

ESCALATE

for **Palestine**



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Israel at the Eurovision Song Contest: No stage for genocidal propaganda!

Israel has been waging its genocidal war against the Palestinian people for a year and a half now. The enormous scale of the destruction is particularly evident in Gaza, where more than 50'000 people have been murdered, more than 110'000 seriously injured and almost all 2 million people displaced. Hospitals, schools, homes, tents, universities, water and energy supplies and cultural sites were deliberately destroyed. The disaster is worsening under a strict blockade of all humanitarian supplies: Starvation, disease and death are being used as instruments of political violence to destroy the Palestinian people. The current offensive is not an isolated incident, but part of a nearly century-long history of colonial oppression and destruction. From the Nakba, the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in 1948, to almost 60 years of apartheid in the West Bank, Israel is committing genocide in Gaza today.

We will witness another act of hypocrisy in May when the ESC turns the city of Basel into an ultra-commercialised stage for Zionist propaganda. With the participation of Israel, while the occupying entity is committing genocide in Palestine, the ESC and the Basel and Swiss governments will be complicit in this injustice. At the same time, any expression of solidarity with the Palestinian people is systematically suppressed, all in the name of a supposedly apolitical and neutral event, as the ESC always emphasizes. The settler-colonial project, which has maintained an occupation in violation of international law for more than 70 years and is engaged in the extermination of an entire people in order to establish an ethno-state, will be given a stage to present itself to the world as open, progressive and modern. Amid dancing people and happy faces, Basel will serve as a cosmopolitan backdrop for Israel's propaganda, while silencing the suffering of the people of Gaza and the destruction of Palestinian culture and history.

Anyone who still draws attention to this will be excluded, criminalized and defamed. Let's not let that happen! Let's stand together against the false, colourful narrative of ESC propaganda. Get organised, disrupt this hypocritical farce and join the demonstration for an end to the genocide and for the liberation of Palestine!

WE CALL ON EVERYBODY TO PROTEST AND BOYCOTT THE ESC AND ESCALATE FOR GAZA!