

*New England Committee to Defend Palestine calls . . .*

## **PROTEST MASSACRES IN PALESTINE AND IRAQ!**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 9, 12 NOON**

**TRIANGLE PARK ACROSS FROM "ISRAELI" CONSULATE, PARK PLAZA HOTEL,  
BOSTON**

These past two weeks have been among the deadliest for Iraqis and Palestinians at the hands of their American and Zionist occupiers. With an almost total lack of protest in the United States, and only weak criticism in the international community, the U.S. government and the colonial apartheid government of "Israel" have once again demonstrated their willingness to destroy entire communities in order to achieve the goal of stealing all of the lands and resources from the indigenous populations of Palestine and Iraq.



**Sharon the butcher at UN Security Council meeting to condemn massacres in Gaza.**

**US alone votes against.**

According to an Amnesty International report, the latest "Israeli" incursion in Northern Gaza's Jabaliya refugee camp, and the sectors of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahiya, has left more than 70 Palestinian civilians dead, 20 of them children, and hundreds injured. The Palestinian Center for

Human Rights reported on October 4 that a number of the injured children have been left permanently handicapped.

The "Israeli" military has assaulted unarmed civilians with shells and missiles from tanks and helicopters. As if its agenda of collective punishment and genocide weren't plain enough, it has escalated the devastation of these Palestinian communities by destroying their homes, agricultural lands, water and electrical facilities, and historical sites. Medical personnel are shot at by the "Israeli" military, so as to obstruct the delivery of aid to the injured, and an ongoing military blockade is maintained around Gaza to prevent food and other assistance from reaching the population.

In the meantime, the U.S. military escalated its ongoing aggression against the Iraqi people by subjecting the citizens of Samarra to a campaign of indiscriminate aerial bombing and shelling from nearby tanks. Hundreds of families have been forced to flee their homes, and nearby hospitals are flooded with the dead and injured.

The U.S. military lied yet again about its actions in Iraq by insisting that only persons killed in Samarra were those participating in the resistance to their occupation. But residents and medical personnel have been quick to dispute that. An ambulance driver told Associated Press: "Dead bodies and injured people are everywhere in the city and when we tried to evacuate them, the Americans fired on us." Abdul Nasser Hamed Yassin, an official at the Samarra General Hospital, told the press that of the 70 dead in his facility, 23 were children and 18 were women.

The wide-scale level of the bombings and the degree of terror unleashed against the Samarrans clearly indicate that far from "liberating" the population from the "hold" of an "unwanted" resistance, the U.S. is using terror to subjugate the population and stamp out opposition to its occupation of Iraq.

Those of us who reside in this country are as responsible for these acts of wholesale murder as the officials who give the orders and the soldiers who execute them. For it is our taxes which pay for the weapons, and our willingness to maintain a climate of "business as usual" which makes the aggression inflicted on the Palestinians, Iraqis, and others around the world possible.

The Palestinians and Iraqis are not invisible. It is time we stop behaving as if the lives of U.S. citizens or residents are the only lives that matter, and as if aggression and genocide are acceptable when conducted by this government, or the illegitimate state of "Israel." Let's cease our complicity with the crimes of this government and make an effort to stop them. Join us.

## **VICTORY TO THE PALESTINIAN AND IRAQI RESISTANCE AGAINST THEFT AND COLONIAL OCCUPATION!**

For more information on events in Gaza go to: <http://www.pchrgaza.org>

For more information on the New England Committee to Defend Palestine go to:  
<http://www.onepalestine.org>

For more information on events in Iraq go to: <http://www.uruknet.info>