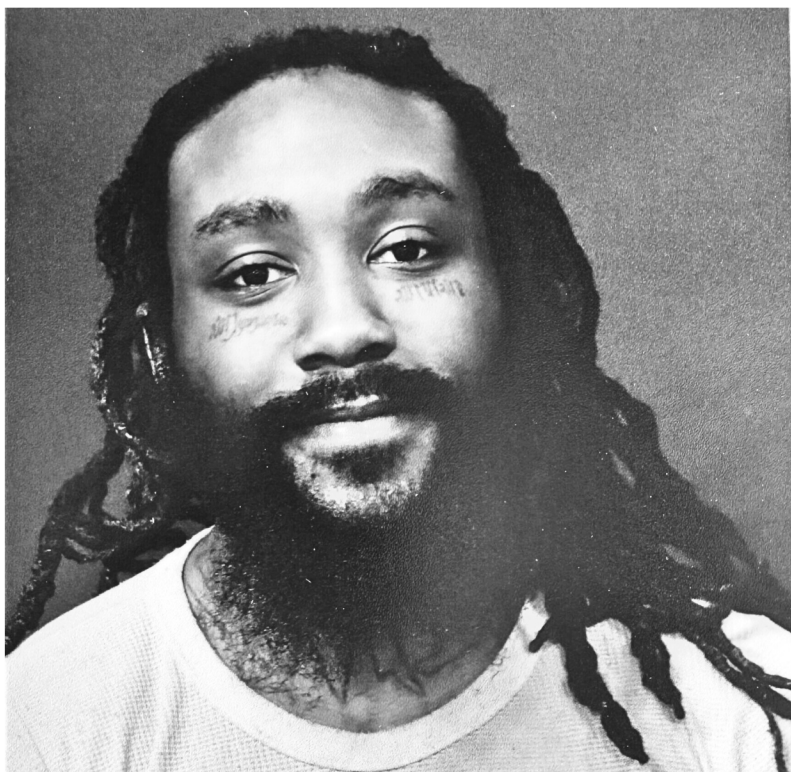


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“My name is Malik Farrad Muhammad. I’m a 26-year-old black/Palestinian pansexual Muslim (yes, hella confusing). I’m an anarchist antifascist, anti-racist abolitionist (yes, both cops and prisons) for my love of freedom! My first protest was in high school: a walkout staged after Treyvon Martin’s murder. From there, I never really got active again until “Bernie or Bust” and then, of course, the George Floyd uprising. I traveled the country and organized and fought and was ultimately kidnapped ransomed and now held prisoner here at OSP. I have a beautiful son and a loving family back home in the Midwest. I’m also a veteran, I was a tanker in the army — and no, I’m not proud that I was part of the murder machine, so don’t thank me for my service. I love music more than anything almost, am a guitarist and aspiring pianist, all genres.

Not much else to say except that I’m a lover of freedom, equity and equality, and will fight to my last breath for it. Unlike those who may regret a thing they did to get convicted or those who tempered their actions for fear of the consequences, I regret nothing, if only not doing more before I was caught. I will live for the people and I’ll die for the people because I love the people, we who want freedom cannot rest till it comes.”

“Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final.” — Rainer Maria Rilke

“All skin folk ain’t kin folk”

July 24, 2023

Let me be clear: first off, I’m no antisemitic, but I am an anti Zionist, I’m anti Zionist because I support Palestinians’ autonomy and freedom from the state oppression and violence coming from the Israeli state. I do not support the continued occupation of the homeland. From sea to sea, Palestine must be free. I feel comfortable saying Israel is a racist state the same way I say this country is. It’s at its core from its inception been racist, just as with Israel.

So for the Democratic party to condemn their colleague for calling Israel out on being racist is laughable. She had it right the first time, there need not be any walking back your statements. Now of course, when she referred to the state, she wasn’t mentioning every human living in that country, but rather the state and its policies, its policy makers, its actions and violence. The state of Israel is imbued with racism, thus making it a racist state. Same with the USA. Its inception is rooted in racism, its policies and actions, laws and policy makers have routinely acted in racist ways, making the current police state we live in racist as the police who enact violence on behalf of the dominant socioeconomic class.

You can 100% be pro Jew and be anti the Zionist idea of maintaining occupation of Palestine and enacting violence and state repression. Stop blindly supporting Israel as if it was support of the Jewish people. The prime minister is a racist, he’s constantly been on the far right in policy making and his agenda, and just recently had his whole country protesting his actions. We must remember the old adage: “all skin folk ain’t kin folk” — by this we mean just because we look the same (maybe even had the same struggle in ways), don’t make us alike or you looking after my best interests. In this sense, just because the people of that country have endured their own oppression and violence over the years, doesn’t absolve them of their government’s current sins. Just because their prime minister is Jewish, doesn’t mean he’s for the people or progress. We’ve seen a party in Sweden with deep neonazi ties come to power, we seen a woman in Italy come to power with a base in Mussolini’s fascist ideology. All people who may look like us or have gone through a struggle don’t make them for us. Same with policy, all policy changing ain’t positive.

We can look at home with regards to the George Floyd changes to ban certain practices and no knock warrants on behalf of Breonna Taylor or even body cams. These policy changes were no more than appeasements long overdue mind you and without addressing real changing to policing. Body cams were never something meant for the accountability of police; rather, it was touted as something for officers to back themselves up in their narrative. The slogan the company used to pitch body cams to police was “when something happens, everyone sees a side of the story — make sure its yours” it wasn’t meant to make US feel safer, but for police to have their own ability to say “look I feared for my life.”

We look at prison “reform” as well when there was a huge push to get prisoners to stop fighting fires for the state. Well, those same people like doing that, for the skills they get the freedom they’re allowed to have at the fire camp rather than the walls of OSP, the lack of cops and actually working with people. The same as when we look at divesting from prisons, like our Governor did here in Oregon, rather than taking from the wages of these overpaid babysitters with badges and racist ways they took from the food budget. Meaning we get smaller portions, and older, worse meat than we already get.

So we must be ever vigilant that when we make demands and fight for what’s right, we must make sure we’re not getting the wool pulled over our eyes or appeased. But I digress, in the same way I didn’t feel more comfortable or safe or less oppressed in this country just because we had a black president, your support shouldn’t be thrown to some leader and their oppressive state because they’ve been oppressed before.

Stay woke comrades.

“On the current oppression, subjugation, & genocide of the people of Palestine”

February 2, 2024

I first saw the attack on Israel on Oct 7th. I went to the hole the next day. So from there I listened to the radio about it for a month. I cried and my heart was heavy. I've kicked myself for not being free, not going to Palestine and doing any aid work I can. Since I was a kid I dreamed of going there, since I was a kid I've had a passion for freedom from oppression over there (everywhere really). Now I'm stuck, helpless, its infuriating.

Now it's over 3 months into this conflict and the audacious actions of the Israeli state are deplorable. It's in no way comparable to the October 7th attack. I think of this dialectically, both are true at the same time. Oct 7th was an atrocity, AND Israel is currently committing war crimes and a genocide. The unrelenting support of the state by the world is also despicable. The very notion that because genocide was coined during the Holocaust does NOT limit it to one people or ONE nation's actions. We commented on genocide and ethnic cleansings in Africa. We condemned North Korea for the atrocities committed against its own people. But because it's a U.S. ally, their actions are justified? They're somehow immune to critique or subject to adhere to the rules of war? That's asinine, and JUST like the world sat idly by during Germany's crimes, they are doing the same now. Don't WAIT until things become a broader conflict for there to be action taken! By then it'll be too late! By then history will look back at the slaughtered Palestinians and acts of Israel and judge those sympathizers and their inaction as among those on the wrong side of history. They will be judged harshly.

Make no mistake, Israel IS carrying out a genocide. Make no mistake, it's happening in real time. Don't believe me? Listen to the rhetoric. I learned a LONG time ago, when someone TELLS you who they are, BELIEVE them. Bibi has stated his intention to NOT end this conflict until the complete destruction of Hamas. He's indiscriminately bombing, he's cutting off aid

and access to the outside, he's stacked his government with individuals who have repeatedly called for the end to Palestine. Their defense minister advocated violence against Palestinians, his people have suggested the nuclear option against Palestinians. Those are the people you're dealing with. THOSE people are fanatics, THOSE people are war mongering genocidal racists. It's not PALESTINIANS that should suffer the aggression of Israel. Nobody says you should not defend yourself against an attack, but those affected, by the state of Israel's aggression are not Hamas right now. It's innocent civilians.

I'm so SICK of people being apologists for Israel and walking on egg shells talking about them. Israel IS COMMITTING WAR CRIMES, THEY are the aggressor at this point. If someone comes in your house and shoots at you and robs you and leaves but you shoot them in the back, YOU'RE the aggressor. So the same way individuals are held to a standard of engagement, so should an ENTIRE NATION. That's what ROE [Rules Of Engagement] are for. I have to say, my hat's off to South Africa for bringing this in front of the ICJ and championing the people of Palestine. EVERY nation would do well to follow suit and take ACTION before history judges you harshly. Stand firm and DON'T water down your stance. STAND WITH PALESTINE. From the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free, do NOT let that be co-opted and watered down by liberals or criminalized by conservatives. We stand AGAINST the Zionist agenda, that does NOT make you anti-Jewish. Pro Palestine and two state solution does not make you anti Israel. Condemning that country for genocide does not make you anti-Jewish, not anti-Israeli, it make you PRO LIFE, PRO FREEDOM, PRO HUMANITY and anti authoritarian, anti genocidal. Normalize dialects, as humans we must, and no it's not as complicated as the news and liberals want to make you believe. NOTHING justifies genocide.

I can't say it enough, I'll scream in to the heavens: from the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free! End the genocide, protect the sanctity of human life, protect the people of Palestine. In the face of injustice, do not stay silent, no matter how singular your voice may sound.

For those of you wanting to make a difference, I do applaud you using your voices, taking up space, making noise! Be loud and unapologetic! Get in peoples faces, crash Biden's parties like you did at his campaign rally! That was beautiful! Don't let up! Don't relent! Those of you who CAN do

more, DO MORE. I know some things may seem scary or daring, but be daring. Don't send thoughts and prayers, send money, send food, let's crowd fund UNRWA, the organization just got defunded by several nations over allegations by Israel. Fund their relief aid to Palestinians. And for those of you as daring as me, book a flight, don't think "what can just me do", you can do a lot! Document, aid in recovering lost loved ones, give your time, its more worthy that whatever capitalist soul-sucking job you're giving your time to. Be a helping hand, a kind face in the face of this hate and anguish. Shine a light.

I envy your opportunity to do those things, there wouldn't be a soul on earth that could stop me going. I'd spend my last, I'd risk it all, I have an immense love for my homeland, but a more intense love for freedom from oppression and a great disdain for the oppressors. Interrupt every event, trend Palestine, trend anything and everything that can be done to aid the cause, because it's worthy, and don't let anyone stop you.

This has been heavy on my heart, I'll say it again and leave you with this:
From the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free! Let's make it so!

Poems for Gaza

May 14, 2025

Genocide is no accident

International aid shouldn't be this hazardous

Medics, doctors, ambulance crews, firemen, hospitals, even bombing schools

Disastrous

Your excuse

“A professional misstep”

Not even an apology that's long overdue

Nothing much a sorry could do

But the gall to wave it off with an excuse

Madness

Know this, we'll not pity you

When your day comes

To you who plot terror and destruction

Evil men orchestrating deaths

Construction, carving the world based on

Your presumption of authority

You're morally BANKRUPT

As devoid of substance as your currency

A vacancy of truth

The only truth is you're exterminating a people

Killing a planet

YOU

Evil men

Who gun down innocence

Rendering aid

I wept that day
I heard the news
Seas that run red
With you
The oppressed
Innocent
Euphrates to Mediterranean
Sea to sea
The promise of “freedom”
Looks bleak
The days are long
Nights rough
Tortured starved abhorred abandoned
By the whole world
I know how you feel
So I weep for you
As I have since a child
I wait for you
As I have since a child
To be free

Live life with autonomy

Dignity and as I weep

To growing tragedy

The carnage and depravity

Knows no bounds

Trapped in this concrete grave

As more of you are buried under concrete

Rubble

Mass graves

Ten thousand come to see the pope

Millions dismayed

But eyes remain dry for Gazan lives

You matter

You more than exist

It's tough

The road is dark and rough

But resist you must

NEVER quit

Trust not in nations

Don't hope for them to be your savior and bring peace

Place your faith not with institutions of oppression

Trust the people

Find your hope

In relationships you make and hold

Derive your faith from the hand you hold

Those who know

Trust hope and faith and love

Future is unknown

What we know is the love we hold

“Tyrants and Collaborators”

August 19, 2025

I don't understand the lack of urgency in this genocide. Countries are careful not to be “too quick” to call it a genocide. War crimes, “sure,” they say, breaches of international laws, “yeah, maybe,” but genocide, they won't say. Perhaps because that would mean they HAVE to act. And act in a substantive manner. Currently, the best they can do is recognize Palestinian statehood. Years late, as 150 countries already do, but France is the first “influential” one? It's insane that unless countries say, “I see you,” to recognize your suffering, then you pretty much don't exist. No country has recognized the human rights abuses of Blacks. Yet it persists. France's latest “I see you,” even they admit, is largely symbolic. They said they're not naive enough to think anything can be done without the U.S., which tells me this can be equated to when France told Poland to hold on for two weeks, when Germany invaded, promising aid that never came. Poland held on for over a month. How quickly did France fall next?

I want to pose the slippery slope argument regarding appeasement. We saw how appeasement served Hitler, let's put Bebe in Hitler's shoes. Quite simple, he puts those shoes on every day, and people like Minister Smutridge (I don't know how to spell his name and don't care), who by the way has the name of a bad guy from Star Wars, an operator of the Death Star, a destroyer of worlds. Smutridge is his Himmler. When Hitler was appeased, as Bebe is now, he tried to exterminate a people, wipe them from the face of the earth. That is what's transpiring in Gaza. But if you think Israel will stop there, you haven't paid attention. Israel acts with impunity and bombs any nation it deems a threat. Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iran, going so far as to set up Israel occupied zones in the former. What happens when they decide they need to expand their presence for the safety of the Israeli people?

Hitler wanted the Rhineland and the Sudetenland, then marched across Europe. Hitler felt entitled to those lands, as Bebe and his team of sycophantic, psychopathic, zionist cucks feel entitled to Palestine through their religious text. If you give a mouse a cookie, or if you appease a tyrant, you'll abet genocide. Hamas is the enemy now, exemplifying the Palestinian “problem.” If Israel is allowed, as they are now, to wipe Palestinians from that land and make it all Israel, surely their next

campaign to completely wipe out a terror organization will take them to Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria. Before you know it, tactical domination of the Middle East becomes the agenda of that particular settler colonial state. Their goal is to see a Middle East dominated and controlled by Israel. Marching East to Iran is Hitler's march west, conquering Europe, laying waste to everything in his path.

"They couldn't do that," you say? Why not? They're given impunity to commit genocide. What nation is sending troops to stop them? What nation in the Middle East has a standing army to fight them? No one thought Hitler could do what he did, not even Hitler, but each time, they marched over a border, and as no one did anything, they just got bolder. While Hitler had a larger force, Israel has nuclear capabilities and the backing of U.S., its bombs, drones, and Israeli tanks are actually better than the U.S.'s Abrams.

Point is, appeasing a tyrant is risky business, and the world is doing just that. France and the rest of the world recognized Poland as they violated their agreement to help them and let Germany lay it to waste. So recognizing the state of Palestine — that already exists, as do the people suffering and starving and dying — means nothing. The world is watching the big bad boogymen, Russia and China, imagining Russia waging a campaign across Europe, because white people are cared about more. Meanwhile, there is a very real Hitler, a very real conquest being waged, a genocide being carried out, and waiting for the U.S. to do something is fruitless. The U.S. would benefit from Israel doing that. It's why the state of Israel was created — to put another piece on the board for the U.S. in the Middle East to counter Russia. It was said once that, "if there was no Israel, [America] would have to create an Israel." That is to say, America would always prop up a power in the Middle East that could influence and destabilize the region. So, perhaps the real tyrant, the one consistently appeased... is the U.S.

“We are interconnected & inseparable”

September 9, 2025

Our sib in the UK, T. Hohxa, has direct action in her blood. For 28 long days she resisted colonizer fascists. Every ounce of resistance is a win. She won, we all did. Solidarity is the most important part of our movement. I wouldn't have cared if she were asking for a PS5 and a 25in TV or a chartered flight to Indiana. If you ride, we all ride!

Resistance is essence and solidarity foundational. International solidarity is imperative. If Palestinian prisoners know and care about the Pelican Bay hunger strikes, then we should care about them and our siblings everyday who are captured and held unjustly. Do not let imaginary borders and fascist nations tell you it doesn't matter because it's happening “over there.” All struggle is connected, all movements dire. Direct action is imperative.

It's necessary for us to maintain cross-continent solidarity because “that” isn't happening “over there” to “them” but oppression is “HERE” and happening to “US” all. Our movements are stronger together. The people are stronger together. Don't let them separate us. And remember as Palestinians starve in Gaza, so do the unjustly held 12,000 Palestinian prisoners, and the ones in US prisons and “detention” (death) centers, prisons in the UK, Australia – they are all the same. The prisoners are living under forced displacement, oppression, occupation. We are interconnected and inseparable. Our resistance should transcend man-made invisible lines.

Resist, together. Globalize the intifada. Its the only way to free Palestine , and all oppressed people of the world.

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