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In Palestine as in international solidarity, we must turn to resistance

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Faced with the threat of dissolution of the Urgence Palestine movement in France, French-Palestinian activist Salah Hamouri spoke to Antoine Larrache on 8 July 2025.

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[1] On 22 October 2024 National Rally MP Julien Odoul called for the dissolution of *Urgence Palestine*. On 29 April 2025 Retailleau announced his intention to dissolve UP and the anti-fascist collective *La Jeune Garde*. On 12 June, the latter was dissolved. A solidarity mobilization with UP has garnered the support of 250,000 signatories and more than 800 organizations. The dissolution of UP has not been pronounced to date.

[2] Palestine Action in Britain was banned following an action at a Royal Air Force base that involved spraying paint on military aircraft.

[3] The South Lebanon Army was a Lebanese militia that operated with the support of the Israeli army during the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon in 1978 and 1982. Founded in 1976-1977, it was dissolved when the Israeli army withdrew from southern Lebanon in 2000.

[4] The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), established on 28 May 1964 in Jerusalem, was the main Palestinian resistance organization. It is made up of several Palestinian organizations. The main one is Fatah, but there is also the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). It was led by Yasser Arafat from 1969 until his death in 2004. It is currently headed by Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), who is also the president of the Palestinian Authority and the State of Palestine.

[5] The "Palestinians of 1948" are the Palestinians who, following the 1948 war that led to the creation of Israel, found themselves inside the Israeli state. There are about 1.7 to 2 million of them, or 20% of Israel's population. There are also 3.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and, before the genocide began, 2.2 million in Gaza. There are also 6.4 million in the surrounding Arab countries and 760,000 in the rest of the world. That is about 14 to 15 million in total.

[6] Far-right Israeli government minister Bezalel Smotrich's Plan X aims to grab Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank. In 2024, 800 hectares were seized: according to the Israeli anti-settlement organization Peace Now, this is the largest seizure of land in Palestinian territory since the Oslo Accords.