Pro-Palestine rallies held from New York to Tokyo

Global Support for Gaza

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Since the beginning of the great conflict between Israel and Hamas on Saturday, many cities across the world have been the scene of pro-Palestinian rallies. The demonstrators are calling for the international community to break its silence on Israeli crimes and support Palestinians.

The new conflict — which was started by the Hamas resistance group from the besieged Gaza Strip — is in fact a reaction to decades of crimes committed by the Israeli regime against Palestinians across the occupied territories.

Protestors are angry about decades of violation of Palestinians' rights by the Israeli regime, the continuing occupation of the Palestinians' lands, and crimes committed by the regime against Palestinians amid the international silence.

In the US, the main supporter of the Israeli regime, protestors took to the streets of New York and Chicago to show their anger at their country's support for Tel Aviv. Protesters also called on the international community to end its silence on Palestine, adding that US citizens needed to raise their voices in support. Some protesters carried banners saying "End US aid" and "Resistance is not terrorism".

Similar rallies were also held in many cities of European countries including Great Britain, Italy, Spain, France, and Germany.

In Pakistan, protesters gathered at a rally in the country's biggest city on October 8 to express solidarity with the Palestinian people after Israel pounded Gaza.

Jalil Abbas Jilani, the foreign minister of Pakistan, said in a post on X, "Pakistan is deeply concerned by the escalating hostility in the Middle East and the loss of innocent lives."

"We stand in solidarity with Palestinians and call for an immediate end to the violence and oppression by Israeli occupation forces."

In Yemen, thousands of participants took part in a rally in the capital Sana'a to support Hamas' "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" on October 7 while tens of others gathered in Kuwait City for the same reason. Participants chanted in support of Gaza, Al-Aqsa mosque, and Hamas while waving Palestinian flags.

Lebanon has also shown its support for Hamas with hundreds of its citizens coming together in the streets of Beirut in solidarity marches.

Iraq also stood by Palestine, after several people were seen burning both Israeli and US flags in Baghdad, the country's capital city.

The Iraqi government expressed its support for Gaza and the Palestinian people and called the rocket attacks on Israel a "natural result of the systematic oppression... at the hands of the Zionist occupation authority".

In the Middle East, Palestinian solidarity marches were also held in Iran, Turkey, Jordan, and Kuwait.

Japan-Tokyo

Australia-Sydney

Italy-Milan