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PALESTINIAN PRISONER SOLIDARITY NETWORK

**Statement of Solidarity
from New Orleans**



We demand an immediate reversal of the Biden Administration's sanctions against the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network (Samidoun) and its principal organizer Khaled Barakat, executed by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Further, we reject and condemn the Canadian Government's "terrorist" designation of Samidoun and Barakat as yet another **shameless** and **aggressive** act of repression against the Palestinian diaspora and those who stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation and against Western imperialist interests.



This McCarthy-ist attack is designed to criminalize all advocacy for Palestine, including raising awareness for, and building solidarity with, the over **9,000 Palestinians** currently held hostage in Israeli prisons.

We believe that Samidoun has been targeted for courageously upholding the right for Palestinians to resist occupation, an internationally recognized right under the Geneva Convention.

The U.S. government and the Zionist occupation attempts to fragment Palestinian society by separating those in the diaspora from those within Palestine; those living in Gaza from those in the West Bank; prisoners from those living “freely” under occupation and siege. **Samidoun maintains the critical connection between those imprisoned by the illegal Zionist state and the outside world.**

The background image shows a large group of people at a protest. In the foreground, a large red banner is being held up. In the background, many people are holding up white signs with various messages. The scene is outdoors, with trees visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant public demonstration.

The United States government continues to arm the Zionist occupation, including violent attacks by foreign settlers against Palestinian families. As the reality of a televised genocide unfolds before the world, the U.S. government continues to shield the Zionist state from accountability for the countless war crimes and atrocities committed in the past year.

This act against Samidoun stands alongside the various efforts by the U.S. government, and Zionist allies, to silence global solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance. These efforts are not working, and only making the United States lose international credibility.

A group of people, including men and women, are gathered outdoors, holding flags. The flags are primarily red, green, and black, with some white and orange. The scene appears to be a protest or a public demonstration. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the people and their actions.

As a part of the movement in solidarity with Palestine in the United States, **we view the attack on Samidoun as an attack on us.**

Throughout history, those who resist violence and dispossession, including Native Americans and enslaved African-Americans, have been demonized by the American government as ‘terrorists.’

The United States’ cynical anti-terrorism laws are not rooted in actual domestic terrorism concerns, **but specifically rooted in its efforts to stifle the Palestinian struggle for self-determination since the 1960s.**



We demand that the United States and Canada **reverse** their designation and sanctions against Samidoun and Khaled Barakat.

We demand that these governments immediately **halt** the transfer of all military and economic assistance to Israel.

We will continue mobilizing in solidarity with Palestine until these objectives are achieved.