

# THE ORGANIZER

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## End the Massacre in Gaza – No Solution Through Violence!

By the National Action Committee of the SPUSA

The Socialist Party USA unequivocally condemns the ongoing Israeli military offensive against the people of Gaza. We call for an immediate cessation of hostilities on all sides and an immediate end to the blockade of the Gaza strip. We encourage US citizens to assist the process of peace in the region by demanding that the US government end all military aid to Israel and other Middle Eastern governments.



The Israeli military is involved in a massacre of the people of Gaza. More than one million people are trapped in the region, penned by the Israeli Defense Forces on one

side and the Egyptian military on the other. Over the past few days, more than 400 people have been killed and thousands more injured as a result of Israeli military aggression. This has resulted in a massive humanitarian crisis which has put the entire population of Gaza at risk. Today, Gaza City is a squalid ghetto under attack by overwhelming military force intent on the inflicting collective punishment on the Palestinian people "to the bitter end."

The present humanitarian tragedy in the Gaza Strip is only a one moment in a history of Israeli state terrorism directed at the Palestinian population. Features of this conflict include arbitrary seizures of Palestinian land, destruction of homes, and the criminalization and physical expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. This process must be ended immediately. The Socialist Party USA believes that the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict cannot be reached through violence. The politics of terror and militarization tend to reduce the social space available for popular movements to develop. The Socialist Party USA therefore supports Israelis and Palestinians who are working toward a peaceful, equitable solution and we encourage collaborative organizing across national and ethnic borders.

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## Honor MLK Jr. and Black History Month



Martin Luther King Jr. recognized that war, racism, and poverty all have roots in the economic system of capitalism. This system, where the few who have the most wealth make the economic decisions, would have to be replaced by a more democratic political framework. He was also aware of the intertwined history of Socialism and the civil rights movement.

The Socialist Party honors MLK Jr. this winter as we continue to struggle to fight racism, war and poverty.

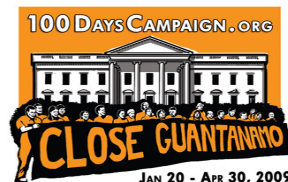
We encourage you to support anti-war & social justice actions this MLK Jr. Day. For MLK Jr. and anti-war actions check out the Party's Anti-War/ Anti-Imperialism webpage at:

[www.socialistparty-usa.org/campaigns/anti-war.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org/campaigns/anti-war.html)

## Shut Down Guantanamo!

**The Socialist Party has endorsed the 100 Days to Close Guantanamo Campaign.**

*From the campaign...* The prison at Guantánamo has been at the center of the shameful incarceration policies of the Bush administration. Those policies have denied detainees fundamental legal rights and subjected them to systematic torture at Guantánamo, Abu Ghraib, Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Such practices violate the U.S. Constitution, the Geneva Conventions, and basic human rights. They have been a source of domestic and international outrage, denigrating America's character, weakening its standing in the world, and threatening - not enhancing - its security...



We encourage state and local organizations, as well as at-large members to take part, endorse or organize actions to shut down Guantanamo and end torture...

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**In Washington DC:**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>:** Procession of protestors in orange jump-suits and black hoods @ the White House.

**In your area:**

January 20- April 30<sup>th</sup>: Organize vigils or other events. For info check out: [www.100dayscampaign.org](http://www.100dayscampaign.org).

A listing of SPUSA events will be posted on our home page: [www.socialistparty-usa.org](http://www.socialistparty-usa.org)

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**CAMPAIGN 2008**



The Socialist Party congratulates all our candidates for running solid campaigns we should all be proud of.

The results will be posted soon at [www.vote-socialist.org](http://www.vote-socialist.org).

**Upcoming SPUSA Events & Deadlines**

**January 24-25, 2009: National Committee Meeting:** 673 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield, NJ.

**January 31, 2009: Hammer & Tongs Deadline**

**BOOKS & LITERATURE AVAILABLE**

**Books**

- \_\_\_ **Rebel Lives: Albert Einstein** (soft/89 pgs) \$6.00
- \_\_\_ **Rebel Lives: Helen Keller** (soft/89 pgs) \$6.00
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