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The history of Palestine did not begin on October 7, 2023!

Prior to October 7, there were more than 100 years of Zionist settler colonialism in Palestine, 56 years of Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip, 16 years of a brutal blockade against Gaza, and repeated bombings since 2008.

Western media, in particular, often ignore this context and spread the propaganda of the Israeli occupation. The expulsion and massacres that the occupying power Israel has inflicted on the Palestinian people since the Nakba of 1948 have reached their highest level of escalation since October 7. This approach demonstrates that the settler-colonial state of Israel aims for the eradication of the Palestinian people.

Israel has killed at least 40,000 people through bombings and approximately 200,000 through hunger, diseases, and lack of medical care due to the genocidal blockade.

At the same time, a propaganda war has been launched: The historical context of October 7 is being ignored, and long-debunked lies about atrocities committed by Palestinian fighters are being spread to dehumanize Palestinians, delegitimize their resistance, and ultimately justify the genocide in Gaza.

Germany supports this genocide through its foreign and domestic policies. Externally, this complicity is manifested in arms deliveries and political support for Israel.

Domestically, Germany is conducting a massive repression campaign against Palestine solidarity protests and organizations. Arrests, police violence, state surveillance, political dismissals, house searches, the banning of organizations, the freezing of bank accounts, repression at universities, and uniform media reporting are glaring expressions of the colonial continuity of the German state and societal institutions.

We cannot stand by idly during a genocide and will not participate in it. The Israeli occupation is destroying all educational institutions, hospitals, residential areas, and any infrastructure that serves as a basis for the Palestinians' livelihood. Its goal is the annihilation of Gaza and the extermination of the Palestinian people.

We, the Kufiya Netzwerk, call on Palestinian groups and Palestine solidarity groups and structures across Germany to take to the streets and organize actions during the week of September 30, 2024, through October 7, 2024.

We will focus on placing October 7, 2023, in its historical context and highlighting the misleading role of German media. We oppose the spread of misinformation and the relativization of Israeli war crimes by German media and politics. For the action week, we will provide various informational materials and suggest action ideas as we urge all solidarity groups and individuals to join us!

As a broad and united movement, we stand against genocide, for an end to the occupation, and for a free Palestine.