



Palestinian Youth Network – Members Newsletter

March 2010

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More Details of Events and Actions all over the world will be added to the website.

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Land Day – 30-3- 2010

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In occupied Palestine, Palestinians are mobilizing to show their anger and they are facing brutal military retaliations. As Palestinians spread across the globe, we must do the same and mobilize to show our anger and support.

The Ethnic Cleansing of Jerusalem must stop now, the demolition of Palestinian homes must stop now, the intensifying suffocation of our people must stop now, and we **MUST** raise our voices to support our brothers and sisters in Palestine and at the silent international community, too focused on negotiations to pay attention to the heightened injustice and suffering!

You can download the poster clicking on the following link:

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** Please send us the details of your event no later than the 26th of March and we will publish all organized events at the web page of the PYN www.pal-youth.org and if you can send us some pictures directly after the event that will help us in making a video clip of all activities organized. You can contact us for questions, comments, or to send in information about and pictures of events at: pyn@pal-youth.org

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Today, Israel continues to annex Palestinian lands and resources at the expense of millions of Palestinians living under a brutal military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as second class citizens within the Israeli racist state, in chronic poverty and misery within refugee camps across the Arab world or lost in exile across the global diaspora facing Zionist hegemony and racial profiling within their countries of residence. In the Silwan district of Jerusalem, Israel uses institutional forms of racism to displace thousands of Palestinian native inhabitants so that they may pursuit their long-term political objectives of complete resource, military, social, political, cultural and economic hegemony and supremacy over the region. E-mail: pyn@pal-youth.org, Web: www.pal-youth.org

PYN recognizes that the current Israeli attempt of land confiscations and displacement of Palestinians from Jerusalem and its outskirts is reminiscent of the 1976 land confiscation and militaristic tactical strategy designed by a more sophisticated form of Zionism. We believe in the power of collective organic mobilization in defense of our inherent rights as a people. We believe the struggle of Palestinians inside 1948 historic Palestinian boundaries as an integral experience in defining the Palestinian collective identity and we are steadfast in the reconciliation of Palestinian leadership and indivisibility of our people. It is the falsified Zionist imagined border that crossed us and we Palestinians will never succumb to inferiority, suppression, and believing that it is we who crossed borders. Let this anniversary remind all Palestinians worldwide and their allies that this cause is worthy, just and deserving of our determination. On this day, we say to our brothers and sisters living within different borders and boundaries across the Palestinian terrain that we are with you in spirit and support you in all ways that enable you to remain steadfast against extermination. We call on Palestinians worldwide and our allies to engage in and spearhead the global BDS movement as a means of supporting the needs and self-determined national aspirations of the Palestinian collective struggle for liberation.

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Recent Activities

USA Speaking Tour -November 2009

New York: The meeting was conducted by an IEB member who met with individuals that were interested to know more about PYN and the work the network aims to do.

Arlington Virginia: The meeting conducted in DC was conducted by an IEB member who met with potential and interested members a wide variety of young professionals and graduate students.

Maryland: The IEB member met with active students form the University of Maryland.

Germany Speaking Tour November 2009

Berlin, Germany: One of the IEB members participated in Berlin Model United Nations (BERMUN) during which the PYN spoke in front of the Security Council about the issue of Palestine, national and youth movements and the foundation of PYN. A number of meetings were then organized with active Palestinians in the community that were interested to learn about PYN and what are the opportunities available and possibility of work.

Norway speaking tour - December 2009

The meeting was conducted in Oslo with active Palestinian youth in Oslo who were interested to know about PYN.

Palestine speaking tour - December 2009

The speaking tour in Palestine consisted of 9 days in which a selected IEB members and PYN members met with different active organizations, leaders, university students, university groups and committee heads in camps. The speaking tour also included participation in events and presenting PYN.

IEB Meeting February 2010:

Athens, Greece: The International Executive Board met for the third time to review the work that took place through the last year 2009 and discuss the progress of the local branches building process and the plans for 2010 which included the speaking tours, summer school and summer camp.

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Speaking Tour

One of the tasks that were assigned to the International Executive Board in 2008 as a part of the two year strategic plan was to organize and conduct international speaking tours. The aim of the speaking tour is to promote and facilitate the interactions among Palestinian youth in the same country and with young Palestinians all over the world by creating a local and international network that will provide them with the practical, cultural and political support they could need.

Tours were conducted in a number of countries through-out the last year. Currently the speaking tour committee is being established to support the IEB in organizing and prioritizing areas to be visited. In addition to that letters were sent to organizations and individuals that might be able to support in connecting PYN to Palestinian youth in their countries or help in organizing a tour in their country.

If you think you can support and connect us to organizations and individuals please contact us at pyn@pal-youth.org.

Summer Camp 2010

The International Executive Board is coordinating a summer camp in parallel with the summer school. The summer camp will have a similar curriculum to the summer school and will be open to a wider range of PYN member participants. This would give an opportunity to interested individuals to participate and gain a similar experience. More Details will be communicated with the members soon.

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Summer School 2010

The International Executive Board is coordinating a Palestinian summer school for PYN member's ages 18 to 35 for the summer of 2010. In the Madrid conference of 2008 the PYN founders adopted a two-year strategic action plan that called for the coordination of this summer school.

The PYN summer school will gather 40 active and competent Palestinian youth from various countries worldwide for three weeks during the summer of 2010. The objective of the summer school is to strengthen the individual leadership skills, the collective leadership communication as well as the collective spirit of initiative and agency of PYN core members and leadership.

We aim to do this through developing a program that seeks to foster these principles in the following methods: seminars, group workshops, private reading, and discussion. Participants will enhance both their historical knowledge of the Palestinian question as well as the theoretical frameworks that informs the history of the Palestinian plight and quest for justice and liberation. The school also intends on providing the youth with the space to discuss the various issues that concerns them as young Palestinians while simultaneously developing a critical intellectual analysis of Palestinian exile, politics, society, culture nationalism, and resistance. Lastly the coursework will familiarize the youth on how to combine theory and methodology to create and sustain transparent, relevant and justice centered organizational leadership of PYN.

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Global Events and Actions

USA- NY : March 27th

Al-Awda-NY, US Palestine Community Network-NY, Arab Muslim American Federation, American Muslims For Palestine & International Action Center Action

Rally to defend Jerusalem, To Commemorate Yom al Ard:
Saturday March 27, 2010 2pm Times Square NYC 42nd St. & 7th Ave.

France – Paris : March 27th

Manifestation pour la Palestine, Samedi 27 Mars à 14h
au départ, de Barbès à Paris
Palestine, Résistance!! Halte à la Judaïsation, de Jerusalem!!
www.gups-france.org / Info line: 06.59.12.22.42

Italy : March 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th

Forum Palestina join the international day of action on 27,28,29,30 of March.
For details on events and activities please visit the webistes
www.forumpalestina.org
www.boicottaisraele.it

Italy – Milan : March 30th

Nweweapons has a conferece on crimes of war in Milan on the 30.

Netherlands: March 30th

A Flash Mob organised on the 30th of March, in Utrecht, calling for a boycott of Israeli products. The Flashmob will start at the central station and more and more people will join in specific outfits

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Dear PYN friend ,

The Palestinian Youth Network (PYN) is an independent, nonpartisan alliance, founded by a group of young Palestinians scattered throughout the world as a result of the occupation of our homeland. Our belonging to Palestine, passion to preserve our Palestinian identity, and desire to contribute to the liberation of our land and people has driven us to build this network aimed at amplifying the voices of Palestinian youth and enhancing their role in building a better future for ourselves and our children. PYN is comprised of Palestinian youth between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five from over thirty three countries in Europe, the Arab world, North America, Central America and South America.

One of our primary missions is to create a platform in which Palestinian youth from an array of different professional, academic, religious, geographic, linguistic, cultural, political, activist, and experiential backgrounds are able to meet and learn about the diversity of Palestinian identities. This goal is aimed to give Palestinian youth the knowledge and experience needed to organize amongst one another in an umbrella of unity towards a justice centered viable solution to the Palestinian plight that addresses the inherent human, legal, civil, cultural, gender, and environmental rights of all Palestinians in the world, foremost among them the refugees right to return to their homeland.

You can take part by:

- Becoming a member http://www.pal-youth.org/join_pyn
- Connect us to young Palestinians in your city/ county
- Update us of Palestinian Activities in your areas
- Donate

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