



American Muslims for Palestine

2022 Mid-Year Report

Advancing the Movement for Palestine in the U.S.

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Background

Founded in 2006, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) began as a community organization designed to fill a void in the work for Palestine among the Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim American communities. Over the years, AMP has transformed into a major national organization and a leading voice in the Palestine solidarity movement. Within the policy domain, AMP is engaged in vigorous advocacy for Palestinian rights, effectively reshaping the discourse on Palestine in the U.S.

With 10 chapters from coast to coast and supporters across the country, AMP has built a large and robust grassroots community. AMP organizes events, seminars, and festivals to educate about the history, culture, and freedom struggle of the Palestinian people.



About Us

American Muslims for Palestine is a grassroots organization dedicated to advancing the movement for justice in Palestine by educating the American public about Palestine and its rich cultural, historical and religious heritage and through grassroots mobilization and advocacy. AMP's fiscal sponsor is AJP Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Education

- As of August, AMP staff has traveled 30,000+ miles bringing Palestine programs and events coast to coast.
- We were featured in 12 domestic and international media stories.
- We published a number of educational [videos](#) and [graphics](#) on the Nakba with tens of thousands of engagements across all social media platforms including our first ever '[Set The Record Straight](#)' video.

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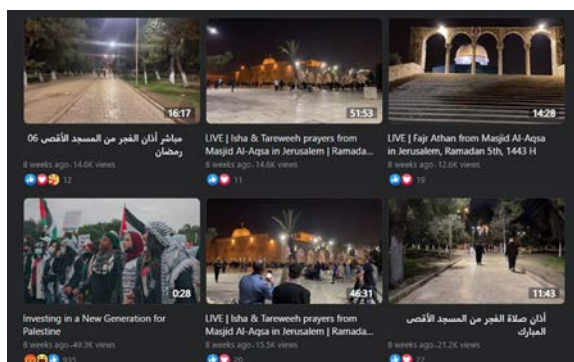
Hundreds gather in the Loop after Palestinian-American journalist's killing

Demonstrators hailed long-time Al Jazeera broadcaster Shireen Abu Akleh as their "eyes and ears" in Palestine.
By Katie Anthony | May 15, 2022, 7:45pm CDT

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- During Ramadan, AMP social media featured daily live streams from Masjid al Aqsa during Friday sermons and night prayers.
- We hosted 8 days of live coverage of attacks on the Masjid Al Aqsa to shed light on the incursions during Ramadan.

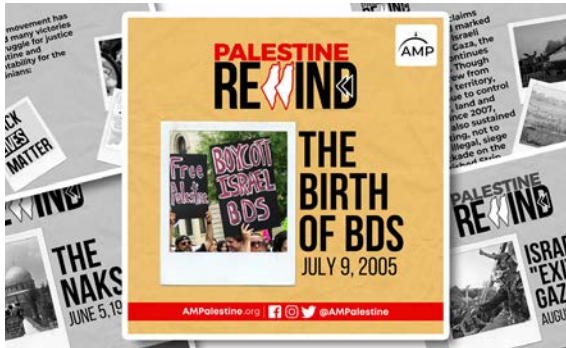


- We produced '[Palestine in a Nutshell](#)', a new education series dedicated to providing a succinct overview of Israel's apartheid regime in all of its facets, and the daily oppression, dehumanization, and denationalization that Palestinians experience presented in a digestible way for a broad American audience.



- We posted (and continue to post) social media content that sheds light on the atrocities that Israel committed in Gaza, including on-the-ground coverage, and highlighting the personal stories of those most impacted.

- We produced '*Palestine Rewind*', a new Instagram educational series that highlights significant events from the history of Palestine.



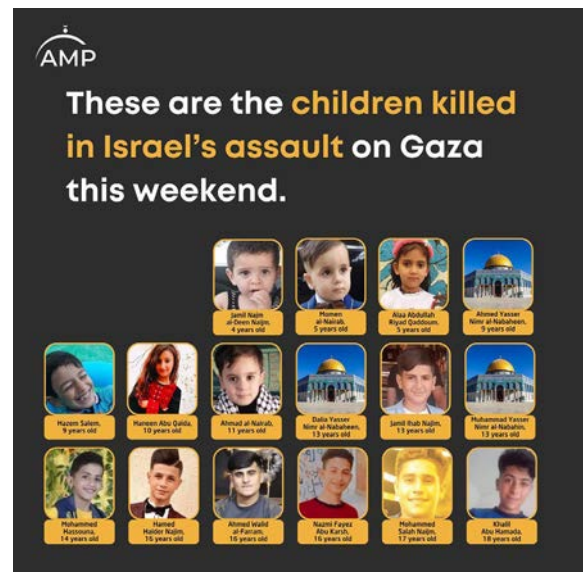
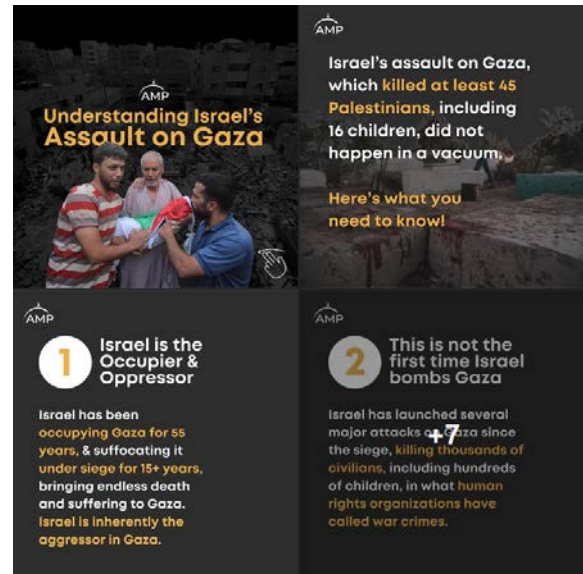
- We produced multiple videos from Gaza featuring our Digital Media Associate Zarefah Baroud which included the bombing of the [Shurouk Tower](#) and remembering the murder of American activist [Rachel Corrie](#).



- We continued our monthly educational [webinars](#) covering vital topics such as Biden's trip to Palestine, Apartheid, and administrative detention.



- We released a [social media fact sheet](#) on Gaza to help dispel Israeli propaganda and recenter the narrative. This fact sheet was utilized by thousands of supporters.



Advocacy

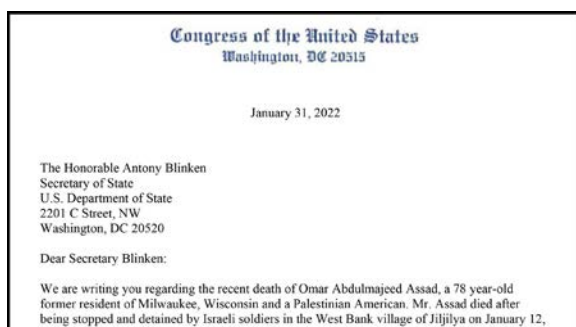
- We led a campaign directed at Congress to end Israeli settler violence with over 1000 supporters.



- We organized thousands of supporters to demand an [immediate arms embargo](#) on Israel.



- We worked with Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI) and Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) to send [this letter](#) to the State Department regarding Palestinian-American grandfather Omar Asaad, who was murdered by Israeli soldiers.



- We demanded that the Biden administration [condemn the murder of US citizen](#) and world-renowned journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

- We released [multiple statements](#) to galvanize the community and demand action from our leaders during the latest attacks on Gaza.

- We signed [this letter](#) to President Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, urging them to suspend US military funding for Israel in light of widespread and systematic human rights abuses and war crimes.

- We led a campaign urging the Arlington County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to reconsider their passing of a “Resolution Defining and Addressing Antisemitism”; an adoption of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. We asked our supporters to email the BOS and reject their adoption of a definition that suppresses free speech.



Organizing

- We capped off our largest [Date Boycott Campaign](#) yet with thousands promoting and engaging with the campaign to boycott Israeli dates grown in illegal settlements on stolen Palestinian land.



- We [mobilized 1000+ supporters](#) to thank journalists Mehdi Hasan and Ayman Mohyeldin for their trailblazing coverage on MSNBC centering Palestinians and highlighting their experiences under Israeli apartheid.



- We worked with partners and allies to affirm justice for all and [condemn bad-faith attacks](#) on organizations that are supportive of Palestinian rights.

- We hosted Nakba rallies in 10 major cities nationwide with coverage from local, national, and international media.



- We brought out thousands of people to protest US complicity in Israel's attack on Gaza by organizing demonstrations in major cities across the country.



- We unveiled the ceremonial "Gaza way" street sign on the block of the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C.



- We hosted a community qiyam session in Dallas, Texas to unite in support of the Palestinian people and against the latest attacks on Gaza in August.
- We held the first-ever Palestinian flag-raising event at the Federal Plaza in the city of Chicago this June with hundreds in attendance and a Friday sermon delivered by Imam Omar Suleiman.



- Our chapters in Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Dallas, and Chicago organized cultural awareness events from tatreez workshops and Palestine Jeopardy to Chicago's now-famous Palestine Festival.



- We co-sponsored a student delegation to Palestine from the Chicagoland area where they met with Palestinian civil society organizations and visited historic landmarks. These students have returned better informed and more committed to taking their work for the cause to new heights.

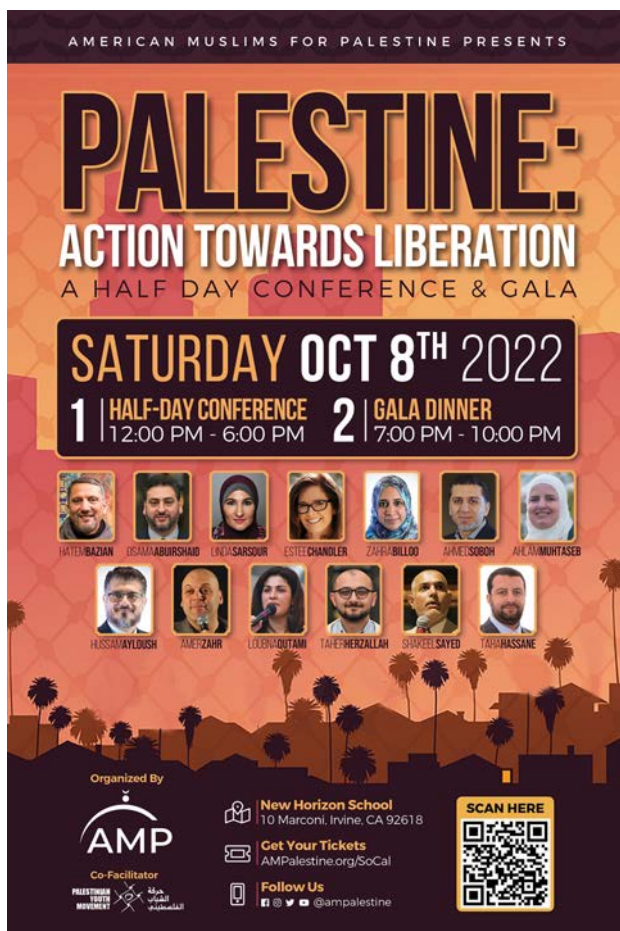


Coming Up



2nd Annual Palestine Fest | Chicago, IL

After last year's major success, with over 5,000 visitors from all over Chicagoland, AMP's Chicago Chapter is back for the 2nd year with an array of activities for all ages: live entertainment, Palestinian cuisine, traditional clothing & artifacts, rides & games, and so much more. Saturday, October 1st, in Bridgeview, IL.



Palestine: Action Towards Liberation | Irvine, CA

Our last major conference in Southern California was in the winter of 2013. A lot can change in 9 years. Expanding our work to Southern California is a crucial part of our strategy to bring more members of our community into Palestine advocacy work on the national level.

AMP is coming to SoCal on Saturday, October 8th, for a half-day conference and gala in Irvine, CA.



15th Annual Palestine Convention | Chicago, IL

AMP's annual convention for Palestine in the US is back for its 15th edition titled "End Israeli Apartheid" this Thanksgiving weekend at the Hyatt Regency O'hare Hotel in Chicago, IL.

Palestine Convention, the largest gathering for Palestine in the country, is a family-oriented gathering for all ages with special tracks for college activists, youth and young children.

PALICON draws thousands of attendees each year in addition to dozens of activists, guest speakers, and community leaders offering panel discussions, workshops, exhibits, displays, film screenings, and folkloric entertainment.

This year, the convention also includes the **Palestine Film Competition**, an online national Short Film competition for beginners or professionals.



Thank You!

Before we enter the final quarter of 2022, we wanted to share with you the amazing work we have accomplished this year.

2022 has been a year of growth and success for AMP as well as the movement for Palestine in the U.S.

We are grateful to supporters like you for making our efforts possible. Thank you for supporting AMP and our work for Palestine in the U.S. Stay tuned for all the amazing projects and actions we have lined up for the rest of the year.



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