



In defense of the Palestinian people and their right to resist

“The sole resolution to the conflict lies in the international community ensuring Israel’s adherence to the UN resolutions regarding occupied territories.”

The Communist Party of Spain (PCE) and the Union of Young Communists of Spain (UJCE) strongly reaffirm their support for the Palestinian people and their right to resist. Recent events on October 7th serve as a stark reminder that Palestine has endured 75 years of harsh occupation by the Israeli regime, marked by ethnic cleansing and the imposition of an apartheid system.

It is a fundamental right and obligation for all oppressed populations to defend themselves, particularly when the occupying force consistently disregards United Nations resolutions. In the case of the Palestinian people, we cannot forget that Gaza represents the world’s largest open-air prison—a blockaded and heavily militarized enclave where the occupier daily violates the basic human rights of Palestinians.

The "state of Israel" systematically engages in acts of violence, with more than 5,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli detention—many of them enduring permanent administrative incarceration, including minors. Aerial assaults on the Gaza Strip persist, daily fatalities occur in the West Bank, and illegal Israeli settlements continue to expand in the West Bank and East Jerusalem—all this unfolding amid the passive acquiescence and complicity of the “international community.”

Certain entities cynically endeavor to “condemn” and “criminalize” the Palestinian people’s right to resist. These are the same parties that remain silent or extend support in the face of systematic human rights violations that Palestine has endured for 75 years. Statements like those articulated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, José Manuel Albares, or the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, conveniently omit historical context and constitute an affront to human rights and those who champion them.

As the President of Colombia, Petro, pointed out at the United Nations, it is perplexing how the international community approaches different international conflicts when confronted with similar scenarios of invasion and illegal occupation by a third party. What holds true for Ukraine should also apply to Palestine.

The international community has forsaken the Palestinian people, who possess the right and responsibility to exercise their right to resistance. The only viable resolution lies in

adhering to international law: ending the occupation and the blockade of Gaza, implementing UN Resolution 194/48—which calls for the return of refugees.

The sole resolution to the Palestine-Israel conflict necessitates the international community's insistence on Israel's compliance with the numerous resolutions concerning occupied territories, resolutions that have been systematically violated. This entails securing Palestine's right to sovereignty and independence while promptly initiating a peace process that guarantees the cessation of occupation and respect for international law.

Our solidarity stands firmly with the Palestinian people.
Long live a free Palestine!