

Statement on the Repression against the Palestine Congress in Berlin

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On Friday 12 April, several hundred police officers violently interrupted and dispersed the Palestine Congress in Berlin, which had been planned for a long time and had previously been the subject of detailed negotiations with the so-called forces of law and order. The conference was halted on absurd grounds that contravened all the rules of the rule of law, all discussions with the organisers and their lawyers were refused, and proposals for changes were ignored.

For the time being, this event represents the culmination of a campaign waged for months by the German government to prevent any solidarity with the Palestinian people and any criticism of the federal government's military and political support for Israel. Meeting rooms are being refused or withdrawn, speakers are being sidelined or prevented from entering the country.

The latest and most scandalous examples are the cancellation of an invitation to philosophy professor Nancy Fraser to give a lecture at the University of Cologne and the recent ban on former Greek finance minister Yanis Varoufakis from taking part in any political activity.

These are practices that correspond to the anticipation of a war situation: this is Germany's contribution to the war in Gaza.

- We support the solidarity movement with Palestine.
- Free exercise of political activities for the Palestine solidarity movement!
- Cancellation of all restrictive measures and compensation for organisers!
- An end to the war in Gaza!
- Stop all political and military support for Israel by the federal government!

Statement by the coordination of the Internationale Sozialistische Organisation (ISO)

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