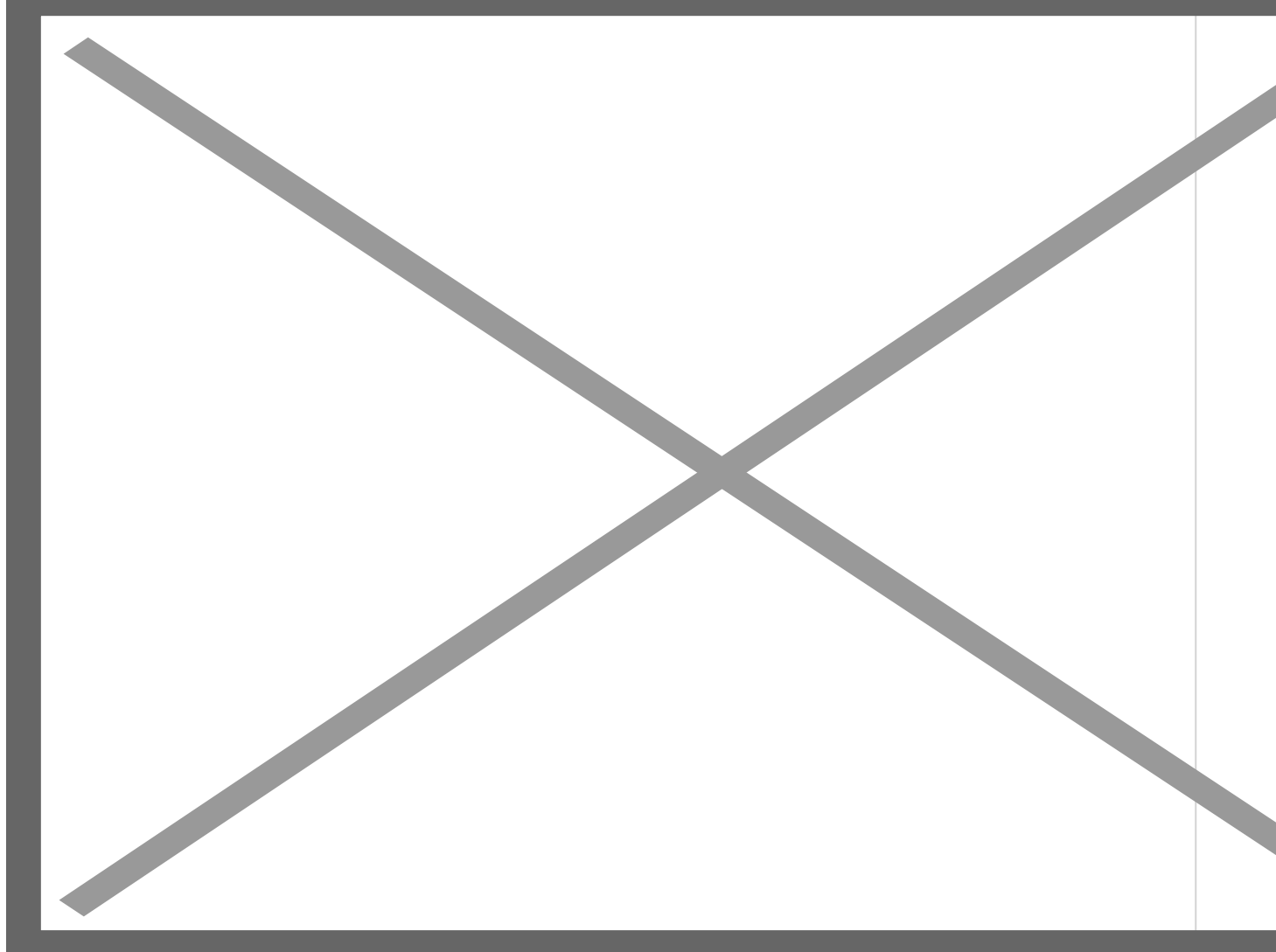


Huge demonstrations held in cities around the world condemning Israel

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??Protesters in London come out against Israeli actions??

New York, May 12 (RHC)-- From New York and London to Karachi and Rabat, tens of thousands of people have gathered in cities across the world to protest against Israeli attacks on Gaza.

Demonstrators on Tuesday also rallied to denounce the ongoing crackdown at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City, as well as Israeli plans to forcefully expel Palestinians from their homes in occupied East Jerusalem.

Protesters gathered in London for a huge demonstration. Activists took to the streets of New York City and flooded Time Square in downtown Manhattan. Some protesters carried banners reading "Free Palestine," "Israel is a terrorist state," and "Occupation No More."

The Israeli raids on Gaza come after weeks of mounting tension over the looming forced expulsion of Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah, a Palestinian neighbourhood in occupied East Jerusalem that Jewish settlers have been trying to expel them from for decades.

The situation escalated when Israeli police stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City -- the third-holiest site in Islam -- and wounded hundreds of Palestinian worshippers during several days of violence. Protests broke out across the occupied territories and inside Israel.

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