whistleblower spent the night reviewing the information and delivered his countering testimony at the wee hour. Ellsberg said that when he sought to end the Vietnam war, he was far more guilty of “reckless” release of secret information than Assange.

To the government’s claim that Assange endangered individuals, Ellsberg pointed out that no such victim had been identified. He further noted that the post-9/11 internationally illegal U.S. wars – which *WikiLeaks* sought to end – have resulted in the deaths of more than one million people and the displacement of over 27 million people. (The Cost of War Project estimates the number of deaths to be even higher.)<sup>5</sup>

While the perpetrators of those war crimes were never charged, Assange, the publisher of the documentation revealing them, faces a possible U.S. prison sentence of 175 years in what will effectively be solitary confinement.



Murray went on to say that we now know that U.S. security forces discussed plots to abduct and assassinate Assange,<sup>6</sup> and that the private security firm hired by the Ecuadorian embassy in London, where Assange had taken asylum, was working with U.S. intelligence to surveil him and his lawyers, including placing cameras in both the men’s and women’s bathrooms.<sup>7</sup>

Furthermore, Murray said, after the CIA helped effect a change in the Ecuadorian leadership, the new government expelled Assange from his embassy sanctuary, and preparation materials for his defense were collected and given to his prosecutors, the U.S. Any of this prosecutorial misconduct, according to Murray, would ordinarily be cause for dismissal of a court case.

Murray’s own story is that he learned that the autocratic leader of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov, was using torture on an industrial scale, even boiling alive his opponents. The torture and killings in Uzbekistan of which Murray had personal knowledge were excused and supported by the UK and the U.S. as supportive of the global war on terror. In actual fact, these horrors were committed to terrorize the Uzbek people, maintaining Karimov’s rule while currying aid and political support from the U.S. and UK warmakers. Murray even

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knew that one of the victims, persecuted as a member of al-Qaeda, was actually a Jehovah's Witness! Other improper factors protected Karimov, as well. Murray explained that the senior Bush, George H.W., had a financial interest in building a prospective oil pipeline through Uzbekistan, which shares a border with Afghanistan. Uzbekistan's location also facilitated profits from trafficking the opiate trade from Afghanistan, which under U.S. occupation produced over 90 percent of the global illicit market.

After exhausting internal channels to stop the British government's support of Karimov, Murray took the story to a British newspaper, the *Financial Times*, which published it. He was induced to resign his ambassadorship immediately and given seven years pay – certainly a contrast to the treatment of Assange.

Many journalists and their professional associations have warned of the chilling effect on journalism of penalizing common behaviors of journalists, especially the publishing of truths that are embarrassing to the government. Assange's act of publishing classified information is being charged under the Espionage Act of 1917, which places draconian limitations on his defense during trial. Murray called Assange's treatment a long-term public execution to demonstrate the crushing power of the state to others.

Gary King, of Amnesty International, who has worked to obtain the release of prisoners in the Philippines, noted that Assange was the epitome of what Amnesty calls a prisoner of conscience: someone imprisoned by their government

not for violence but for speaking inconvenient truths.

Murray quoted Assange: "If wars can be started by lies then wars can be ended by truth." Murray urged all present to act if Assange is extradited to the U.S. He urged the use of alternative media on that day in order to have an impact on the news narrative.

Murray concluded with this exhortation: "We need to rescue from persecution the leading proponent against war . . . This is the fight for truth, for justice, for the very principle of freedom of speech, against war, for the fundamental virtues in society that good people should be pursuing. I know that everyone here will be doing that with me."

*Amy Blumenshine is a member of the Women Against Military Madness End War Committee. She is a journalist, a scholar on military moral injury, and a Lutheran deacon. She was present at the talk by Craig Murray.*

### **ACTION:**

Show up for Free Speech and Journalism! The growing global support for freeing Julian Assange is a cause of optimism, but it's important to plan for the worst. If he is extradited to the U.S., protests are planned. In Minneapolis/St. Paul, local supporters will gather at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse, 300 South Fourth Street, at 4:00 p.m. on the day after such an announcement. For this and other locations throughout the U.S., sign up for the national alert at [assangedefense.org/take-action](http://assangedefense.org/take-action). **Be sure to take photos and share with media, especially alternative media.**

### **Resource:**

**Watch:** "The Power of Personal Courage in an Era of Mass Censorship – Craig Murray, Former

Ambassador" on Women Against Military Madness YouTube channel. [tinyurl.com/ypy3kac3](https://tinyurl.com/ypy3kac3)

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## Speaking to Us,

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Very tragic scenes, horror, destruction, organized state terrorism. This is, in short, the situation that has existed since October 7.

*– Name withheld,  
resident of West Bank*

### October 23

*Dear Fellow Palestinians, (Letter to Gaza)*

We can't imagine the terror all 2.4 million of you face . . . Your children are writing their names on their arms so that they can be identified after they are killed . . .

It is no solace to know that more people are aware that your literal sacrifice is to shape a new Middle East under Zionist and Western imperial hegemony. It is no solace that more people know about the coveted gas fields of Gaza (one of the richest in the Eastern Mediterranean). Gaza genocide for gas anyone? Does the world care about the plans to create an alternative to

the Suez Canal passing from Eilat to Gaza after it is depopulated or its residents "thinned" out per the Zionist doctrine of maximum geography with minimum demography.

We thought we can help you and we try. Yet [you exhibit], your heroism and dignity as you die in your hundreds every day and the living risk their lives and with their bare hands extract the dead and the living.

*– Mazin Quimsiyeh, Bethlehem*

### October 24

*Message from Ahmed Issa, resident of Gaza*

They have been implementing all the stories I have read about the Nazi era, from 'Schindler's List' to 'Man's Search for Meaning' by Victor Frankl . . . I literally may lose my life any minute.

Yours,

*"uncivilized, human animal" [Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant description]*

P.S. I'm currently in Gaza with my wife Nada and two children, Bassam and Adam. I have lost my apartment in Gaza City. Israel bombed my apartment. I evacuated to my parents' house. It was horrific to get bombed and lose all of my memories. **Urgent message later** – bomb attack I just came from a flattened house. Just now. It was very close, like 30 meters (100 feet) away. Over 40 people lived there. It is very hard to dig to get the people out. The firefighters were looking for a sign of life by hearing if anyone is screaming. It is a horrifying experience. We need this genocide to stop.

*– Ahmed Issa, Gaza, received his MSc degree in Britain*

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### WAMM Ongoing Peace/Justice Vigils

#### *Pipeline Blues Vigil (Stop Line 3)*

Every Monday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *Vigil to End War*

Every Wednesday. Please note time change: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available and brief circle up for announcements after on St. Paul side. Sponsored by WAMM End War Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine*

Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *Immigration Solidarity Vigil*

See "Immigrant Solidarity Vigils" next column.

Check the WAMM calendar and zoom links at [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org) or call the WAMM office: 612-827-5364.

### Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

**Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.** Vigil at the ICE entrance on 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. (Not far from Bishop Whipple Building where Immigration Court is held.) Park at the Ft. Snelling commuter light-rail parking lot. Sponsored by WAMM. Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

#### **Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.**

Vigil at 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, (Minneapolis/St. Paul), 55111, outside the Bishop Whipple Building, where Immigration Court is held for five-state area. Prayer, song, courtwatch. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. FFI: [mnicom.org](http://mnicom.org)

### WAMM Action Groups

#### *Board Meeting*

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. + hybrid Zoom. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *End Domestic Militarism*

Times/Dates pending. Updates at [facebook.com/WAMMEDM](http://facebook.com/WAMMEDM). FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *End Military Madness Against the Earth*

Time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *End War*

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *Middle East*

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *St. Joan of Arc*

#### *WAMM Peacemakers*

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444 or Bill 612-926-8459.

### *Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)*

Every Friday via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### WAMM Ongoing Events

#### *WAMM Monthly Movies:*

Please note: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance on 42nd Street), Minneapolis. Projected on big screen. Free admission. All are welcome. Discussions follow film. Masks and social distancing by choice. The Movement and the "Madman" November 13. How two antiwar protests in the fall of 1969—the largest the country had ever seen—pressured President Nixon to cancel what he called "madman" plans for a massive escalation of the U.S. war in Vietnam. Directed Stephen Talbot.

December: December 11 "The Occupation of the American Mind"

### Special Events

#### *"Born in Gaza" documentary film*

Sunday, November 12, 1:00 p.m., 4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance on 42nd Street), Minneapolis. Violence in Israel/Palestine. Follows ten children who tell what their daily life is like after the 2014 horror of war in Gaza. Directed by Hernan Zinn. Projected on big screen. Free admission. All are welcome. Discussions follow film. Masks and social distancing by choice. Co-sponsors: WAMM Second Monday Movies, WAMM Middle East Committee, and Veterans for Peace-Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364

### *Opening Session of the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal*

Sunday, November 12, 7:00 p.m. CST. Online event: registration link on WAMM website. World BEYOND War will be hosting the Opening Session of the People's Tribunal. Once concluded, the entire Tribunal will be streamed via video links over consecutive weeks examining war crimes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Gaza, and Yemen. Testifying: Cornel West, Richard Falk, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Norman Solomon, John Pilger, Jeremy Kuzmarov, Christian Sorensen, William Astore, many others. Initiated by Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal.

### *Holiday Craft and Bake Sale*

Sunday, December 3, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., 4200 Cedar Ave S., Minneapolis. Come support local social justice groups by buying cool crafts, tasty treats! Great holiday gifts and food available. Spread the word! Organized by the Climate Justice Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

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## **“Born in Gaza”**

*a documentary film*

**Sunday, November 12 • 1:00 p.m.**

**4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance  
on 42nd Street), Minneapolis**

Focus is Palestine/Israel. Follows ten children who tell what their daily life is like after the 2014 horror of war in Gaza. Directed by Hernán Zinn. Projected on big screen.

Film length: one hour 9 minutes

Free admission. All are welcome.

Discussions follow film.

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WAMM Middle East Committee,  
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## **Some resources for Gaza/ Palestine News, Views, Info:**

*(in alphabetical order):*

[aljazeera.com](http://aljazeera.com)

[btselem.org](http://btselem.org)

[dci-palestine.org](http://dci-palestine.org)

[democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org)

[electronicintifada.net](http://electronicintifada.net)

[haaretz.com](http://haaretz.com)

[ifamericansknew.org](http://ifamericansknew.org)

[jewishvoiceforpeace.org/news](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/news)

[mintpressnews.com](http://mintpressnews.com)

[mondoweiss.net](http://mondoweiss.net)

[+972.mag.com](http://+972.mag.com)

[palestinechronicle.com](http://palestinechronicle.com)

[popular-resistance.blogspot.com](http://popular-resistance.blogspot.com)

[thegrayzone.com](http://thegrayzone.com)

[samidoun.net](http://samidoun.net)