

ACTUALITY MOTION - PALESTINE

2023 is already close to overtaking 2022 as the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank. In 2022, 152 Palestinians in the West Bank and 30 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip were killed by the Israeli army. In the first six weeks of 2023, 44 Palestinians have already been killed. The number of Israeli settler attacks, the demolition and destruction of Palestinian homes and the expansion of illegal settlements are at record levels.

This situation is increasing their anger, despair and political and economic powerlessness. In this context, Palestinian armed resistance is also increasing, with the support of the Palestinian population.

The new Israeli coalition government is considered the most extremist and right-wing ever, with crucial positions for extremists who endanger the rule of law. The coalition agreement leaves no doubt about the annexation and apartheid plans of the new Israeli government and endanger the rule of law.

We demand :

- Respect for international law with a return to the 1967 borders and an end to military occupation, colonisation and apartheid. The illegal settlements and the separation wall must be dismantled and the blockade of Gaza must be lifted.
- An end to economic and financial relations and trade of governments, companies and banks with the illegal settlements.
- The suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement as long as Israel violates human rights.
- An end to the criminalization of organizations and individuals who criticize the Israeli occupation policy.
- That Belgium introduces a ban on trade with the settlements, condemns the Israeli apartheid policies and the official recognition of the Palestinian state.

La Centrale Générale-FGTB will continue to be actively involved in Belgium and Europe within the trade union movement and with other solidarity organizations and NGO's.