

Germany of the year 2016 takes much pride in its „Welcoming Culture“. Solidarity with refugees is being advocated for in all social strata and in different political spectrums. Some deal with the different reasons of flight, some limit themselves to the human rights discourse. But one reason of flight, which is responsible for over 7 million refugees and lasts for over 68 years already, is being systematically negated: the Nakba, the big catastrophe of Palestine, as in the year 1948 750,000 Palestinians were displaced from their lands by the Zionist militias. The deportation and extermination of the Jews of Europe by Germany has accelerated a colonial project – the building of a Zionist ethnocentric state at the cost of the inhabitants of Palestine: Israel. A colonial state which until today receives reparations and is supported materially and ideologically without conditions by Germany.

The existence of this Zionist colonial state with its ethnical privileges prevents until today the return of the refugees and their right to a life in dignity. Most of them are living for three generations now in the poorest conditions in refugee camps around Palestine. Many of them have been displaced from their homes for the second or third time now because of the war in Syria. Some of them are making their way to Europe even now. In Palestine, Germany and the West support a hypocritical “peace process” whose most brutal manifestation are the Oslo accords of 1994. With the two-states lie a new administrative apparatus was set up in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, which eases the management of the occupation for Israel on the one hand, and convinces the world of a status quo on the other. Yet it has not brought the refugees one centimetre closer to their homeland. The generation born into the hopeless reality of Oslo is rising up today and resisting using all available means in the fight against their colonial oppressors. This right of resistance against colonial oppression and for self-determination is recognized under international law since the 70s, in the context of the colonial liberation wars and the pressure of the former colonies against the objection of their colonizers.

The solidarity with the Palestinian resistance, the commemoration of the Nakba, the call for international pressure on Israel through campaigns such as the Palestinian-led global BDS movement, all those are being silenced by the pro-Zionist hegemony and the *raison d'état* of the German republic. We are here to break the silence of 1948. We are here to set a clear sign of solidarity with Palestine. We are also here to build up the solidarity movement, to network, to organise and to say clearly that we will not be intimidated – not through Zionist lobby groups and their millions in budgets, not through newspapers and their defamation campaigns, and not through Israel-fetishists and their guilty-grandparents-complex. Our struggle is a leftist struggle, it is an internationalist, anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist struggle. There can be no global liberation without the liberation of Palestine. It is for this reason that we take to the streets.

- **For a free and equal Palestine, in which every refugee can return and live!**
- **Stop all measures of criminalization and illegalization and the racist incitement against the solidarity work with Palestine and against anti-Zionist groups!**
- **For an end to the occupation and for the decolonization of Palestine! For self-determination of all ethnical groups in the country!**
 - **For an end to the arms trade between Israel and Germany!**
- **Solidarity with the Palestinian resistance in all its forms as an anti-colonial and anti-imperialist struggle!**
- **We reject all structures of administration of and collaboration with the Zionist regime!**