

Intifada resonates with Latinos

LatAm reaction to Gaza tragedy surprises world



"If they were to force you out of your homes, what would you do? Palestine bears the burden of Israel's occupation, suffering under the weight of an arrogant occupying regime primed for war. In a recent surge of resistance along the West Bank, be it in the streets of Gaza or the alleys of Jerusalem, stones stand resilient against bullets. Intifada (Arabic for civil uprising)! Intifada! Intifada! Freedom."

These verses belong to the song "Intifada," which saw thousands of Chileans participating in an unprecedented event on November 12. They sang in harmony with the Spanish music group SKA-P in Santiago, the capital of Chile.

Over the past weeks, in streets located thousands of kilometers from Gaza, resounding voices declare, "Palestine will triumph!" and passionately demand an end to the genocide against the Palestinian people. The rallying cry, "Latin America stands with Palestine!" echoes through the air. Meanwhile, captivating murals adorned with the empowering slogan "Always towards victory" draw attention, featuring the unwavering gaze of a determined young Palestinian.

For the people in Latin America, the Palestinian Cause transcends mere politics, resonating deeply as a humanitarian cause. The populace passionately rallies

behind Gaza, employing the power of social media to share millions of posts exposing Zionist crimes. Hashtags such as #FreePalestine and #IsraelGenocide prominently circulate, with a poignant video portraying a Palestinian girl surviving a bombing amassing nearly 20 million views.

While the Israeli regime had sought to foster close ties with Latin American nations and governments by the United States' backing in recent years, a seismic shift occurred on October 7, 2023. The revelation of the true nature of this regime triggered an exponential surge in animosity among the people in the region towards the Zionists, intensifying with each passing hour.

Chile slams Israel's atrocities

On October 19, the area surrounding the Israeli Embassy in Chile took center stage as pro-Palestinian demonstrators boldly voiced unprecedented slogans, including the pointed accusation of "Zionist terrorist." This fervent display gained momentum on November 18, when hundreds of Chileans orchestrated a symbolic act by placing 1,000 shoes in front of the "La Moneda" Presidential Palace in Santiago. Each pair symbolized a child tragically killed in Gaza. A moment of profound silence was observed as a tribute to the victims, punctuated by the impassioned chant, "No to killing children!" Alongside this heartfelt gesture, protesters wielded signs fervently advocating for the protection of Palestinian children.

The Chilean President Gabriel Boric aligned himself with the sentiments of his people. In a post on X, he asserted, "Children are not 'collateral damage' in the war against Hamas; they are the main victims. Nothing justifies this brutality in Gaza. Nothing." Chile's government also took a decisive step by recalling its ambassador from Israel to Santiago.

Venezuela: Zionists will target us after Palestine

The Venezuelan populace has a longstanding tradition of expressing solidarity with Palestine and resonating their discontent through slogans such as "Israel is just like the Nazis." This substantial support for Palestine traces its roots back to 2009, when the Venezuelan government, vehemently protesting the Gaza massacre, took the bold step of completely severing ties with the Zionist regime.

In a recent speech, President Nicolas Maduro brought a heightened awareness to his citizens, as well as Christians in America and Europe, shedding light on the threat that Zionism poses to Christianity — a topic that had previously been left largely unexplored.

Maduro asserted, "Zionists have adopted an ideology more perilous than that of the Nazis. Their initial actions targeted the people of Palestine through invasion, genocide, and bombings. Subsequently, they will direct their aggression towards the Arab population and all Muslims, with Christians and Catholics next in their line of sight." The belief among Jews that they are the 'chosen people,' and non-Jews are mere animals in human guise obligated to serve them, underscores the gravity of the president's caution.

The Venezuelan President also urged people worldwide to continue the rallies, stating, "We must prevail in this battle for the right to life and the establishment of the Palestinian state."

Bolivia: We cannot turn a blind eye to Palestinians' suffering

On October 22, San Francisco Square and the streets of La Paz, Bolivia's capital, became the backdrop for a massive demonstration, where protestors fervently called for an end to the Gaza genocide.

Bolivian President Luis Arce declared in a post on X: "We cannot remain indifferent to the plight of the Palestin-

ian people, who have the right to live in peace. We denounce the war crimes in Gaza."

In response to the ongoing Zionist atrocities, the Bolivian Ministry of Foreign Affairs officially announced the severance of diplomatic ties with the Zionist regime, while condemning the massacre of thousands of civilians.

Colombia: Netanyahu is a 'crazy' man

Chile is not the only Latin American country where demonstrators have chosen to target the Israeli embassy as a symbolic act of protest. On November 4, 2023, protestors in Colombia defaced the walls of the Israeli embassy in Bogotá, painting them with images of Nazi symbols.

President Gustavo Petro, in a tweet, expressed that the people of Palestine are

enduring one of the most egregious injustices in the contemporary world. Referring to Netanyahu as "a crazy man," he also declared that Colombia will support the complaint lodged by the Republic of Algeria, submitted to the International Criminal Court, accusing Benjamin Netanyahu of war crimes and the mass killing of Palestinian children.