**Ospaca Nieuwsdienst 7**

26 oktober 2024

**Dear fellow Pro-Palestinians, comrades in arms!**

For months we pro-Palestinians, at demos and also at other actions, have been shouting the slogan ‘FREE, FREE PALESTINE’ as loudly and massively as possible worldwide. Without knowing when the dawn might appear for this.

But on 19 July this year, a giant levee breach took place! We pro-Palestinians were no longer alone with our slogan from that day onwards! A tremendous power suddenly rallied fully behind us! And it was THE POWER OF LAW!!!

This is not just about the power of law in the form of somewhere, in any country, a little court of law adjudicating some rules of law. This is about the very highest court in our world, namely the International Court of Justice. Which is the only body allowed to rule on the highest law on earth. About the highest international and highest international humanitarian law, which includes the law of war. On 19 July this year, this International Court of Justice (ICJ), totally and unconditionally, adopted our slogan in its ruling. Since then our slogan ‘FREE, FREE PALESTINE’ is also the slogan of the Inter-national Court of Justice. Totally. And in all respects. We, Pro-Palestinians, and the ICJ, speak with one mouth here from now on. Exactly the same language!

But not only has the ICJ ruled that there must be a "FREE PALESTINE ’. Whereby all countries in the world have been imposed by this Court to unconditionally respect the Palestinians' right to self-determination and recognise Palestine as an independent state. Because, whether or not in a mutual cooperation with the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), there is also, with the express agreement of a crushing two-thirds majority of this UNGA, also an explicit timeframe, by which the Israeli land grabbers has to disappear from occupied Palestinian Territory. They will be given by theUBGA a year to do at the latest. No more and no less!

And furthermore, the International Court of Justice, as the highest legal body in this world, in conjunction with the UNGA - with a vote ratio of only 14 out of 139 member states against - has indicated exactly the framework in which this "FREE PALESTINE ’ will have to take shape. And this court, together with the UNGA, also determined the legal obligations, which all states in the world must observe. To further realise this ‘FREE PALESTINE’ .

Since this is a very special case, the International Court of Justice has also ruled here that all states of the United Nations are under an international law obligation to work to ensure that its ruling is implemented in its entirety. Point one, then, is that Israeli land grabbers of Palestinian occupied territory should get out of there. And this not only unconditionally, but as soon as possible! Equally, all United Nations states must actively work to ensure that all UN states recognise Palestine as an independent state. And that millions of ethnically cleansed and expelled Palestinians are assured their return to Palestine. Finally, Israel will have to be forced to pay reparations for all material damage and immaterial suffering caused.

In the event that United Nations national states do not comply with their international law obligations, citizens of those states should drag their national governments before their own national courts !! Those fully have a legal commitment to protect and implement international law. And when a UN State fails to comply, other UN States could receive their jurisdiction.

 Finally, with us in the Netherlands, there are also, as constitutional imperatives, the Articles 90 and 94 of the Dutch Constitution. But especially and above all, because much of international law contains *ius cogens* . And even interprets law **erga omnes**. In other words, represents the highest conceivable law of this world!

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