

Black Lives Matter in Palestine to Protest U.S.-Funded Genocide



Ramallah, August 2 (RHC)-- Activists from the Black Lives Matter movement in the U.S. joined a protest in the Palestinian village of Bilin near Ramallah in the West Bank in an effort to put an international spotlight on the Israeli oppression, occupation and “genocide” of Palestinians.

“Today, delegates from the Movement for Black Lives join organizers and activists in Bil’in, a territory in occupied Palestine where resisters are engaged in nonviolent protest,” the Black Lives Matter movement said in a statement through its official Facebook page.

“In the fight for dignity, justice and freedom, the Movement for Black Lives is committed to the global shared struggle of oppressed people, namely the people of occupied Palestine and other Indigenous communities who for decades have resisted the occupation of their land, the ethnic cleansing of their people, and the erasure of their history and experiences.”

At least two people were arrested during the peaceful protest by Israeli forces as they crack down on the demonstration, which takes place every week. Palestinian news agency Ma’an said those arrested were taken to an unknown location and their citizenship remained unidentified.

Bilin has become a well-known site for action against Israeli occupation and settlement activity in the region and its residents have been organizing a weekly protest for the past 11 years. Protests at the

village are often met with tear gas, rubber-coated steel bullets and stun grenades from occupation forces.

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