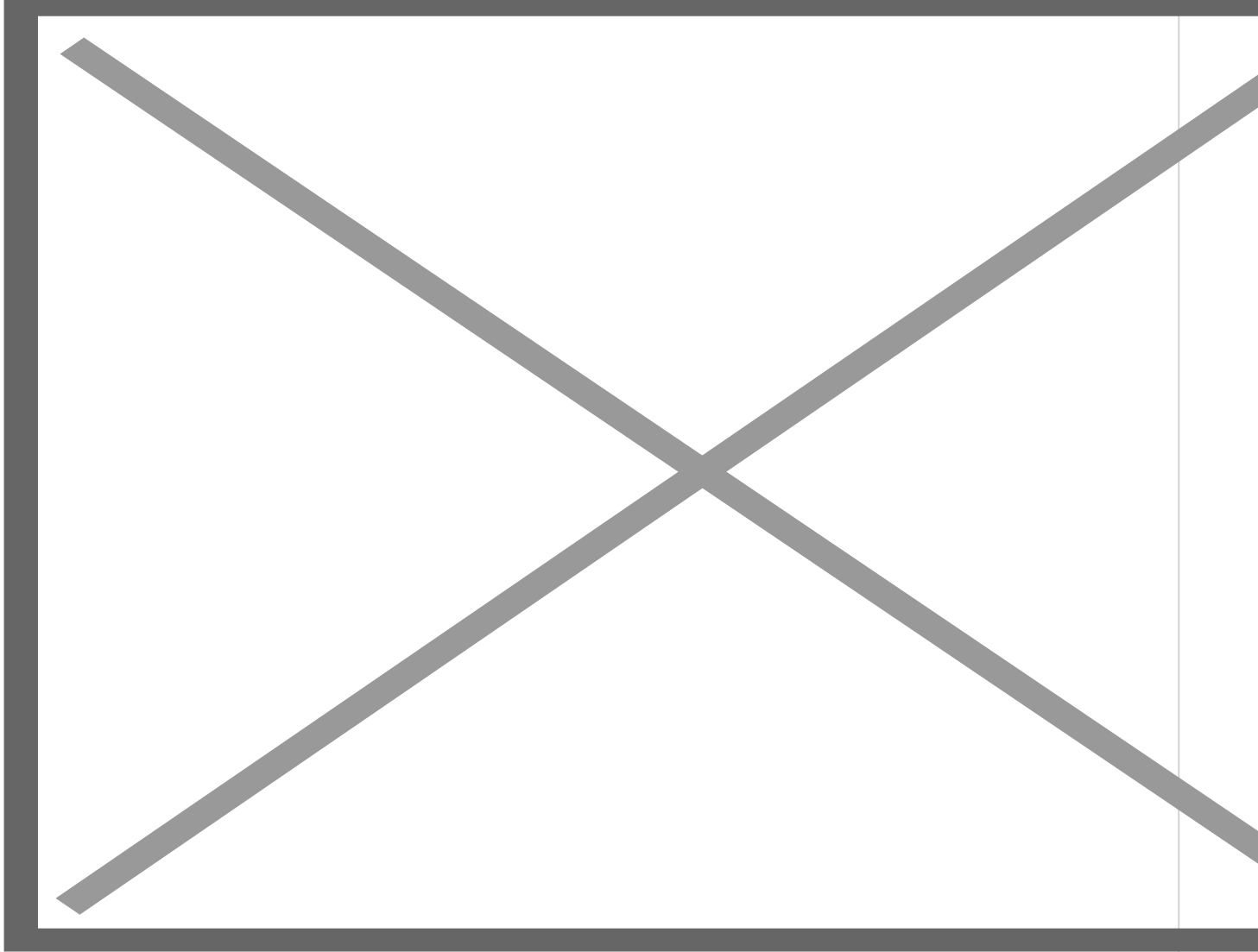


Black Friday shopping in Chicago while bombs keep dropping

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Police and security remove pro-Palestinian protesters from the Apple store along the Chicago

River during a march on Black Friday to highlight the conflict in Gaza. Photo: David Struett / Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, December 1 (RHC)-- With a chant of, "While you're shopping, bombs are dropping," pro-Palestinians march down Chicago's famous Magnificent Mile of high-end stores on Black Friday, the day after the Thanksgiving national holiday and the busiest shopping day of the year.

"Black Friday. They're still dropping the bombs. They're still hurting those children, those people who are innocent. It's those politicians who are messed up."

One activist told reporter: "It's not the civilians. Those are experiencing homelessness. They're experiencing hunger, they're experiencing lack of medical support, and this is what we're here for. We're here for the victims who are suffering from those things."

The March also joined with demonstrators around the world to mark the International Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people. Protests were also held in New York City, Boston and elsewhere in the United States as the pro-Gaza movement continues to stretch its already historic proportions and reach.

In Sydney, protests have been held weekly, demanding action from the Australian government regarding the crisis in Gaza and Lebanon.

As the attempted genocide and ethnic cleansing approaches its 14th month, the backlash against the Zionist project has reached levels few would have imagined possible, and which portends enormous future problems for Israel's colonial project.

A recent poll of Jewish American teenagers found that 37% of them now sympathize with Hamas. 41% of them agree that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza and 66% of them now sympathize with Palestinians as a whole.

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