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Despite the frightening and abhorrent realities of an ongoing assault by the fourth-most-powerful military machine in the world, backed up by the first-most-powerful military machine in the world, for over fifty-seven years, the people of Palestine have continued to struggle and continued to resist. With *sumoud*, steadfastness, with unbending resolve, the people of Palestine have continued to stay, to remain in the land, and to struggle for return and liberation. The continuing resistance of the Palestinian people in all facets of life, from the fields of battle to the demonstrations in the street, to the farmers who tend their crops despite the encroaching wall or the students who brave checkpoints and closures to seek education, to the mothers who daily give birth to and raise the future generations of Palestine, has been undefeatable and indestructible, despite the daily brutality and the military, political and economic power of the enemy.

Indeed, that resistance has inspired millions around the world in their own struggles for liberation who today stand side by side with the people of Palestine in mourning al-Nakba and pledging continued struggle for liberation and return. Millions of Palestinians in exile, from the camps of Lebanon and Syria to the cities and towns of North America, have continued to struggle for the right to return, against all pressures and attempts to undermine the fundamental individual and collective right of every Palestinian refugee to return to his or her original homes, lands, and properties. There can be no discussion of justice or peace in Palestine that leaves aside the right to return; on this day of remembering Al-Nakba, the fundamental injustice of 1948 stands in clear relief, and only the fundamental resolution of the crimes of 1948, embodied in the full right and power of every Palestinian refugee to return home, can begin to address justice and liberation in Palestine.

Despite facing vast military and political power, for 59 years, Palestinians - in Palestine, in the refugee camps, and around the world - have continued to resist Zionist colonization and occupation and to struggle for the day when the refugees will return and all of PALESTINE WILL BE FREE, from the river to the sea.

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59 YEARS OF OCCUPATION, 59 YEARS OF STRUGGLE