

Yesterday Has Been Unprecedented. Palestine Is Fighting to Dismantle the Barrier Between Gaza and 1948

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I awoke this morning to the dawn of a new era.

*Today, on the 50th anniversary of the 1973 war, Palestinian resistance fighters in Gaza launched an aerial and land attack on Israeli settlers, killing at least 40 people and taking many soldiers and civilians hostage. **The barrier fence between Gaza and 1948 was dismantled.** Palestinians currently control the Gaza checkpoint at Erez and continue to occupy three Israeli settlements.*

*The leadership of the operations said that the attacks are **a response to the lack of accountability for Israel's continuing war crimes** against the Palestinian people and to dismantle the last apartheid regime in the world.*

While the Israeli regime today declared war on the Palestinians, it is vital to remember that Israel has been carrying out unspeakable atrocities against the Palestinian people for over 70 years and has sustained a brutal blockade and siege on Gaza, imprisoning over 2 million Palestinians. No cage goes unchallenged.



The ability of Palestinian fighters to breach Israel's incredible military infrastructure is a psychological break through.

I am reminded of Mahmoud Arda, one of the six Palestinians who escaped from one of Israel's most fortified prisons by digging out with a spoon two years ago when he said, **"We wanted to tell the world that this monster is nothing but an illusion of dust."**

Today magnifies that truth many-fold.

The US is busying itself with normalization deals between Israel and the Arab Gulf states and making promises to send even more weapons to the Israeli regime. All the while, **Palestinians are clear: Israel is not a normal state, and our self-determination and rights will not be denied.**

The people of Gaza are ingenious and determined and are teaching the world how to evade drones, breakthrough naval blockades, and capture tanks in response to intolerable conditions.

But we know that Israel will only continue to respond in the way it has since its settler colonial state was established: kill, break, torture, lie and call Palestinians terrorists. **In Gaza, we are currently witnessing an onslaught of Israeli airstrikes**, which have already claimed the lives of 198 Palestinians and left over 1,600 others injured at the time of us writing this email. The horror is far from over.

Take a pledge today to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian fight for freedom and ask the international community—including governments, academics, institutions, cultural workers, and artists and all who believe in justice— to recommit to supporting the Palestinian-led movement to boycott, divest, and sanction apartheid Israel.

Today we stand in unity with our people in Gaza and across Palestine who are at home tonight with their families praying for a better tomorrow that is free of the horrors of Israeli violence and colonial control.

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