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Highlight: Last Saturday at least 400 people assembled in Halifax in order to express solidarity with the suffering of the people of Palestine.

Body

The event had been organised by cross-community groups, including the Muslim community as well as Halifax Friends of Palestine.

It was supported by trade unions through: Halifax Trades Union Council, Bradford Trades Council, Halifax and Calderdale Unite Community as well as the National Education Union.

The PCS Samba Band was also there and played throughout in an act of solidarity.

The number of victims rises every day and this includes large numbers of children, women, health workers, journalists, teachers as well as others innocent of any crime.

The peaceful protest, with not a word of dissent from the general public, was a testimony to how rage at the awful situation in Gaza can be expressed through words and action, without violence.

The protest congregated firstly at the Jamia Madri Masjid Mosque on Gibbet Street and then moved onto Halifax town centre.

There were several speakers, male and female, many from the Muslim community who feel a justifiable sense of outrage and solidarity with the people of Gaza.

There were also supportive speeches from a Jewish and non-religious perspective.

The organisers of this event – probably the largest protest in Halifax for a generation – should be congratulated for this tremendous initiative.

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More than 400 people gather in Halifax at 'Protest for Peace' calling for an end to the conflict in Gaza

[*Saturday's gathering in Halifax called for **peace***](#)

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Locals call for peace with Gathering for Gaza

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Body

United Church Rev. Juanita Austin and a small group of supporters braved the Fri-day morning rain last week to hold a vigil – Good Friday Gathering for **Gaza** at the Ross Street Plaza.

Austin, who is also a mem-ber of Canadians for Justice and **Peace** in the Middle East (CJPME), chose that date, March 29, to apply that Easter retrospection to this event. “Good Friday, the day of Jesus’ crucifixion in the Christian calendar, is a day to reflect on the death of innocence, the failure of justice and the brutality of a world that lusts for power and privilege,” she said in an email.

It also marked 175 days since the war on **Gaza** began, with the event demonstrat-ing how they are standing in solidarity with the people there who are suffering through the conflict.

The 12 p.m. vigil consisted of a brief reading, followed by a walk to the Trans-Canada Highway with Palestinian flags and homemade signs, with instructions for participants to ensure they were accurate but not anti-Semitic.

Their goal to the demon-stration was to “bear witness to the death of over 31,000 Palestinians in **Gaza**, and the intentional starvation of those who have managed to survive thus far.”

This followed a similar fundraising event Austin hosted at the First United Church Hall on Feb. 25, which featured music and keynote speaker Dr. Warren Bell.

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Why the US decided to give peace in Gaza a chance

Khmer Times

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Body

In a historic move on Monday, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) achieved a breakthrough by passing a binding resolution aimed at securing a 'lasting, sustainable ceasefire' in Gaza and advocating the release of all hostages held by Hamas since the October attacks on Israel last year.

This momentous step forward in international diplomacy signals a potential turning point in the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict, offering a glimmer of hope for peace in a region long plagued by violence and discord.

The decision by the UNSC comes after several failed attempts to broker a ceasefire. It underscores the growing global consensus on the urgent need to address the root causes of the conflict and pave the way for a peaceful settlement. The resolution, which was passed with overwhelming support from the international community, reflects a shared commitment to upholding international law and promoting stability in the region.

The US, traditionally a staunch ally of Israel, notably abstained from vetoing the resolution this time, signaling a shift in its approach and a willingness to engage constructively in multilateral efforts to end the violence - though it has said that it does not represent a change in policy. This decision reflects a recognition of the need for a balanced approach that takes into account the legitimate concerns and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians.

With the UNSC resolution now enshrined as international law, all UN member states are bound by its provisions, setting a clear mandate for concerted action to implement its objectives. This presents a unique opportunity for diplomatic initiatives and coordinated efforts to de-escalate tensions, rebuild trust, and create the conditions necessary for lasting peace and stability in the region.

However, despite the optimism surrounding the UNSC resolution, significant challenges remain on the path to peace. The Israeli government, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has vowed to carry out operations in Rafah, a densely populated area where millions of displaced Palestinians now reside. This escalation threatens to further exacerbate tensions and undermine efforts to achieve a ceasefire and pave the way for meaningful negotiations.

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Moreover, Israel's position as a key strategic ally of the United States poses a dilemma for Washington, which has long maintained unwavering support for Israel's security and sovereignty. While the US remains committed to its alliance with Israel, the changing geopolitical landscape and evolving strategic priorities have complicated its stance on the conflict.

The Biden administration faces pressure from both domestic and international stakeholders to balance its support for Israel with a commitment to upholding international law and promoting **peace** in the Middle East. Should the US allow Israel to destroy the last remaining Palestinian holdout in **Gaza**, Biden will almost certainly lose the 2024 presidential election to Donald Trump.

Additionally, relations with Muslim countries would be shattered beyond repair, as well as endangering US military personnel in the region.

The prospect of a full-scale war looms large, with Israel's military capabilities and the broader implications of its actions raising concerns about the potential for a regional conflict. The possibility of an invasion by neighboring Arab states adds another layer of complexity to an already volatile situation, highlighting the need for concerted diplomatic efforts to prevent further escalation and find a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

Further, Israel's nuclear ambiguity and so-called 'Samson Option,' its rumored unofficial retaliatory policy, raise serious questions about whether spillover in the conflict, prompted by the state's potential ground operation in Rafah, could trigger a international thermonuclear war. The situation in the Middle East thus represents a major threat to international security, underscoring why major countries like Russia, China, and Brazil have been adamant about a ceasefire.

Despite these challenges, there are reasons for cautious optimism. The UNSC resolution represents a significant step forward in international efforts to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and provides a framework for meaningful dialogue and engagement. By building on this momentum and redoubling efforts to promote reconciliation and mutual understanding, there is hope for a brighter future for the people of **Gaza** and the wider Middle East.

While the road to **peace** remains long and arduous, the UNSC resolution offers a ray of hope in an otherwise bleak landscape. By seizing this opportunity and working together in good faith, the international community can help pave the way for a just and lasting **peace** in the region. Now is the time for bold leadership, unwavering commitment, and a shared vision of a future defined by cooperation, coexistence, and prosperity for all.

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Aid to Palestine, Sudan reflects RI's humanitarian diplomacy: Marsudi

Indonesia Tribune

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Body

03 Apr 2024 (Antara News Agency) Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said on Wednesday that Indonesia's aid deliveries to **Palestine** and Sudan are proof of its humanitarian diplomacy to support **peace**. "Our diplomacy often goes with **peace** and humanitarian diplomacy," she said after accompanying President Joko Widodo to oversee the dispatch of aid packages at Halim Perdanakusuma Airbase in Jakarta. The aid, comprising medical equipment and medicines worth Rp30 billion (US\$1 = Rp15,928.90), was scheduled to be transported by two Garuda Indonesia planes on Thursday. The aid for Sudan aims to assist those suffering from the impact of the power struggle between the leaders of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) that broke out in 2023. Meanwhile, the aid package for **Palestine** will be flown to Cairo and used to help Palestinian refugees in Egypt, Marsudi informed, adding that the aid will be received by the receiving countries' health ministers. She said that Indonesia has been contributing humanitarian aid according to its capacity to countries where wars or natural disasters have triggered a humanitarian emergency. Regarding aid deliveries to **Palestine**, she said that Indonesia has sent aid several times.

Its last humanitarian aid package was airdropped into the **Gaza** Strip last week. The government's collaboration with the National Alms Agency (Baznas) has also resulted in airdrops of food and medicine packages, she informed. In addition to airdrops, Indonesia earlier transported aid for Palestinians in **Gaza** through the Egypt-controlled Rafah crossing. More than 4,400 tons of aid packages from Indonesia were delivered by trucks to **Gaza**, and the government continued to monitor their deliveries to ensure that the Palestinians in need receive them, she added. On Monday, April 1, 2024, speaking on the sidelines of an iftar (breaking of the fast) gathering at the Indonesian parliament building here, Marsudi said that Indonesia is continuing to find "whatever ways" it can to get aid packages delivered to Palestinians. The aid deliveries to **Gaza** remain hampered by Israel. Despite the tense situation, the Indonesian government is continuing to find ways to have the aid packages delivered and received by those in dire need of help, she said. The Israeli genocidal war in the **Gaza** Strip erupted following a surprise attack by Hamas on Israel early in the morning of October 7, 2023. Since then, according to Al Jazeera, the Israeli aggression has killed more than 32,782 Palestinian civilians and wounded at least 75,298 others.

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