

# Who's MAWO?

Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

## Get involved



## with MAWO!

### Meetings & Forums

**Tuesdays - 7:00PM**

**For location, please visit our web-site:**

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**\* Upcoming Organizing Meeting \***

**TUESDAY December 18**

**7 pm**

**Britannia Community Center - Learning Resource Centre  
1661 Napier Street**

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## IT IS NOT A WAR, IT IS MURDER

**Statement by Noam Chomsky on Israeli aggression and war on Gaza**

Washington, DC - November 17, 2012

"The incursion and bombardment of Gaza is not about destroying Hamas. It is not about stopping rocket fire into Israel, it is not about achieving peace.

The Israeli decision to rain death and destruction on Gaza, to use lethal weapons of the modern battlefield on a largely defenseless civilian population, is the final phase in a decades-long campaign to ethnically-cleanse Palestinians.

Israel uses sophisticated attack jets and naval vessels to bomb densely-crowded refugee camps, schools, apartment blocks, mosques,

and slums to attack a population that has no air force, no air defense, no navy, no heavy weapons, no artillery units, no mechanized armor, no command in control, no army... and calls it a war. It is not a war, it is murder.

"When Israelis in the occupied territories now claim that they have to defend themselves, they are defending themselves in the sense that any military occupier has to defend itself against the population they are crushing. You can't defend yourself when you're militarily occupying someone else's land. That's not defense. Call it what you like, it's not defense."

## Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah: Israeli Ground Assault on Gaza is 'Stupid'

Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah on Thursday evening gave a televised address on the first day of the Muslim holy month of Muharram. His speech came one day after Israel launched a major military operation in Gaza which sparked retaliatory missile fire.

"We witnessed lately a monstrous and vast aggression against our people in Gaza, and the killing of Hamas [military commander] Ahmed al-Jaabari and innocent civilians. I would like to offer my condolences to the Hamas movement and to all the Palestinian people over the death of the heroic martyr Jaabari and the Palestinian civilians. We condemn the Israeli aggression on Gaza and we call on the Arab world to take a firm stance in this regard.

The shooting of rockets [from Gaza] on Tel Aviv shows the wisdom, courage and strength of the Palestinian resistance. What happened in Gaza proves that the enemy does not need a justification to wage war. Whenever they have an interest to launch an aggression—whether it was a political, electoral or security interest—they wage a war.

The Israeli enemy resorted to deception and backstabbing. A few days prior to the aggression, there were statements that [Israel] is seeking calm and peace, but [instead they] killed the Hamas official. We notice that the enemy has benefited from its previous aggressions. It

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# NO WAR & SANCTIONS ON SYRIA & IRAN!

## STOP ISRAEL'S WAR ON PALESTINIANS!

End the Occupations of Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine & Haiti!  
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Stop the Drone Attacks!  
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Free Bradley Manning Now!

**SATURDAY DEC. 15 2 PM**

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# Cuba & Venezuela Condemn Israeli Attacks on Gaza

## Cuba Condemns Israeli Aggression against the Palestinian People

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov 17 (ACN)

The Cuban Foreign Ministry reiterated its strongest condemnation of the most recent Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and called on the international community to take action in order to stop the military escalation.

In a statement published on Granma newspaper, the Cuban Foreign Ministry says it follows with deep concern the new escalation of violence and death that Israel's military forces are unleashing against the Gaza Strip.

Once again, Israel imposes its technological and military superiority to brutally attack the Palestinian population, killing innocent civilians and inflicting huge material damage, which worsens even more the living conditions of the population in that small territory under siege.

In the face of this new aggression against the Palestinian people, Cuba reiterates its most energetic condemnation and calls on the international community to urgently take all necessary measures to stop this criminal act, the statement reads.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry ratifies its strongest support of the fair cause of the Palestinian people and their inalienable rights, which include the setting up of an independent state with Eastern Jerusalem as its capital city, the statement concludes.

## Venezuela's Chavez Condemns "Savage" Assault on Gaza Strip

By Ewan Robertson. Mérida, 16th November 2012 (Venezuelanalysis.com)

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has condemned Israel's recent assault on the Gaza Strip as "savage", and called for an end to "aggression" against the Palestinian people.

"Another aggression against the Gaza strip has begun. Savage, savage: the State of Israel bombing the Gaza Strip again," said Chavez to ministers yesterday in reference to Israel's "Pillar of Cloud" airstrike campaign against the Palestinian territory.

Israel began its offensive on Wednesday by killing the military chief of the Palestinian organisation Hamas. Agencies report that 28 Palestinians and 3 Israelis have died in the conflict so far, with a further 250 Palestinians wounded.

The Venezuelan president argued that the Israeli operation is occurring "because the [Palestinian] president Mahmoud Abbas has insisted that he's going to request, once again, the entrance of Palestine as a full member state of the United Nations".

Mahmoud Abbas submitted a renewed request for Palestine's full UN membership in September. Chavez referred to the proposal as a "realistic vision...however the response [from Israel] is this".

"Because of that, we ask for a world of peace...[where] aggression against Syria,

Palestine, and the peoples of the world stops," he continued.

At the beginning of this week, Venezuelan Vice President Nicolas Maduro confirmed that Venezuela would vote in favour of Palestine's full membership in the UN General Assembly.

"We accompany the Palestinian people in all their struggles. In this scenario of the UN our voice and our vote will be there," Maduro said.

The vice president also emphasised Venezuela's support of "the long march of the Palestinian people towards full recognition of having a state, as an independent nation, the right to peace, and their ancestral territories".

The Chavez administration has been a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause in its conflict with Israel. In 2009 Venezuela broke relations with Israel in response to its Cast Lead assault on the Gaza Strip, accusing Israel of "state terrorism" which had "cost the lives of the vulnerable and innocent: children, women, and the elderly".

In 2011, Venezuela supported Palestine's attempt to be recognised as an independent state by the UN, with pro-Palestine demonstrations held around the country. Chavez also wrote a personal letter to the UN General Secretary advocating Palestinian statehood and criticising the "barbarism" of Israeli policy toward the Palestinian people.

## Israeli Ground Assault on Gaza Is 'Stupid'

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benefitted from its 2006 attack on Lebanon.

The enemy announces a series of objectives for their aggression that do not match its real objectives, so that if they lose the battle they can say that they achieved their goals. They said their objective is to inflict maximum harm on Palestinian factions, but is that really their objective?

The enemy implicitly acknowledged that the Gaza resistance managed to impose a deterrence force.

The blood that fell in Gaza and the innocent people that were killed exposed the real image and intentions of the US and the Western countries. The US claims that it only works for its interest, and [Arab] people's democracy as it Israel launched on Palestine, it supported defend itself.



We do not want anyone or but the Arab countries firm stance. Arab countries to take measures ties with Israel, agreements with it, withdrawing envoys from Israel and support the people of Gaza with food and weapons.

Arabs are capable of stopping the aggression against Israel by exerting pressure on the US. The US can, if it wants to, stop the aggression on Gaza by making a simple phone call.

Arabs should exert pressure by decreasing the amount oil the export, or by increasing the price of oil, thus, the economies of Western countries would be threatened and this pressure would [force] the US and Israel to stop the aggression on Gaza.

I heard some Arab leaders saying that the war on Gaza aimed at turning attention away from the events in Syria. So is it possible that Israel is waging a war just to turn attention away from Syria? Israel is benefitting from the conflict in Syria and the region. It is benefitting from the change of priorities and balances.

We should do all we can. We should keep in contact with our people in Gaza, as this should not only be the battle of Gaza but the battle of us all.

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