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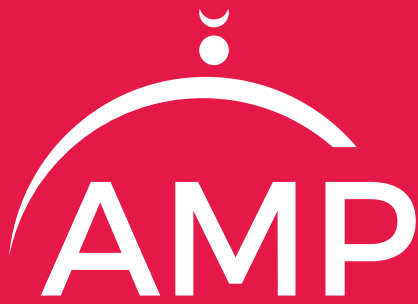
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Our Mission

AMP is dedicated to advancing the movement for justice in Palestine through education, advocacy, and grassroots organizing.

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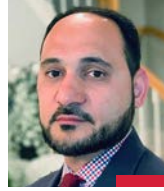


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Letter from the Executive Director



Assalamu Alaikum,

As we approach the end of the third quarter of 2023, we'd like to provide you with an update on the significant achievements we've reached up to this point.

At AMP, we've been diligently engaged, fearlessly voicing the truth in support of the Palestinian cause. As an organization we've achieved numerous groundbreaking milestones in this year.

This report will focus on highlighting some of the exceptional accomplishments we've achieved together and the work to come in the final months of 2023.

Year after year, our determination to restore justice in Palestine sharpens, and our belief in the inevitability of liberation solidifies. We do observe positive changes occurring in the U.S. regarding

Palestinian rights, as evidenced by successive and credible opinion polls. The settler-colonial project in Palestine is widely acknowledged as apartheid, and its favorability is rapidly declining, both domestically and globally. None of this is happening in isolation; it is the result of conscious and persistent efforts, alongside increased investment of resources.

Over the course of 17 years, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) has demonstrated its capability, in collaboration with you, to achieve much that we once deemed impossible just a few years ago. We are eager to maintain our credibility through our work and accomplishments, as well as through our ongoing cooperation and your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Osama Abuirshaid

Executive Director, AMP

Education

At AMP, we believe that empowerment comes through education and action. Education constitutes one of the three pillars of our work. Whether it's conducted virtually or in person within communities across the country, AMP is dedicated to educating the American public on critical issues in Palestine. With a national office located in Washington, D.C., and 12 chapters spread across the nation, AMP ensures that the public is well-informed about Palestine. Here's what we have been working on the education front.

AMP New Jersey Conference

This January, our AMP-NJ Team hosted our first conference in New Jersey in 10 years. Activists and community members from around the tri-state area came together for a 2-day conference featuring speakers from around the country covering important issues both locally and nationally.



Palestine in Session

This year we launched our popular monthly webinar series under a new theme, "Palestine In Session". As of July, our team has produced 7 live educational webinars covering vital topics such as Black-Palestinian transnational solidarity, Rightwing Zionist money in U.S. politics, and the U.S.-Israel relationship. These webinars can be watched on Facebook or YouTube.



Palestine Rewind

We continued our hit educational series “Palestine Rewind” by publishing 8 new installments this year with a new look featuring our digital media associate Zarefah Baroud. This educational series aims to highlight significant events from the history of Palestine. You can find videos on our Instagram page.



Nakba Education

May 15th, 2023 marked 75 years of the Palestinian Nakba. This year, we dedicated significant resources to providing necessary educational materials to our communities through social media content including videos debunking common Zionist myths and a special edition of Palestine In Session. Our 16th Palestine Convention in November will highlight 75 years of the Nakba.

Ramadan Campaign

It's no secret that Israel increases their attacks and oppression against Palestinians during the holy month of Ramadan. This year, we launched a campaign to shed light on the ongoing

struggle by hosting 2 special editions of Palestine in session with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the occupied territories and Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway and a variety of social media content.



Settler Violence in the West Bank

This year, we have seen attacks in the West Bank increase both through settler pogroms and IDF raids. We launched multiple social media campaigns to raise awareness on the ongoing attacks as well as shared multiple action alerts led by our 501(c)(4) affiliate organization, Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action) directed at Congress and the Biden administration.

Combatting Zionist Myths Training

AMP Education Coordinator Tarek Khalil led an intensive workshop on combating Zionist myths for the Minnesota Chapter from August 11-13th. The main purpose was to provide students and young activists a prerequisite knowledge from

which to advocate for Palestine and defend Palestinian rights. Moreover, the students learned valuable debate techniques through various simulations that inculcated greater confidence in their ability to debunk Zionist myths.



AMP Canada Tour

For the first time ever, AMP took our educational workshops to the Great North! From August 29th to September 3rd, AMP's Executive Director, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, along with our Director of Organizing, Taher Herzallah, spoke at several mosques and community centers in Ontario. The goal was to enhance Palestine organizing in communities within the province. Our team concluded the trip with presentations from both Dr. Osama and our Chairman, Dr. Hatem Bazian, at the MAC convention in Toronto.



Palestine in a Nutshell

We relaunched our educational series "Palestine in a Nutshell" with a new style that embraces current social media trends and makes it easier for our audience to learn from and share with their friends. Each topic will feature 2 versions - a short version as a reel for Instagram and Facebook and a more detailed thorough version on YouTube.



Nationwide Community Events

An important part of our education strategy is making sure we are present in local communities to make sure they are educated and empowered with the tools they need to advocate for Palestine. That's why so far this year AMP has brought Palestine programs and events to local communities and universities from coast to coast. From Cambridge, MA to San Diego, CA our team has held over 50 events so far this year across the country.



Advocacy

Since AMP established its DC office in 2015, political advocacy has taken center stage in our endeavors. Over the years, our dedicated advocacy initiatives have equipped us with invaluable experience and the necessary tools to navigate the complex realm of DC politics. This becomes especially crucial at such a pivotal time for the Palestinian people. In 2021, our 501c4 affiliate organization, Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action), opened its doors and began leading the advocacy work for Palestine to new levels. As a 501c4 organization, it has the resources and mobility to tackle some of the biggest issues facing our work, including electoral politics. To see more of what AJP Action has been able to accomplish, please visit ajpaction.org. Here are the impactful advocacy efforts we've undertaken so far this year.

Nakba Campaign

In addition to the crucial educational and organizing projects AMP ran, we co-sponsored the first-ever Nakba educational community event in the nation's Capitol. This event made national news and helped bring the conversation on the Nakba into the spotlight through the controversial attempts to shut down the event by the Republican House leadership. During this event, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib went on to introduce yet another historic House resolution to commemorate the Nakba.



IHRA Definition Advocacy

In recent years, we have seen IHRA definition legislation become more and more frequent in communities across the country. The IHRA Definition of anti-semitism wrongfully conflates criticism of Israel with antisemitism. In January of 2023, AMP and our partners fought against IHRA legislation in the VA state Senate. Then in July, local advocates including our local AMP-NJ chapter successfully shut down legislation in Clifton, NJ.

Al-Aqsa Campaign

This Ramadan, we launched a preemptive advocacy campaign for Masjid Al-Aqsa. We sent a policy memo asking the State Department to uphold international law and recognize Eastern Jerusalem as part of the Occupied West Bank and, therefore, not under Israel's sovereign control. We provided them with policy recommendations ranging from reinforcing the status quo arrangement in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to ensuring that U.S. funding

isn't used for acts of religious repression or incitement to violence. Then we asked our supporters to help build pressure by reaching out to their Members of Congress and urging them to speak out in support of Palestinian worshippers and Palestinians impacted by Israeli violence and uplift our policy memo to the State Department.

Skip the Speech

In July, Israeli President Herzog was invited to speak to a joint session of Congress. Organizations, activists, and constituents from across the country called on their representatives to skip the speech and call for accountability. AMP posted numerous social media posts condemning the visit and encouraging lawmakers to skip the speech.

Letter to the UN

In April, we signed onto a letter addressed to both UN Secretary-General António Guterres and Under-Secretary-General Miguel Ángel Moratinos led by HRW and human rights organizations to urge United Nations to respect human rights in the fight against antisemitism. Over 100 organizations joined in on this statement to urge the UN to not adopt the IHRA definitions of anti-semitism.

Boycott the G20 in Kashmir

At AMP, we understand that the work for justice is intersectional and have worked in solidarity with oppressed people around the world. That's why we joined the coalition the boycott the G20 summit in solidarity with the people of Kashmir who are seeking an end to India's brutal occupation and their right to self-determination.

Visa Waiver Program Campaign

This summer, the U.S. and Israel signed an MOU with the aim of potentially including Israel in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). However, the MOU doesn't provide complete visa-free entry reciprocity for all U.S. citizens visiting Israel. Moreover, Americans with Gaza IDs have encountered entry denials at Ben Gurion Airport. These situations raise concerns about potential discriminatory practices by the U.S. that favor Israel, creating doubts about the suitability of the MOU for Israel's VWP inclusion. In response, AMP has led a petition to the State Department and Department of Homeland Security, advocating for our community's concerns. We have also conducted several meetings with these departments. Additionally, we organized a webinar to address queries from Palestinian Americans about the MOU and travel to Palestine. To further inform Palestinian Americans, we have produced an explainer video and are sharing information with our base through our emails and social media.

Turmusayya Campaign

When the pogrom took place in Turmusayya in June, we promptly issued a statement addressing the issue. In the statement, we called on our constituents to email the Biden Administration and urge them to initiate an FBI investigation into the attacks against U.S. citizens in Palestine. We also urged the Biden Administration to demand that Israel cease all attacks on Turmusayya immediately.

Furthermore, we reached out to the Department of State, informing them of the issue and requesting a meeting to discuss the pogrom and its impact on Palestinians in Turmusayya, as well as other settler attacks.

Grassroots

At AMP, we are honored to have a strong and wide base of support. With 12 chapters from coast to coast, and our national headquarters situated in Washington, D.C., we possess the capacity to connect with millions of Americans annually. Whether we're spearheading boycott campaigns or curating cultural programming, our efforts have extended across diverse areas, creating an enduring impact. Here's a look at the work we've been able to accomplish so far this year.

Student Trips

In 2022, we initiated collaborations with students and proudly sponsored two delegations. This year, we extended our support to four student delegations, facilitating the participation of more than 250 students from esteemed institutions such as Harvard, Georgetown, the University of Michigan, Tufts, and a delegation representing various universities in the Chicagoland area. These delegations embarked on journeys to Palestine, engaging with Palestinian civil society organizations and leaders, exploring historic landmarks, and witnessing the realities of the occupation firsthand. Upon returning to their communities, this diverse group of students organized informative sessions to educate their peers about the ongoing oppression.



No Tech for Apartheid

Starting in 2021, Google and Amazon tech workers, in collaboration with over 50 human rights organizations, united under the banner of the #NoTechForApartheid campaign. Since then, AMP has proudly lent its support to this crucial campaign, amplifying the workers' calls for change.

In July, Amazon workers led a direct action in front of the AWS summit in NYC to intensify pressure for the campaign's goals. Supporters from AMP's New Jersey Chapter, joined by community activists and campaign partners, stood alongside workers and disrupted the keynote speech of an AWS executive, ensuring that attendees grasped the message: Amazon's business dealings with Israeli apartheid equate to profiting from the oppression of Palestinians.



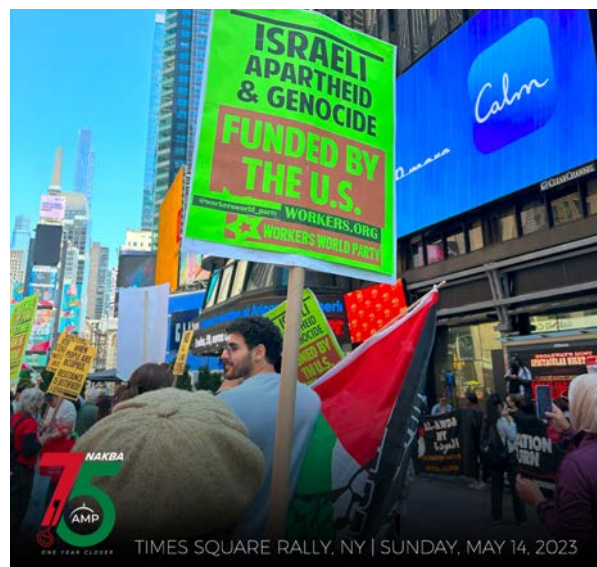
Date Boycott Campaign

Back in 2012, AMP launched its flagship BDS Campaign, the Israeli Date Boycott Campaign, advocating for a comprehensive boycott of Israeli dates. Over the past 11 years, we have witnessed a decline in Israeli imports, resulting in millions of dollars in lost sales for the state. This year, we mobilized millions of consumers to remove Israeli Apartheid dates from their shelves. Countless influencers, student groups, grassroots initiatives, and national organizations have disseminated our campaign materials across various social media platforms.



Nakba 75 Rallies

This year marked the 75th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba. As part of our Nakba campaign, we orchestrated Nakba rallies in major cities across the nation. Thousands of individuals commemorated this anniversary by participating in protests, including a significant gathering in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., which garnered coverage from local, national, and international media outlets.



Chicago Flag Raising

Last Year, our AMP Chicago Chapter proudly hosted the inaugural Palestinian Flag-Raising event in the City of Chicago. This groundbreaking event was not only inspirational but also held immense symbolic power, uniting our community and reigniting our unwavering spirit in the fight for Palestinian freedom.

This past May, the Chicago chapter held the Second Annual Flag-Raising Ceremony at the Federal Plaza. The ceremony drew in hundreds of attendees and supporters, underscoring the significance of the occasion. The event showcased multiple speakers and included a Jummah Khutba.



AMP New Jersey Palestine Festival

On September 3rd, our AMP-New Jersey team hosted their second annual Palestine Festival. This event aimed to raise awareness through a celebration of Palestinian culture and artistry. The festival was themed "From Jersey to Jenin" in honor of the brave Palestinians of Jenin and to shed light on the ongoing atrocities by Israeli forces. This event brought together

hundreds of people from all over the tri-state area and featured performances from artists and local vendors.



San Diego Palestinian Night Market

In August, our newest chapter in San Diego, California led by an extraordinary young team put together the first event of its kind for AMP. The Palestinian Night Market brought together food and specialty vendors from across the region to sell their goods to large crowds after hours. The night market was a huge success with hundreds in attendance with nearly a dozen vendors!



Upcoming Events

Minnesota Palestine Day

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October 1, 2023
 SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
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Thank You!

We have always promised that our work for Palestine will continue to evolve and improve. We are keen to fulfill our promise to you and are keen to honor our word.

This year has been a tremendous year so far for Palestine in America. Through your support, we were able to achieve so much. This report is a testament to that.

We are grateful to have partners on this path like you to help make our efforts for the noble cause of Palestine possible. With your sustained support, we will write a success story that will make our people in Palestine proud of us.



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