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Artists around the world unite in solidarity with Palestinians



Rescuers and civilians remove the rubble of a home destroyed after an Israeli attack in central Gaza. ● AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Palestinians search the destroyed annex of the Greek Orthodox Saint Porphyrius Church, the oldest church still in use in Gaza. ● AFP

Arts & Culture Desk

In a powerful display of global solidarity, a number of artists and cultural icons from all over the world have united in a resounding call to stand with the Palestinian people in their resistance against the prolonged Israeli occupation.

Following the historic Palestinian resistance offensive on the morning of October 7, Israel has been waging a genocidal war against Gaza. On October 17, Israel bombed the Baptist hospital, killing over 500 Palestinians, all civilians.

The famous American actor, **Mark Ruffalo**, published on his page on the "X" platform, reports of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the situation in Gaza, in which it warned of the danger of the indiscriminate bombing of the Israeli occupation.

The actor famous for the character "Hulk" re-published a statement from UNICEF, in which it said that "killing and maiming children is a grave violation, and intentional killing is a serious violation of international humanitarian law," as part of her talk about the situation in Gaza.

For his part, the famous Irish actor, Liam Cunningham, published a demonstration in which he appears to have participated in solidarity with the Gaza Strip, which was organized in the capital, Dublin.

In turn, American star Susan Sarandon shared a group of news and video clips that show the brutality of the Israeli occupation in targeting civilians in Gaza. The famous star re-published pictures on her account on the "X" platform, showing the Israeli occupation's use of white phosphorus in the bombing of Gaza, the use of which is a violation of international law.

For his part, Hollywood star John Cusack confirmed that the Palestinians live in a large prison, due to the restrictions imposed by the Israeli occupation on freedom of movement through security

barriers and the "apartheid" wall. He added through his account on the "X" platform: "Anyone who has visited Palestine will not deny that thinking about the place I visited and the Palestinians I met, where 6,000 bombs were dropped on them in six days – is unimaginable.



There is literally no place to go." On his Facebook account, Palestinian filmmaker **Rashid Mashharawi** reacted to the events in more than one post, describing Israel as an "incident" in the

life of the region, and considered that "survival is for the righteous." "There is no future for this barbaric Zionist entity, Israel has dehumanized its citizens and soldiers," he wrote, adding, "A battered society, killing thousands of people and destroying thousands of buildings, and what next?"

Actor Khaled Abu Al-Naga devoted his pages on the platforms to reveal the massacres of the occupation, through his account on the platform "X" commented on one of the pictures "Friends in Washington DC demonstrating against the Israeli war in Gaza, apartheid and occupation in support of the Palestinian people."



The Lebanese singer **Ragheb Alama** – through his account on the platform "X" – condemned the international community and wrote: "Who is carrying out the massacres of killing children, women and innocent people in Gaza? Is it the criminal occupation army? The international community is carrying out the massacres, calling it a disgrace to humanity. The perpetrator of this historic crime is the bloody monster of the Zionist occupation army."

Relief Campaigns

As a Goodwill Ambassador at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Egyptian actress **Mona Zaki** reacted with a video on Instagram, saying, "We follow the tragic events in Gaza with the utmost oppression and injustice, and it is unimaginable the magnitude of the health, psychological and physical situation that the children of Palestine are going through, and the simplest thing that can be given is to donate to save them."



The actress had posted – through the feature of Story on Instagram – a picture of a child amid the explosions and destruction resulting from the bombing of Gaza, and commented on it, "I wish I could hide children in my heart until the end of the war."

Under the title "Help Gaza", a number of celebrities also interacted with the donation campaign called by the Egyptian Red Crescent Society to support the brotherly Palestinian people. Singer Tamer Hosni called on his fans through his Instagram account to pray for the Palestinian people and support them, saying, "Donate to the Egyptian Red Crescent to support our brothers, children and innocent people in Gaza," and asked his followers to donate, even small amounts.

Actor **Ahmad al-Sakka** also interacted with the campaign, posting ways to donate to Gaza, and placing the Palestinian flag next to it on his Instagram account.



Actor Ahmed Fahmy also called for donations and the delivery of aid to Palestine, who posted a video on his Instagram account, saying, "The least we can offer to our brothers in Gaza is by donating to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society." Tunisian actress Latifa posted a blood

donation campaign and a food bank, commenting that it was "the least that can be given to our people in Gaza under the harsh brute conditions."

This is what the singer Angham did, as she wrote on Instagram, "In difficult days, it is easy to fall prey to helplessness, but we can only help in a simple way, I invite you to help the people of Palestine not only with prayers but with assistance that helps them to survive."

Through his account on the "X" platform, actor Ahmed Helmy said, "Children in the hundreds were killed, burns, wounds and lost limbs, grieving mothers and fathers and children whose parents died in front of them, and their homes were demolished, there is no safety, food, water, medicines, fuel or electricity," and continued that they have the right to life and must be helped, and concluded his post by calling for donations to the children of Gaza.



Crimes against humanity

Syrian actress Sulaf Fawakherji posted a video of a Palestinian child sitting amid the destruction caused by the Israeli attack and commented on it, "A mighty and invincible people from small to large, our souls are with you at every moment."



Tunisian actress **Hend Sabri** interacted on Instagram, writing, "Millions are losing faith not only in maps but in humanity, and I am one of them, I refuse to choose those who

mourn for their children," and continued that she is astonished by the disregard and dehumanization of the Palestinian people in the media through silence, and described what is happening as a crime.



The Egyptian actress **Sherihan** did not miss and declared her solidarity through the "X" platform, where she wrote more than one post, and commented that she does not believe the madness, criminality, brutality, barbarism and horrific crimes reached by the occupation against the Palestinian people, their land and their holy sites, children, women and the elderly, and a life without electricity, water or fuel. Sherihan denounced the injustice and oppression of the Palestinian people, who are living under total siege and "genocide", telling the whole world that "if there was humanity or law to reject this genocide."

For his part, the Egyptian actor Khaled Al-Nabawi – through a post on the platform "X" – that the defense of Palestine is the defense of the Arab nation from the Nile to the Euphrates. Jordanian actress Saba Mubarak put the Palestinian flag on her Instagram account, stressing her support for Palestine. Egyptian actor Mohamed Henedy called on the Palestinian people via X, and singer Ahmed Fahmy (a member of the WAMA team) posted on his Instagram account a video of him calling on the Palestinian people.



On her Instagram account, singer **Asala Nasri** said, "Palestine is a homeland that we adore and belong to its people" and called on the people of Gaza in the wounded land to be victorious.