

“I saw this morning pictures of children from what the sender called ‘Gaza Concentration Camp’”

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Dear all,

I saw this morning pictures of children from what the sender called ‘Gaza Concentration Camp’. This horror, this cruelty is done in my name, a Jewish Israeli woman living in West Jerusalem. Israel’s crime against humanity in Gaza is done in my name, a feminist peace activist. These killings are done in the name of my loved ones. This suffering is caused in the name of my community.

This crime against Palestinian children and people in Gaza is done in my name.

I feel deep shame.

I feel pain.

I mourn.

I feel rage.

I feel helplessness.

I am part of an activist community.

My community is active everyday to stop this bloodshed.

My community is active against the occupation for long years

My community is active for a just solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict

My community is in solidarity with the Palestinian people

My community acknowledges that Palestinian people aspire to live in peace

My community is aware of the violent results of the occupation and the poverty and despair it brings.

My community is active against racism

My community is active against poverty and for social justice within Israel

My community is creating peaceful grassroots economic and ecological co operations with Palestinians from the 67 occupied territories

My community is Jewish - Palestinian

My community is old and young

My community is active for human rights of the Palestinians

My community is active for their economic, social, civil and political rights

My community acknowledges that our own security and well being is connected to the well being of Palestinians and their security and prosperity

My community is active against violence and war.

My community refuses to take part in war and the occupation

My community is active for justice, prosperity, ecological awareness and peace

My community is part of a feminist peace political global network that links between war and violence against women and sees in them a base of patriarchy.

My community is active to stop bloodshed and cruelty in the service of super powers that combine militaristic, fundamentalist, capitalist and nationalist structures

My community is made of many close and far circles of activism and knowledge

My community is diverse, varied and rich in its colors

My community is of women, men and multi gendered

My community is hetero, lesbian, gay, bi, queer and transgender

My community is local

My community is global

My community is a world wide women's feminist peace movement

I am a Woman in Black in Israel

The Israeli government is committing crimes against humanity in Gaza.

I feel shame.

I feel rage.

I feel helplessness

We did not stop the evil,

We continue to protest in the streets, to appeal to decision makers, to widespread the information, to sign petitions, to send humanitarian aid, to do direct actions, we write letters and leaflets

Our voices are not heard

Our clear and loud voices are silenced

Our voices do not reach our sisters and brothers in Palestine

Our voices do not stop the fire and destruction

We will continue to act and hope.

We will continue to cross imposed patriarchal walls, borders and ghettos

We will continue to hear the cry of Gaza

We will continue to hear the cry of the West Bank

We will also listen to the cry of women and children in Congo, North Uganda, South Sudan, Columbia and elsewhere

The suffering everywhere is connected and part of the same patriarchal political culture

We are saying out loud NOT IN OUR NAME

We refuse to be enemies

We refuse to take part in oppressive relationships

In the south of Israel where they suffer from counter violence of rockets there are also voices for peace

We will continue to oppose war and militarism

We will continue to create a culture of non violence, justice and peace

We will continue to serve humanity

May we learn and teach that all is one

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May we find transformation, justice and healing

May we all live in Peace

May we all live in Joy.

Yvonne

Jerusalem, 8 January 2009