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Subject: PSN] VFHL Online Film Salon: "Gaza Fights for Freedom" -

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FYI: if you wish sign up for this important event.

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Subject: VFHL Online Film Salon: "Gaza Fights for Freedom" - correction



**Invitation to our VFHL Online Film Salon
"Gaza Fights for Freedom" (corrected)**

Voices from the Holy Land, in conjunction with the American Friends Service Committee, invites you to our fifteenth monthly Online Film Salon to be held on Sunday, July 11th at 3 pm EDT/12 noon PDT. Participants will discuss the award winning documentary "Gaza Fights for Freedom". Please watch the film at your convenience and then join us for the online Q&A discussion.

Filmed during the height of the Great March of Return, this documentary features riveting, exclusive footage of the protests. A collaboration of Gaza journalists worked remotely with the American director to produce the film, as Israel had blocked her entry into Gaza. The documentary tells the story of Gaza past and present, showing rare archival footage that explains the history never acknowledged by mass media. Heard on the film are the victims of the ongoing conflict, including journalists, medics and the family of internationally-acclaimed paramedic, Razan al-Najjar. At its core, Gaza Fights For Freedom is a thorough indictment of the Israeli military for war crimes, and a stunning cinematic portrayal of Palestinian resistance.

Film director, journalist Abby Martin, and Issam Adwan, Gaza Project Manager of We Are Not Numbers, will participate in a Q&A panel discussion. Jihad Abusalim, Education and Policy Associate for the American Friends Service Committee, will moderate the Q&A discussion.

You must register to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: [How this works:](#)

1 - Register for the Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon:
<http://tinyurl.com/VFHLjuly2021>

(If clicking on link does not work, please copy and paste link into browser URL search bar)

2 - Once you register, you will get a confirmation email with

- a link to watch the film, AND
- a personal link to use to join the webinar discussion on Zoom.
- Be sure to save that confirmation email to make it easy to join us on July 11!

3 - Watch the film at your convenience **before** the event.

4 - Then join us with your thoughts and questions for our speakers at the Q&A discussion on July 11th at 3 pm Eastern/noon Pacific Daylight Savings Time

About the speakers

Abby Martin is an American journalist, TV presenter, podcaster, and activist. She helped found the citizen journalism website and podcast Media Roots and serves on the board of directors for the Media Freedom Foundation which manages Project Censored. Martin appeared in the documentary film Project Censored The Movie: Ending the Reign of Junk Food News (2013), and co-directed 99%: The Occupy Wall Street Collaborative Film (2013). She hosted Breaking the Set on RT America from 2012 to 2015, and then launched The Empire Files in that same year as an investigative documentary and interview series on Telesur, later released as a web series. In 2019, she released the film documentary, The Empire Files: Gaza Fights for Freedom.

Issam Adwan, the Gaza project manager for We Are Not Numbers, is a trained translator/interpreter, journalist and English teacher. In 2019, he was chosen by The Carter Center to be the first Palestinian independent observer for the Tunisian elections. Issam earned his Bachelor's degree in English language and teaching methods from Al-Aqsa University the Gaza and is currently working on his thesis for a master's degree in translation/interpretation at the Islamic University of Gaza. His passions are improving the learning experience for diverse student populations, youth empowerment, social justice and gender equality.

Jehad Abusalim is the Education and Policy Associate at the Palestine Activism Program of AFSC in Chicago. Jehad is a PhD candidate at the History and Hebrew and Judaic Studies joint program at New York University where his research examines Arab intellectual writings on Zionism from the first half of the twentieth century. Jehad also studies the social and political history of the Gaza Strip, focusing on the impact of the Nakba on life in Palestine's Gaza district and 1950s political life in the Gaza Strip. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, and Hebrew language and teaching methods from Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

To learn more about the film, watch the trailer here:
<https://tinyurl.com/FreedomTrailer>

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2 books you must read:

"Against Our Better Judgement: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel" by Alison Weir

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

Support Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) &

Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) Campaigns!

<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

<http://www.pacbi.org>

Support Solidarity with Gaza Fishers

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

Support ISM volunteers in West Bank and Gaza Strip!

<http://www.palsolidarity.org>

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<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/07/12/derek-chauvins-trial-and-george-floyds-city>

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Subject: "What to the Slave is 4th of July?": James Earl Jones Reads Frederick Do...
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Subject: Important program on housing for all, --social housing
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Become more educated re. efforts to provide housing for all as a human right.

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80% of Singaporeans own their own homes----for example

Roberta

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FYI: From Friday's NYT's

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/30/us/sacramento-homelessness-right-to-housing.amp.html>

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Subject: Stop blaming crime rates on defunding the police arguments
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<https://www.motherjones.com/crime-justice/2021/07/stop-blaming-crime-rates-on-defunding-the-police/>

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Subject: Impact of caste on South Asian community
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<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/09/04/us/caste-discrimination-us-trnd/index.html>

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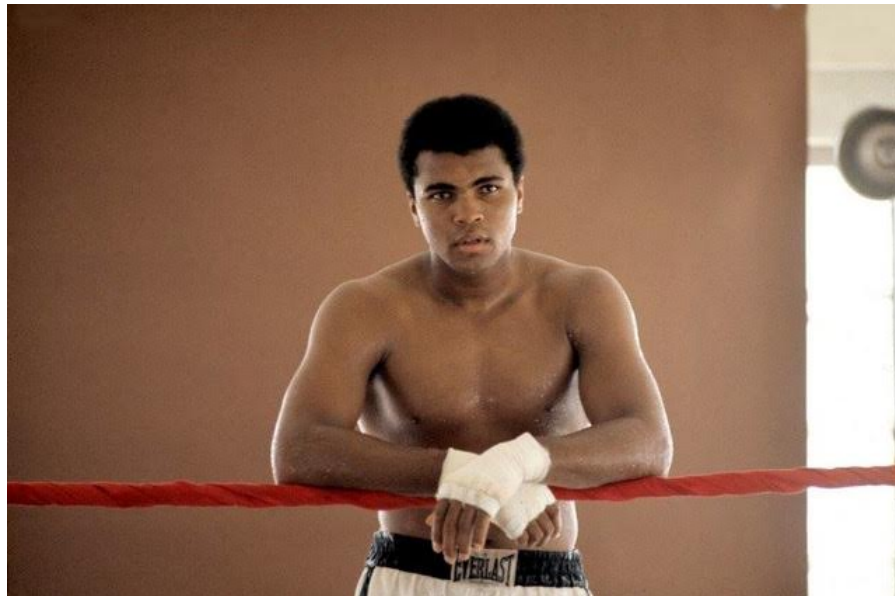
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Subject: Muhammad Ali On Prisons and Palestine etc.....from the archives of Aram Janes

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[A Taking Aim Salute from Mya Shone and Ralph Schoenman: In celebration of Muhammad Ali](#)

June 6th, 2016



Viva Muhammad Ali!

A Taking Aim Salute from Mya Shone and Ralph Schoenman: In celebration of Muhammad Ali

"I ain't draft dodging. I ain't burning no flag. I ain't running to Canada. I'm staying right here. You want to send me to jail? Fine, you go right ahead. I've been in jail for 400 years. I could be there for 4 or 5 more, but I ain't going no 10,000 miles to help murder and kill other poor people. If I want to die, I'll die right here, right now, fightin' you, if I want to die. You my enemy, not no Chinese, no Vietcong, no Japanese. You my opposer when I want freedom. You my opposer when I want justice. You my opposer when I want equality. Want me to go somewhere and fight for you? You won't even stand up for me right here in America, for my rights and my religious beliefs. You won't even stand up for my right here at home."

"Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go 10,000 miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on Brown people in Vietnam when so-called "negro" people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights?

No, I'm not going 10,000 miles from home to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over.

This is the day when such evils must come to an end. I have been warned that to take such a stand would cost me millions of dollars. But I have said it once and I will say it again: The real enemy of my people is here. I will not disgrace my religion, my people or myself by becoming a tool to enslave those who are fighting for their own justice, freedom and equality.

If I thought the war was going to bring freedom and equality to 22 million of my people, they wouldn't have to draft me. I'd join tomorrow. I have nothing to lose by standing up for my beliefs. So I'll go to jail. So what? We've been in jail for 400 years."

Muhammad Ali

<http://samidoun.net/2016/06/remembering-muhammad-ali-i-declare-support-for-the-palestinian-struggle-to-liberate-their-homeland/>

Remembering Muhammad Ali: "I declare support for the Palestinian struggle to

liberate their homeland”

- Statements June 5, 2016



On the occasion of the passing of legendary athlete and struggler for justice, Muhammad Ali, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins millions around the world in remembering Ali's historic legacy of commitment to the liberation of oppressed peoples and his willingness to sacrifice in order to adhere to those principles.

In 1985, Ali [traveled to Israel](#) in an attempt to secure the release of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners imprisoned in [occupied Southern Lebanon](#). This followed on his visits to Palestinian refugee camps in 1974, when he [declared in Beirut](#) that "the United States is the stronghold of Zionism and imperialism." While visiting Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon, he declared "In my name and the name of all Muslims in America, I declare support for the Palestinian struggle to liberate their homeland and oust the Zionist invaders."

Ali championed the Black liberation struggle on multiple fronts; within the United States, and as a force against US imperialism worldwide. He wrote [poetry in tribute](#) to the Black leaders of the Attica prison uprising. At the height of his career, Muhammad Ali refused to fight in the Vietnam War in 1967, was sentenced to five years in prison and stripped of his title.

When asked about his refusal while participating in a Louisville housing justice struggle, Ali said:

“Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go 10,000 miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on Brown people in Vietnam while so-called Negro people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights? No I’m not going 10,000 miles from home to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over. This is the day when such evils must come to an end.

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Dave Zirin [writes](#), “Ali’s refusal to fight in Vietnam was front-page news all over the world. In Guyana there was a picket of support in front of the US embassy. In Karachi, young Pakistanis fasted. And there was a mass demonstration in Cairo.” While Ali’s later depoliticization and cooperation with the US government speak to a more complex legacy, the national and international resonance of his resistance to imperialism in the 1960s and 1970s at the height of his athletic greatness echoed around the world.

Ali’s history of struggle illustrates the lengthy and deep history of joint struggle and mutual solidarity among oppressed peoples and national liberation movements, and that Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon – and the Black Liberation Movement – were centers and incubators not only for the Palestinian revolution and Black struggle, but revolutionary movements the world over. We recall Ali’s role in representing a deep and collective legacy of resistance to imperialism, to anti-Black racism, and to Zionism, and of the struggle to free prisoners – and peoples – from the jails these systems of oppression create.

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