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Organizing a Palestinian Prisoner Letter-Writing Session

One of the first actions you can take as a Samidoun chapter or affiliate, or as an individual member with your own friends, colleagues and comrades, is to organize a **Palestinian Prisoner Letter-Writing Session!**

Letters help to boost the morale of Palestinian political prisoners. They make it clear that Israel has not succeeded in isolating the prisoners from their comrades in the outside world, Palestinians in exile and diaspora, Arab strugglers, and internationalists everywhere. Even when the letters are censored or denied to the prisoners, their presence sends a message to the Israeli occupation guards and jailers that people around the world are watching their colonial imprisonment, torture, isolation and brutalization of detained Palestinians.

This is also a simple, easy and inexpensive action that people can participate in from their own homes or as a group activity. You can organize a letter writing gathering over Zoom or other remote software as well as an in-person event. Letter writing is a great way to introduce new people to the Palestinian prisoners' struggle and to Palestinian detainees as people with lives, stories, analyses, loves and dreams for the future, for themselves, their loved ones and for a liberated Palestine.

Please note, our comrades in Samidoun Network in occupied Palestine will also share your letters with the family members and lawyers of the prisoners! You can take photos of the letters and send them to Samidoun. Email them to us at samidoun@samidoun.net or send them to us on WhatsApp at +32466904397. Send your physical letters, and with these photos, we can help ensure your message is delivered.

Here are some tips when organizing your letter writing activity!

- Choose a time and place suitable for your community or organization, whether that is a virtual or in-person gathering.
- If you are organizing an in-person gathering, as much as is possible, supply the materials people will need (Paper, postcards, envelopes, and, if you can afford it, postage. In general, you can expect postage to be 1.5 EUR if sent from Europe, \$1.20 USD from the USA, and \$2.60 CAD from Canada. You may wish to ask participants to contribute to a postage fund.)

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- If you want to invite the public, share a flyer on social media, set up a Facebook event or send us the details at samidoun@samidoun.net for publishing on the Samidoun website.

What to include in your letters:

- Keep in mind that prisoners, in most cases, will not be able to write back and establish a correspondence. However, your letter is still making an impact. Prisoners may try to send a message through a family member or a lawyer; they are limited in the number of letters they can send and the destinations (typically, within occupied Palestine). Your letter is having an impact whether or not you receive a direct response!
- If you can write in Arabic or English, these are the most widely read languages. If you write in another language, this is also great and a support for the Palestinian prisoners.
- Keep in mind that all letters are opened, scanned and censored by the Israeli occupation. Express support generally and avoid detailed discussions of topics that could put the prisoner in further danger. You can talk in a general way about your solidarity activities in your country, express support for the recipient and their fellow Palestinians and their liberation. It is probably best to avoid discussing specific actions or political parties in Palestine in your letter.
- When including your name, you may want to include your full name or your first and middle names or an initial. Remember that you are sending your letter to Israeli prison censors before it is passed on. While there are no known cases of people being denied entry to Palestine for letter-writing, if this is a primary concern, you may wish to deal with it this way.
- Do not hesitate to share your personal reflections, things about you, your family and your community, as you would share with a friend. You can include a small photo or image in the letter, so feel free to include a photo of your area or anything else you would like to share.
- Put the date and any page numbers on your letters before sending the letter. If you hope to receive a response, include your first name and mailing address on the letter itself, in case the envelope is taken away by the guards or jailers.

Send your letters to Palestine:

- Mail the letters with appropriate international postage.
- You can take photos of the letters and send them to Samidoun. Email them to us at samidoun@samidoun.net or send them to us on WhatsApp at +32466904397. We will

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share these images with Samidoun Palestine, who can share the images with lawyers and family members of the prisoners.

- Send any photos or reports of your activity to us at samidoun@samidoun.net. We will publish your report on our website and social media.

Prisoner Addresses for Letter Writing Campaigns

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