

Stop Israeli aggression against Lebanese and Palestinian youth and people!

WORLD DAY OF ACTION SOLIDARITY
27th JULY

The Connolly Youth Movement and the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) expresses their strong disgust and concern about the Israeli ongoing attacks on Lebanon and Palestine in recent days, causing hundreds of deaths and injuries among the Lebanese and Palestinian people. The war machinery of Israel—supported by the United States and its allies—has been killing and committing massacres against the innocent Lebanese and Palestinian people, destroying their society and economy and devastating their territories.

These recent military actions are part of the continued attempts to impose a solution upon the Palestinian and Lebanese people and to provoke instability in the region, under the guise of the “war against terrorism,” “dismantling weapons of mass destruction,” and “democratising regimes.” In the long struggle facing the people of the Middle East in getting real democracy, we believe the only way is to have the democratisation process coming from the free will of the people and their daily struggle and not by any imperialist intervention that aims only to exploit the people and the natural resources of the region.

Israeli troops have been massively destroying infrastructure, such as airports, bridges, power stations, and public buildings. Israel has been violating once again the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, has been bombing civilian targets and terrorising the people of Beirut and other places in the south of the country. The destruction is huge, as is the number of the victims, especially children. At the same time Israel has imposed a blockade by air, sea, and land, with all the harmful effects of this for the Lebanese people. But the truth is that the Israeli attacks have gone far beyond this, and the civilian population have been the main victims. Israel has been holding more than ten thousand Palestinian, Lebanese and other Arab political prisoners in its jails for many years.

The Connolly Youth Movement and WFDY expresses their solidarity with patriotic forces in Lebanon, as before, they will resist the aggression and will defend and preserve the independence, sovereignty and territorial unity of their country. Years of Israeli occupation and aggression carried out against the Palestinian people, the apartheid wall and settlements has not brought any lasting solution but rather further crimes against humanity committed by the state terrorism of Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people, in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, with the destruction of the civilian infrastructure and the imprisonment of Palestinian leaders and representatives, including members of the government.

We call upon all young people to support the struggle of the Palestine people against the Israeli occupation, for an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, for the right of return of Palestinian refugees, and the immediate dismantling of the apartheid wall that Israel is constructing in the occupied territories of Palestine. The Connolly Youth Movement and WFDY believe that the only lasting solution is will be found in when the rights of the Palestinian people, on the basis of the various UN resolutions.

It is necessary to put an end to this criminal assault that is causing untold suffering and driving the whole region towards a conflict of even greater and more dangerous proportions. It is necessary to condemn the brutal actions of retaliation and the punishment of entire populations with the cynical smashing of the most elementary human rights and a clear violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

The silence and complicity of the United States and the European Union in the face of these crimes is unacceptable but predictable. The Connolly Youth Movement along with other progressive youth

organisations across the world are engaged in a world day of action the struggle against this criminal crusade and to develop a range of actions to raise the awareness of young people and compel Israel to withdraw its forces and halt all military operations in Lebanon and Palestine.

We call on Israel to stop immediately the aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian youth and people. The Irish Government has been silent for far too long on this conflict.

- Boycott Israeli Goods
- Solidarity with Palestinian and Lebanese People's
- Contact Dept Foreign Affairs about their silence.
- Write to Israeli Ambassador demand the immediate withdrawal of Israeli Army from Lebanon.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
THURSDAY 27TH JULY
7-45AM – 9-00AM
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