

*"A national alliance of Indian social movements & people's organizations for the cause of Palestine"*

 **“International Conference for Justice & Peace in Palestine”**
**Mumbai-India, November 17-18th 2012.**

**Venue: Shahir Amar Sheikh Sabagraha, University Club House, “B” Rd, Churchgate Station (West), Mumbai.**

**Time: 10.00am to 9.00pm**

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"But in my opinion, they (the Jews) have erred grievously in seeking to impose themselves on Palestine with the aid of America and Britain and now with the aid of naked terrorism. Why should they depend on American money or British arms for forcing themselves on an unwelcome land?

Why should they resort to terrorism to make good their forcible landing in Palestine?" –

**Mahatma Gandhi** (1946)

“The Zionists are a threat to World Peace” - **Bharat Ratna Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar** (1949)

 "When the Palestinians are free, our struggle will be complete." – **Nelson Mandela** (1994)

The **IPSF** is an alliance of Indian social movements & people's organizations that are organizing a conference **in solidarity with the courageous Palestinian people in their struggle for an independent sovereign nation.** In keeping with our rich historical anti-colonial traditions, it is now our collective national endeavour to consolidate & rebuild a Palestine solidarity movement across India.

This is the very national alliance that has been instrumental in successfully organizing the **First Asian Convoy to Gaza**, as well as the **Global March to Jerusalem**. This was also possible due to the collective effort of our Asian allies, namely the **Asian People's Solidarity for Palestine (APSP).**

Thus this international conference is part of the larger struggle **against Zionism & Imperialism that are now an increasing threat to our national sovereignty & world peace.** This conference holds the promise & potential of building a nation-wide network. Delegates & friends from many Asian & Western nations have confirmed their presence.

**The International Delegates include those from:-**

**Palestine** - Basel Mansour, Hasan Karaka, Vida Warde, Mahmoud Halimeh, Hisham Jamjoum, Said Dawoud, Salah Khawaja & Samer. **Lebanon** - Dr Ali Fayyad, Maan Bashour & Dr Haider Dekmak. **Syria** - Dr. Hala Alasad, Dr. Khaled Abdel Majeed. **Iran** - Abdul Hamid Shahrabi, Salim Ghafourisbzevari & Roohulla Rezvi. **Afghanistan** - Zarif Hushang. Bahrain - Dr.Muhammad Shehabi. **Pakistan** - Karamat Ali, Farooq Tariq, Adam Pal & Sabir Ejaz. **Philippines** - Mangondato Sharief & Ansari Dangcal Alonto. **Indonesia** - Muhammad Maruf. **Russia** - Alexander Berdikov. **Britain** - Alan Hart. **USA** - Alison Symroski Weir, Paul Sidney Larudee, Rabbi Feldman & Sarah Ann Marusek.

**The Theme & Focus of the conference: "Peace & Justice for Palestine"**

**DAY I -17th November**
Session I: (10.00am-11.30am): Inaugural Session
Session II: (11.30am-1.00pm): The Occupation of Palestine, a historical perspective, the core issues & the solutions. Focus on Jerusalem & the threat to the Masjid al Aqsa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre & the Dome of the Rock. (Part I)
Lunch break: (1.00pm-2.00pm)
Session III: (2.00pm-3.30pm): Palestine - (Part II)
Session IV: (3.30pm-5.00pm): Exposing the Zionist Apartheid Racist character of the Israeli regime, Boycott as an integral strategy of non-violent resistance.
Tea Break: (5.00pm-5.15pm)
Session V: (5.15pm-6.45pm): Indo-Israeli ties, a betrayal of our anti-colonial legacy.
Session VI: (6.45.00-8.30pm): Speeches by Members of Parliament & the leaders of political parties.

**DAY 2-18th November**
Session VI: (10.00am-11.30am): Resolution, Programmes & Structure.
Session VII: (11.30am-2.00pm): Plenary Session.
Lunch Break: 2.00pm-3.00pm
Session VIII: (3.00pm-6.00pm): Youth Conference for Palestine

**Kindly note the following:**

• Indian Delegates who require accommodation will be provided for & do inform us accordingly. Arrangements for food will be made at the conference venue only.
• Arrival on 16th Evening-17th morning / Departure 18th evening-19th morning
• Travel costs have to be borne by the delegates.
• Registration fees Rs 200/-
• The l0th of November is the last date for registration.
• We thus appeal to all our Indian socio-political activists to confirm their active participation at this conference.

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