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8TH OF MARCH AGAINST THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA

our current anarcha-queer movement in ljubljana symbolically formed around the 8th of march where for the last 4 years we tried to address issues like femicides as a symptom of patriarchal society, our dissatisfaction with liberal feminism, organise a strike against reproductive work and reclaim the night against gendered violence.

this year we could not recognise a more pressing issue as the current attack of the israeli state on palestinians and the still ongoing genocide in gaza. we can not imagine a womens and other oppressed genders liberation in the west while the killings and exploitation of our sisters continues by the hands of colonial forces around the world.

this is why we anarcha-queers, organised on the principals of (intersectional) feminism and de-colonial thought, called for two protests on the 8th of march in ljubljana this year. in the morning we gathered in front of the US embassy and called for recognising the american imperialist system as complicit in killings and oppression of peoples in the middle east and africa. the evening protest adressed the 8th of march through antimilitarism - we expressed a clear position to stop all wars, to support peoples (armed) resistance and we called for a feminist insurgency against the war machine all over the globe!



NO 8TH OF MARCH CELEBRATION FOR THE ONES COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE!

On March 8th, during the working hours of the U.S. patriarchal and imperialist embassy in Ljubljana, at 11.30 am, we will stand in feminist solidarity against U.S. neo-colonial misogynist affairs. We call out the U.S. genocidal foreign affairs for their ongoing crimes in Gaza. The resolutions of patriarchy and imperialism will be held accountable.

We will stand together in solidarity for Abeer al-Janabi, for all the women in Gaza who suffered sexual violence in Israeli prisons. For all the women and people of all genders who were sexually, physically, and psychologically abused and bombed by your armed patriarchal machines, for the sexual abuses and torture committed in your imperial prison in Iraq, the Abu Gharib prison we hold you accountable. We condemn you not only for your crimes in the Gulf War, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and so on but also for your horrible crimes against humanity in Libya and Syria, creating a humanitarian disaster rarely seen throughout the world. Your occupation and crimes have directly, seriously, and permanently harmed people's rights to life and freedom.

On International Women's Rights Day we demand:

- To cease-fire in Gaza immediately;
- To stop enabling and funding genocide against Palestinian people immediately;
- To leave Jordan and take your military imperialist misogynist armed troops with you;
- To take your imperialist, misogynist hands off Yemen;
- To stop your colonial foreign misogynist affairs everywhere immediate

U.S.A., U.S.A., you can't hide! You are funding genocide!

U.S.A., U.S.A., you can't hide! You enable genocide!

Free Palestine! Free Gaza! Stop the genocide!

WITH FEMINIST FIGHT AGAINST WAR MACHINES

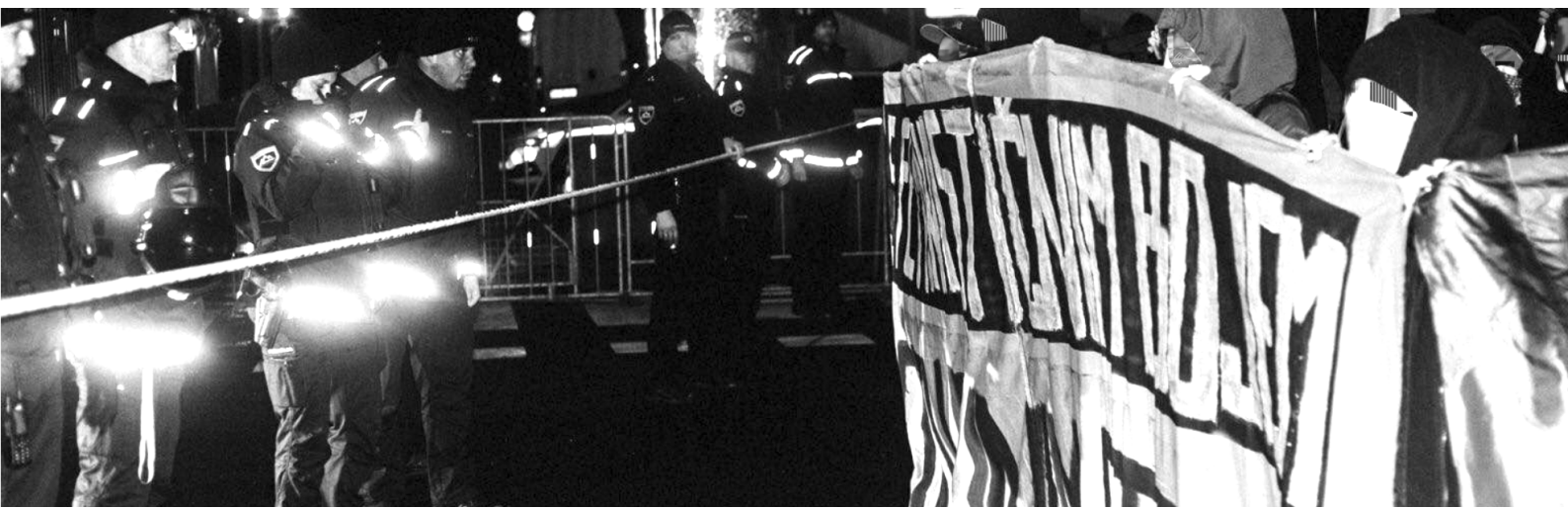
2 years of war in ukraine, months of genocide in gaza, congo, sudan, military violence in myanmar, colombia, yemen and elsewhere in the world. On March 8, let's unite in a strong resistance against systems of oppression and exploitation. we will not be silent when imperialist, patriarchal and colonial forces try to silence us - we loudly and decisively demand an end to violence and exploitation! together we are stronger, this is not just a slogan.

war, weapons, genocide and repression are not inevitable. demanding peace today concretely means demanding the dismantling of the apartheid regime and occupation in palestine and the suspension of all military interventions in ukraine, the dismantling of the military industry and the dissolution of military organizations of all kinds, opposition to spending public money for militarisation, for war, for the army and the police and their infrastructure. we don't want capitalist peace, which for many of us means a life of deprivation, daily violence and exploitation, but at the same time in many places it also means preparation for a new war. we reject pinkwashing, carried out by israel, as it promotes the participation of women* and queer persons in the army as the ultimate horizon of emancipation. it is clear to us that the transfeminist fight is the only way for collective liberation.

we call for a transfeminist strike that destroys social reproduction and capitalist production, of which the military industry is also a part. we strike against war as the greatest expression of patriarchal violence, we boycott the civilian infrastructure that promotes genocide in palestine and arming the oppressors. we are stopping the care work - work in our homes, in factories, hospitals, warehouses, at universities and schools, in offices and canteens. we are expanding the strike beyond paid work, which includes many forms of illegal, precarious, informal and unrecognized work. we call for solidarity among all oppressed communities.

how much are our lives worth? how much is our time worth? little, too little, almost nothing for the capitalists exploiters. if our lives have no worth - we strike! stop the reproduction of the colonial-imperialist system - if we stop, the world stops - by protests and strikes of all forms of paid and unpaid work, by boycotting purchases and daily activities that bring profit to the capitalist system, by calling for an arms embargo and strengthening efforts to prevent and cut off arms supplies to israel, using platforms to talk about palestinian women in gaza, blogging and writing on social media, and spreading tweets, leaflets or pictures with messages of solidarity with gaza and with all the colonized communities of the global south. let the 8. of march be an escalation of the struggle against the genocidal war in gaza and the zionist settler colonial project in palestine!

transnationalist solidarity transcends all borders: we join palestinian women who are resisting and fighting for their existence and self-determination, to those who are leaving the state of israel and to everyone in the world, from africa, the west, the middle east to latin america, who are striving for their own liberation!



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INSTEAD OF THE ARMY: HOMES AND FREEDOM!

today is the so-called slovenian armed forces day. some celebrate it, but we point out that the military apparatus is one of the main mechanisms for maintaining the power of nation states, and is built solely on violence-based profit. the wheel that perpetuates governments, manufacturers (the defense industry) and people using weapons (soldiers) is driven by capitalist, nationalist and patriarchal tendencies. the enormous financial resources that flow into various military operations are used to kill, destroy habitats and develop technology to eliminate with ever greater efficiency anything that stands in the way of the ruling few. we taxpayers are unwillingly supporting this system that kills, exploits, tortures, plunders, occupies, controls, intimidates, sexually assaults and profits from the (slow) death of the population.

it is the army, together with the police, which is in charge of the border infrastructure, and it is the army which, with walls, wires and surveillance systems, prevents the passage of all those who, precisely because of the occupying forces, are forced to leave their homes - some because of the loss of living space, and others because of their disagreement with being forced to take part in armed conflicts. the boundaries between the police, european institutions such as frontex and national armies are slowly being blurred through organisations such as NATO and the EU, while encouraging blind obedience to orders, obedience of subordinates, authoritarianism of superiors, discipline through fear, and the appearance of relevance through the legalised bearing of arms.

the military has never been and never will be a cause for celebration!

war is a business of counting bodies and soldiers represent death, not pride!

for a world of solidarity, free from the terror of the IDF and all other national armies, NATO, frontex and other murderous agencies!





YOU WILL NOT KILL US THEN WALK INTO OUR FUNERAL arabic proverb

To the Al Sisi military dictatorship, your move to join the ICJ case against the Israeli genocidal occupation will not distract us.

This move will not distract us from all the arrests of free Palestine activists last month.

This move won't distract us from your police protection of the Israeli occupation forces at the borders of Rafah.

We won't celebrate dictatorships.

Free all prisoners of conscience, including free Palestine activists in Egypt right now.

We demand that you abolish the Camp David Accords that were signed against the people's will.

We demand that you cut your economic ties with Israeli apartheid and stop exploiting the refugees at the Rafah borders, seeking 5000 euros per person to cross.

We are familiar with your dictatorial techniques and your political decorative tools will not distract us.

You will not distract us from the terror you cause people in Gaza and in Egypt.

You will not kill us and then walk into our funerals.

Stop protecting the Israeli occupation forces and cut all your economic and political ties with the Israeli occupation regime right now.

PRIDE MONTH FOR FREE PALESTINE IN LJUBLJANA

pride against colonialism, genocide and war, against the exploitation, imprisonment and slaughter of our bodies and against destruction of land

To take back the autonomy of our bodies and land is nothing radical. The corrupted wage war on the underprivileged and oppressed every second of every day - from the bosses who rape their employees, the police that beat up people protesting for peace, businessmen who bulldoze community spaces and pollute nature to make room for their investment projects of hostile infrastructure trying to push the poor out of gentrified cities; to the army men who kill people on command, dictators who jail any voice that opposes their regime and the companies that simply make their money with providing weapons for the colonizers. From Ljubljana to Gaza, our greatest enemy is the evil patriarchal neoliberal imperial complex, which feeds itself on the exploitation and destruction of our bodies, minds and the natural world, compromising our shared future for generations to come.

When we say people of the world united in a struggle we will never forget our sisters in occupied territories hiding from bombs and snipers while the ideologically brainwashed elite soldiers dance on their graves. We will not stay silent while they broadcast their genocide live. We will occupy space that the ruling class thinks it can control, and we will shout in solidarity with the oppressed people and colonized land in Palestina, Sudan, Ukraine, Kurdistan, Kongo, Xinjiang, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Yemen, Iran, Libya, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Syria, Jordan, Türkiye, Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Afghanistan, India, Kashmir, Myanmar, Pakistan, The Philippines, Mexico, Columbia, Brasil, The Chagos Islands, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Kanaky, Canada, Turtle Island and so on.

The political and economic elite tries to convince themselves and the world that they have the right to decide what happens to bodies and land they think they can control. They wage wars, famine and genocides wherever they decide and deem profitable for them. The only solution is in our collective resistance to this systematic destruction of life. Men in power feel like they can exploit, rape and slaughter bodies and nature without any repercussion. Sitting in their glass castles they think they are immune to our revenge. They refuse to believe that the first stone thrown to break one window will be followed by a storm of rocks exponentially growing in size and velocity as our rage grows stronger with every sister's life compromised. We will avenge every single one of us that they try to take advantage of and soon their skyhigh towers will crumble. We will not rest until these violent power structures are dismantled, justice is served and the oppressed are liberated.

We invite you to join the anarcha-queer-feminist resistance for the following actions as part of the PRIDE FOR FREE PALESTINE in Ljubljana:

7. 6. at 18:00

DECOLONIAL STREET PARTY

a radical queer-feminist performative action with political speeches and performances, flash-mob, paste-ups and cocktail bar on free donations for Gaza - bring your colorful bodies and the spirit of resistance!

13. 6. at 11:00

PROTEST IN MEMORY OF SARA HIGAZY

in solidarity with imprisoned free Palestine activists in Egypt, against the military dictator regime that enables the genocide in Gaza and the U.S imperial affairs in the region.

15. 6. at 17:00

NO PRIDE IN GENOCIDE

bloc at Ljubljana Pride: we will meet at Metelkova and join the parade under palestinian and anarcha-queer flags with a cocktail bar and screenprinted keffiyeh bandanas on free donations for Gaza. Dress-code: colorful queer creatures.

22. 6. at 20:00

1834: AL GHAWAZI & KHAWALT

Al Khawalt is part of the Arabic heritage of queer belly dance shows which got stigmatized over the time due to the French and British colonial influence in Egypt. Al Ghawazi are womxn belly dancers who were banned in Egypt because of French colonial influence in 1834. This belly and queer belly dance show is to raise funds for families in Gaza.

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