

Statement Against the War on Iran and the Silence That Enables Israel to Unleash Death Across the Region — Your Silence Makes You Complicit

We vehemently condemn the violent military assault by Israel on Iranian soil.

This is not self-defense. This is not deterrence. This is war.

A war executed with calculated precision, cloaked in the language of "preemption"—yet it is, in fact, a flagrant violation of international law. A brutal act of imperial aggression. A direct strike against the very notion of global justice.

We've seen this script before:

In Iraq. In Afghanistan. In Libya. In Syria.

Each time, it was branded as "defense," "liberation," "stability."

Each time, it was a lie.

And each time, it left behind scorched earth, generational trauma, and societies shattered beyond recognition.

We denounce with absolute clarity and unwavering rage the escalating war of aggression being waged by Israel—not on one front, but across several sovereign nations and peoples.

Right now, Israel is at war with:

- **Palestine:** where Gaza has been reduced to rubble by genocidal bombardment, starvation, and systematic erasure.
- **Lebanon:** where daily airstrikes threaten to engulf the entire south.
- **Syria:** where Israeli missiles rain down on Damascus and Aleppo in routine violations of sovereignty.
- **Iran:** where Israeli missiles assassinated diplomats and officials on sovereign territory.
- **And beyond**—Iraq, Yemen, the Red Sea—Israel's reach and destabilization ripple across the entire region with impunity.

This is not defense. This is not restraint.

This is a militarized settler-colonial state—led by Netanyahu's far-right regime—acting as an unleashed imperial attack dog, fully armed by the United States, cheered or silently enabled by European powers, NATO, and shamefully, segments of so-called progressive civil society in the West.

What makes this moment even more chilling is the deafening silence.

The genocidal war on Gaza continues. The attacks on Lebanon and Syria intensify. And now, Iran has been bombed.

And the response from European governments? Silence.

From NATO? Silence.

From the liberal or "progressive" left in countries like Germany? Worse than silence—moral gymnastics, desperate justifications, and deliberate complicity.

Terror in a Different Tongue

Israel bombs Iran, and the world speaks in riddles.

Targeted assassinations and cross-border bombings are called “defensive.”

Embassies and diplomats are no longer safe.

This is not a nuclear containment strategy.

This is terrorism.

This is a reckless provocation meant to plunge the region into a broader war—and to suppress any alternative political vision not subordinated to imperial interests.

This is not just about Iran.

This is a continuation of a long-standing imperial strategy: to crush every government, movement, or people that resists certain domination and alignment.

We are told: *"They are a threat."*

And then, the bombs fall.

The propaganda flows.

The brown bodies die.

The white bombs “surgically” cleanse.

Language becomes a weapon:

- Palestinians and Hamas "terrorize"; Israel "responds."
- Iran "escalates"; Israel "defends."
- Syria is “destabilized”; Israeli strikes are “preventative.”
- Lebanon is “complicit”; Israeli aggression is “measured.”

This is how imperial racism operates.

This is how mainstream media manufacture consent.

This is how settler-colonial logic dehumanizes lives and weaponizes death.

Let's Say It Plainly

If the people being killed were white, Christian, or European, the world would scream.

But they're not.

They are brown. They are Muslim. They are Arab, Kurdish, Persian.

And that makes their murder "complex." That makes their genocide "understandable."

This is not nuance. This is racism.

This is the moral collapse of a world order built on colonial hierarchies of life.

The Middle East Is Not on Fire Because It Is the Middle East

It is not “inherently violent.” It is not “culturally backward.”

It is burning because empire lit the match—and keeps pouring gasoline on the flames.

From the Sykes-Picot lines to the occupation of Palestine, from the CIA coup in Iran (1953) to the US invasion of Iraq (2003), to the ongoing normalization of Israeli settler-colonialism, this fire has names.

Israel's latest actions are not about self-preservation.

They are about domination.

They are about cementing Israel's status as a regional hegemon by violently extinguishing all forms

of resistance, regional autonomy, or non-alignment with the West and its unleashed mayhem across the region.

Silence Is a Political Act

We are sickened by the silence of European powers—especially Germany, where even grieving is criminalized if it doesn't align with state doctrine.

We are devastated by the cowardice of liberal and activist spaces that claim to stand for justice, but disappear when the bombs fall on brown bodies.

- Climate activists chain themselves to coal mines—but say nothing as bombs destroy the air, water, and soil of entire cities, lands and leave mass distractions and pollution.
- Migration justice advocates cry for asylum—but go mute when wars they ignore create the very refugees they claim to defend.
- Feminist and queer movements in Europe march under slogans of intersectionality—yet turn their backs on queer and feminist uprisings in Iran, Kurdistan, Syria, and Lebanon bombed out of existence.
 - *Zan. Zendegi. Azadi.*—a movement led by women, queers, workers—was not just ignored, it is now being erased under Israeli missiles and Iranian regime repression.
 - In Syria, feminist and anarchist councils in Rojava faced ISIS, Assad, and Turkish bombs—with little to no solidarity from those who call themselves “progressive.”
 - In Lebanon, queer activists, students, and feminist collectives are being crushed between collapsing states and foreign bombs.

You cannot be anti-fascist and tolerate fascism abroad.

You cannot be anti-racist and ignore racialized mass murder.

You cannot stand for justice and turn your back on the people being allowed to be killed in your name.

We Are Against All Wars

We oppose all wars, all invasions, all occupations.

Not selectively. Consistently.

We have risen time and again against our own regime—against its repression at home and its proxy wars abroad. Yet we have always, unwaveringly, stood against all forms of colonialism, imperialism, state terrorism, occupation, war, and every regressive force devastating our region.

Because no people have ever been liberated by foreign bombs.

Not in Iraq.

Not in Afghanistan.

Not in Libya.

Not in Syria.

Not in Iran.

Not in Palestine.

War does not build democracy. It annihilates it.

War does not free people. It buries them.

This Is Our Line

- We reject every excuse, every justification, every cynical performance of grief that excludes the non-Western dead.
- We reject the cowardice of those who speak intersectionality but ignore imperial violence.
- We reject the imperialist logic that divides the world into the “civilized” and the “expendable.”
- We condemn the suppression of anti-war voices—especially from Middle Eastern, Muslim, and marginalized communities.
- We condemn the weaponization of antisemitism to silence anti-colonial, anti-war, anti-Zionist speech.
- We oppose the Israeli government and the Iranian regime alike—their mutual militarism, repression, and contempt for the people they claim to represent.

This war is not the will of the people.

Not of Iranians. Not of Israelis.

It is the will of war machines—politicians, arms dealers, colonial nostalgists, and racist governments.

And We Name It

What Israel is doing is not “self-defense.”

It is **imperialism, racism, occupation, mass murder, genocide, state terrorism, and regional destabilization.**

This war will not disarm Iran. It will empower the worst forces within it.

It will silence progressive voices, crush uprisings, and suffocate what is left of civil society.

It will not make Israel safe—because the greatest threat to Israel is its own behavior in the region: its aggression and hostility toward neighboring and regional states and nations.

It will not bring peace. It will entrench violence as the only language of politics.

And so, we will not be silent.

Not now.

Not ever.