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Jenin attacks – Israel’s settler-colonial agenda continues

75 years ago, Palestinians suffered through the Deir Yassin massacre which left an estimated 15 000 Palestinians martyred, hundreds of thousands displaced, and was the start of the Palestinian Nakba which is on-going today. 75 years ago the world kept quiet and allowed Israel to continue its genocidal, settler-colonial agenda to continue. 75 years later, we see the world once again keep quiet in the face of Israel’s war crimes against the Palestinians. Israel is able to blatantly break international humanitarian law with no consequences. The silence of world leaders and the international community emboldens it to continue terrorizing and unleashing acts of murder, violence and ethnic cleansing against the people of Palestine and treating them with undue aggression and violence.

These past few days the world has watched in silence as Israel attacks the densely populated Palestinian city of Jenin. We know too well that Israel’s inhumane Apartheid regime knows no bounds, indiscriminately attacking women and children with no regard or care for Palestinian life. On Monday, hundreds of Israel’s occupation forces once again invaded Jenin and launched a military attack on civilian Palestinians; bulldozing Palestinian homes, bombing Jenin using air strikes, opening fire on the refugee camp and killing at least 11 Palestinian including children. The murder of Shireen Abu Akleh last year proved to us that Israel will target journalists in order to ensure that the complete extent of its war crimes is not revealed. This is reiterated with the invasion of Jenin and the subsequent attacks on journalists trying to report on Israel’s attack.



Many in the world portray the current happenings in Jenin as “a complex situation” when in reality nothing is complex about a settler-colonial Apartheid state which is invading a refugee camp, tear gassing the inhabitants, and placing a siege on them; in what is now being called the biggest invasion of a Palestinian city since 2002. Israel has no right under international law and UN conventions to invade Palestinian cities yet it does so blatantly and with no retort. The deciding factor in the aftermath of this invasion will be the reaction of the global leaders and whether or not they will continue to remain quiet in the face of Israel’s blatant war crimes. The United States sends Israel nearly \$4 billion a year in military funding, aiding a colonizing occupying force with its ethnic cleansing and Apartheid mission.

People under occupation have the right to resist and protect themselves under international law. We support the right of Palestinian people to retaliate and defend themselves in the face of Israel’s continued aggression and invasion. 75 years after the Deir Yassin massacre, we ask: is the world going

to continue to remain quiet? Our silence emboldens Israel and aids it in its agenda to fully take over Palestinian land in the on-going Nakba and erase Palestine. Those who suffered in 1948 are continuing to suffer displacement and violence, with no aid or end in sight.

As South Africans, we have always reiterated that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians. Our solidarity with the people of Palestine has always been strong but it is now time that we lead the international community in boycotts, sanctions, and divestments against Israel. It is time that we sever all diplomatic, trade, economic, and academic ties with Israel. The tactics of BDS used to free the people of South Africa from Apartheid must now be employed against Israel.

Israel's forces may have withdrawn from Jenin today but the Nakba continues through Israel's settler colonial practices and ethnic cleansing. The struggle for freedom for the people of Palestine continues. As the Palestine Solidarity Alliance, we call on South Africans to ensure that their homes and lives are Apartheid Free Zones by being conscious of the products you buy. We call on all of you to do your part in taking down Israel's Apartheid regime. It is through our collective efforts that we can end Israel's Apartheid regime.

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