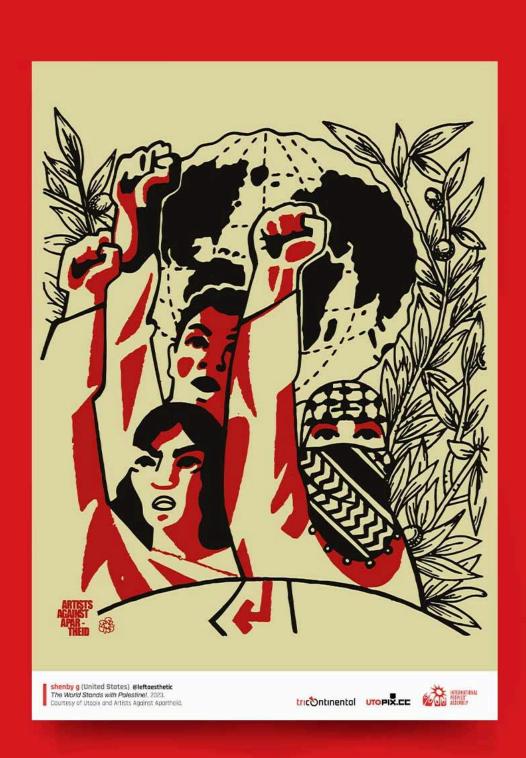


SOLIDARITY STATEMENT



CALL TO ACTION ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Pan Africanism Today (PAT) joins millions of people worldwide in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to the struggle of the Palestinian people for freedom, dignity, and self-determination. For more than seven decades, the people of Palestine have endured apartheid, settler-colonial occupation, land theft, and violent dispossession under Zionist Israel, an occupation decisively sustained by the military, financial, and diplomatic power of the imperialist United States and its European allies.

Since **7 October 2023**, Israel has intensified its genocidal assault on the Palestinian people. More than 70,000 Palestinians, the majority of whom are women and children, have been killed, and entire neighbourhoods have been erased while hospitals, schools, and universities have been reduced to rubble. Israel continues to block humanitarian aid to Gaza and the West Bank, deliberately starving children and denying millions of people the most basic necessities of life. These are not isolated atrocities; they are the logical outcome of a long-standing Zionist, settler colonial project.

Across the African continent, we recognise these realities with clarity because we know them from our own histories. African peoples have endured slavery, colonialism, apartheid, and imperialist domination. Our liberation has always been bound together with the struggles of oppressed peoples everywhere. For this reason, we have consistently encouraged the mobilisation of popular organisations, including trade unions, youth, women, peasants, political parties, and social movements, in solidarity with Palestine. Today, we reaffirm that the liberation of the Palestinian people is inseparable from the full liberation of the African people. Their struggle is our struggle; their freedom strengthens our own.

As we commemorate this important day, PAT calls on all progressive and peace-loving people across Africa and the world to mark this International Day of Solidarity with clear and visible actions, public statements, marches, cultural expressions, vigils, and other manifestations of people's power. Let us transform this day and onwards from commemoration to mobilisation; from reflection to action.

We must raise our voices against genocide, apartheid, occupation, and imperialism. We must demand an immediate end to Israel's war on the people of Gaza, an end to the siege, the release of political prisoners, the right of return for Palestinian refugees, and the realisation of a free, sovereign, and united Palestine.

Africa has not forgotten its own history, and we refuse to be silent in the face of injustice.

From the continent of Patrice Lumumba, Titina Sila, Amílcar Cabral, Thomas Sankara, Samora Machel, Winnie Madikizela Mandela, and Kwame Nkrumah, we rise once more to declare: *Free Palestine. Free Africa. Free all oppressed and exploited peoples.*

In Solidarity
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