



This pamphlet was created as part of the launch of our 7th issue 'Miseducation'. Occurring in the context of the ongoing genocide against the people of Gaza, we wanted to share some background knowledge on Canadian complicity as well as highlight Palestinian voices on the ground in the spirit of solidarity.

To paraphrase our call out: "We have been miseducated about ourselves and our freedom and we've been taught to be comfortable with our conditions". We have been alienated not just from

our labour but from our right to knowledge and information that doesn't serve the violent political and economic goals of the colonial and Neo colonial state.

The spirit of resistance in Palestine has shown us that Knowledge, when harnessed, becomes a formidable agent of resistance.

It provides individuals with the tools to comprehend their rights, grasp the nuances of history, and decode the mechanisms of power, enabling them to challenge oppressive forces and ideologies. The determined persistence, whether interpreted as stubbornness or unwavering perseverance, serves as a safeguard against yielding to unjust demands. When channeled in service of just causes, this unwavering spirit becomes an unyielding testament to one's dedication in the face of adversity, reinforcing the staunch refusal to succumb to unjust pressures and establishing a formidable foundation for enduring resistance. Neutrality is a form of violence.

**Knowledge
as a tool
of resistance**



As Israel continues its genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, it's more clear than ever: Canada has become one of Israel's most extreme supporters. They sell Israel weapons, they back them at the UN. They offer them special trade access.

So, what explains this relationship? In 2005, Liberal prime minister Paul Martin put it this way: "Israel's values are Canada's values." They are indeed—the values of settler colonial states. Both cleared the land of Indigenous peoples to make room for settlers. Both impose and entrench that land theft with police or military violence.



Since Israel's foundation, Canada has assisted U.S. interests in the Middle East: backing a strong client state to help control the region's oil and keep Arab nationalism in check. Canadian companies built the Israeli Air Force's communications system, and components for bombers and helicopters, unmanned drones and maritime patrol aircraft, surveillance systems and body armour. They've even helped build the highways used by Israeli settlers that are off-limits to Palestinians.

STATEMENT FROM BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY RAMALLAH TEACHERS & EMPLOYEES



2023 will be recorded historically as the year that Palestinians stood boldly in the face of colonial fascism and screamed in defense of their homes, humanity, and lives. Palestinians as a people have endured over a century of settler colonial violence. We have thrived as a people and shall continue to do so. We do not need to speak of our right to resist, for it is not a right but a way of being and survival for Palestinians.

Zionism, the settler state, and the entire colonial system that is a product of this fascist ideology can no longer falsely hide beneath the cloak of humanism.

In Palestine, in 2023, we do not demand our right to narrate. Our ability to narrate

was never out of our hands, and resistance in all of its manifestations and forms does not need the pre-approval of static international law codes. The oppressed do not need to claim authority over their own oppression; the ongoing events of history – our history – are what allow us this authority. We consider it our duty not to expose the bloody barbarism of Zionism; their actions as a fascist state and a ruthless army are more than sufficient to undertake this task. It is our duty to record this moment not as its victims but as the people who will remember, record, survive, and resist it.

Our history will tell the story of these acts not only as a record of colonial brutality but also as a record of our boldfaced determination to live and resist it. We remain attached to our land and to our humanity as Palestinian Arabs – no need to prove our humanity to those who have lost theirs.

We Palestinians have a right to our freedom. It is not a right enshrined in the precarious words of law codes but our human dignity to fight for freedom. Palestinian resistance has been criminalized since the beginning of the settler colonial invasion of Palestine.

Given all we know and all we have seen, we must act and choose justice and humanity and fight the oppression of colonial degradation. We are all Palestinians now, and we must all act immediately against the real criminals and scream in the face of this monster and his barbaric acts.

We in occupied Palestine — and all Palestinians — have no illusions in the poetic dreams of the triumph of the pen over the sword because the sword

has cut too deeply into our flesh at the hands of an enemy who has been granted by the hypocritical international community and the destiny of imperial history to claim a monopoly on both the sword (that which acts to kill) and the pen (that which narrates the acts of killing).

We are not your passive victims; we have been murdered, maimed, and displaced by a setter state driven by an ideology of insane hatred and bloody violence, but we will not be silenced. Our resistance shows us the path forward, and we remain steadfast, and we shall triumph.

