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SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF GAZA, Palestine

Abu Dis Committee to Support Gaza

In Abu Dis in the West Bank, different organisations have got together to create a committee to collect food, blankets and medical equipment for Gaza. They have organised demonstrations in support of people there (like the one in the picture overleaf). They send the aid on UN lorries to Gaza.

CADFA is supporting the efforts of our partners in Abu Dis in giving support to Gaza. We are sending money for medical equipment and medicines which are going via Palestinian Health Relief (the medicines) and the United Nations trucks (medical equipment) together with the Abu Dis aid. This then goes to hospitals in Gaza.

It takes some time to get the aid to Gaza as permission has to be sought and the lorries are held up at checkpoints and made to unload and reload; but the aid can get there. We would appreciate your help with this effort.



Returning to school after the Israeli war on Gaza in January 09 – boys from Jabalya Refugee Camp sit next to the desks of boys killed by the Israeli attacks.

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*Promoting human rights and
respect for international humanitarian law*



CADFA demonstration in Camden, London

What happened in Gaza in Jan 09?

December 08 and January 09 saw ferocious Israeli attacks on Gaza. In 3-4 weeks, over 1300 people have been killed by air strikes, attacks from the sea, attacks from the land. Over 5000 were seriously injured. Over 20 000 homes were destroyed, and schools, mosques and health centres.

People had nowhere to go to as the area is crowded and the borders are sealed. The Israeli military forced people from their home to “safe” areas and then bombed those areas. It bombed United Nations stores and schools. Wounded children told how they were shot at by Israeli soldiers in the streets.

Illegal weapons were used, including white phosphorus which burns people in horrible ways – this is “clear and undeniable,” says Amnesty International.

Medical supplies, food and other necessities have been denied to people by an Israeli siege. It remains hard (though possible) to get supplies to Gaza.

When the fiercest attacks subsided, Gazans were left in the ruins of their homes with whole areas flattened, family members lost, children injured, dangers in the streets. The picture on the front is in a school where only half the boys returned to their desks.

The agony and the trauma in the young population will last years.



One of the Gaza schools bombed by Israel Jan 09

But Gaza January 2009 is not the whole picture.

Many witnesses including the UN and well-known human rights agencies are calling for an investigation into grave breaches of the fourth Geneva Convention – war crimes – during that period in Gaza.

CADFA is calling for our government to take its responsibilities seriously as a high contracting party of the Fourth Geneva Convention and to play an active role in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.

Gaza is part of Palestine

Things are particularly bad in Gaza: it is very crowded, with hundreds of thousands of refugees from the part of Palestine that became Israel in 1948. Under international law (UN resolution 194), these refugees should be allowed to return, but Israel has refused to allow this.

Israel occupied the Gaza Strip in 1967, and though it withdrew its settlers in 2005, it has remained in control of the borders, frequently attacked the area, and imposed a harsh economic siege.

But Gaza is part of Palestine – and shares with all of Palestine the same story: human rights violations linked to pressure on the Palestinians to leave their homeland, which Israel wants to take over.

In the West Bank, huge areas of land have been taken by Israel for the Separation Wall, for military areas and for ‘settlements’ – Israeli-only new towns, which are illegal under international law.

In the area of Abu Dis, while the world’s attention was on Gaza, a new land expropriation order was issued, Palestinian houses were being knocked down, children were being imprisoned, young people were shot by the Israeli army while demonstrating in support of Gaza.

There is more information about how this all fits into the whole question of Palestine on our website www.camdenabudis.net and in our new book “**Voices from Abu Dis**” (you can get this via the website)



Women + children demonstrate in Abu Dis

Gaza and Camden Abu Dis

CADFA works to promote human rights and respect for international humanitarian law in Abu Dis and Palestine generally.

Like our friends in Abu Dis we are very concerned about the human rights violations that the attack on Gaza represented; and we are keen to work together with them both to highlight the issue and to do what we can at a time of huge human misery.

See our website for our many regular activities.

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