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Solidarity with those segments of the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip who are being terrorized by Hamas

Especially in the context of justified struggles and demonstrations against social cuts and the anti-democratic tightening of police laws—or even against militarization—slogans like "Solidarity with Palestine" crop up time and again. In reality, these are not calls for solidarity; rather, "Solidarity with Palestine" is merely code for support of Hamas—the very group against which our truly necessary solidarity with the Palestinian population, or more precisely with certain segments of the Palestinian population, must be directed.

First Clarification

The Palestinian population does not live solely in the Gaza Strip (2.2 million). However, the current discussion primarily concerns this segment of the Palestinian population, even though the situation in the West Bank is a separate issue. But it should first be emphasized that within Israel itself, 1.9 million people are of Arab descent and largely identify as Palestinians. According to surveys—which we cannot verify in detail—85% of this segment of Israel's population are unequivocal opponents, indeed enemies, of Hamas and condemn the brutal attack of October 7, 2023. This is because Hamas's attacks on Israel were also directed against this segment of the Israeli population. Our solidarity with the people of Israel against the fascist Hamas attacks is also solidarity with this Arab-Palestinian segment of the Israeli population, and it is important to clarify and emphasize this.

Second Clarification

Secondly, it is necessary to clarify that Hamas also inflicts bloody terror and systematic oppression on the Palestinian population within its sphere of control.

In particular, women and queer people face a daily regime of terror in Gaza under Hamas.

Marital rape is not a criminal offense, and child marriages involving girls are commonplace. Poorer and unmarried women, in particular, are threatened with rape and sexual abuse by Hamas members if they do not comply. Testimonies from affected women have revealed that widespread sexual abuse and rape must have occurred

2026. (dailymail.com, "Gazan women break silence," April 18, 2026)

Under Hamas rule in Gaza, homosexual acts are punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Queer people live in constant fear of being arrested, tortured in Hamas's dungeons, or even murdered.

Furthermore, Hamas has cracked down on its PLO rivals in the most brutal manner, resorting to executions, torture, and police-state methods. Exact figures are certainly unknown, but in the 2005 conflict with the PLO alone, dozens of individuals affiliated with the PLO were killed. We are not talking here about combat deaths, but rather the murder of people who were captured or already unable to fight, as well as official executions. Over 1,000 PLO members were arrested by Hamas.

Added to this are the regular executions of people living in Gaza who have spoken out against Hamas in any way or even organized demonstrations and protests against Hamas.

Hamas's terror intensified even further in public after October 7, 2023. For example, six men were shot in front of a mosque in a highly publicized display, and there were also dozens of summary executions. Hamas also publicly announced executions. By the end of 2023, 33 executions had been carried out, in addition to murders that were not documented.

Even after the release of the Israeli hostages, executions of Palestinians took place—with Donald Trump's tacit approval, so to speak—after they were summarily declared to be bandits, robbers, or even Israeli agents and then shot. It is quite clear that even the few Palestinians who have fled the Hamas dictatorship and are living in exile are constantly threatened with execution—even in exile—if they express criticism of Hamas.

In summary: Yes, it is necessary to stand in solidarity with the terrorized Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip and their resistance against Hamas, no matter how small that resistance

. This is a self-evident democratic and internationalist communist duty.

Third Clarification

We firmly uphold the fundamental position that, for Israel in Gaza and the West Bank, the security of the Israeli population takes precedence. This is also why our support goes to all forces working at the grassroots level to establish the necessary cooperation and cohesion between Jewish and Arab people, in whatever areas that may be. Jewish-Arab cooperation is a **long-term** prerequisite for identifying, establishing, and consolidating common interests—beyond the necessary military safeguards—presumably, at first and above all, in the struggle for peace. It is also clear that the overthrow of the Hamas government—the Hamas dictatorship—is one of the most important prerequisites for such cooperation and such projects to take on a mass character, since at present they have been carried out only in small-scale, often unsuccessful attempts.

Concluding Remarks

The anniversary of the attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, is defined by the necessary struggle against Hamas. There is no question about that. And yet, we must not lose sight of long-term perspectives, although here in Germany our task is certainly not to make any proposals on how everything can be resolved. The people there must do that themselves.

But for our solidarity work, for our internationalist work, it is necessary first and foremost to contact those who have fled Hamas and are living here in exile, and to determine how we can help them. And it is also a matter of using these contacts to promote, beyond that, everything that supports solidarity in the long term with the suffering segments of the Palestinian population against Hamas's terror.

In our view, this understandably complements the primary and equally long-term task of fighting against all forms of anti-Semitism here in this country.

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