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Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) attacks on the Gaza Strip have resulted in nearly 1,800 deaths, about 80% civilians. Gazans have virtually no safe place to find refuge due to the IDF's willingness to bomb hospitals and U.N. shelters. International efforts to stop the violence have been woefully inadequate, in large part because the US and Egypt are unwilling to address the legitimate demands of the Palestinian people. We demand an end to the bombing of Palestine and a just peace based on:

- Ending the IDF siege of the Gaza Strip. This includes: opening borders between Gaza and its neighbors, extending fishing rights for Gaza residents similar to those enjoyed by every other nation in the world, and creating a Gazan port that would spur badly needed economic development.
- Convoking serious negotiations leading to the establishment of a Palestinian State.
- Ensuring the right to return for all Palestinians expelled from their homes in the current state of Israel.
- Issuing reparations for the reconstruction of the massive damage caused over the past three weeks in Gaza.
- Releasing all Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli jails.

As the Mexico Solidarity Network, we make these demands from our commitment to solidarity with peoples in resistance around the world. We also affirm that apartheid is global. In the US undocumented people lack labor rights, civil rights, and human rights while a border wall separates stolen lands - first stolen from indigenous communities and then robbed from Mexico. Be it in Chiapas, Chicago, or Palestine, those of us on the bottom must unite to resist dispossession, discrimination, exploitation, and repression. And to build a world of peace and dignity.

Long live Free Palestine!

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