MAY 15TH, 2017 PALESTINIAN HUNGER STRIKE SOLIDARITY & NAKBA DAY OBSERVANCE



"OUR CHAINS WILL BE BROKEN BEFORE WE ARE, BECAUSE IT IS HUMAN NATURE TO HEED THE CALL FOR FREEDOM REGARDLESS OF THE COST." #DIGNITYSTRIKE

Marwan Barghouti, leader of nonviolent prisoner hunger strike.

PEOPLE'S PLAZA (near the bull statue downtown), **DURHAM 7 PM** Organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, Triangle-NC (more info on reverse)

What's this about a hunger strike?

A prisoner hunger strike is a protest of the last resort. On April 16, 2017, more than 1,500 Palestinian prisoners launched the largest collective hunger strike in years, on the occasion of marking 50 years of military occupation & nearly 70 years of Israel's displacement & imprisonment of Palestinians.

Their demands are simple, including: reinstating visitation rights, installing phones, improving medical care, and ending solitary confinement and administrative detention (the practice of holding prisoners for indefinite periods without charge or trial).

Since the occupation of 1967, roughly 20% of the Palestinian population has been imprisoned by the occupying power at one point or another. The Palestinian prisoners' organization Addameer reports that Israel currently holds approximately 6,300 Palestinian political prisoners, including 300 children and approximately 56 women as well as an estimated 500 Palestinians in administrative detention (including 2 children). This hunger strike comes in a long tradition of hunger strikes and prisoner strikes as nonviolent protest tactics used by movements for liberation around the world.

For more information, see https://nyti.ms/2pwmU47

What's al-Nakba?

May 15, 1948 marked the end of the British Mandate (1922-1948) and the beginning of Israel as a state. Palestinian Muslim and Christian Arabs consider this day to be al-Nakba (pronounced an-Nakba), 'the Catastrophe', whereby they were dispossessed from their homes, lands, and livelihoods as a result of Israeli ethnic cleansing operations during the Arab-Israeli War between November 1947 and July 1949.

Who's Jewish Voice for Peace Triangle-NC?

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) - Triangle NC was created in 2013 in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill region of NC. We work towards building movements for justice and directly challenging both Israel's occupation and the American institutions that support it. We're a local affiliate of JVP national, which has thousands of members nationwide. To get involved, email us at trianglenc@jewishvoiceforpeace.org. To learn more, see jewishvoiceforpeace.org & https://jvptrianglenc.wordpress.com