



Canadians for Equality
and Peace for Palestinians

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END THE OCCUPATION: END THE VIOLENCE RALLY

Canadians for Equality and Peace for Palestinians (CEPPal) and other concerned citizens of Edmonton will participate in a rally entitled ***END THE OCCUPATION: END THE VIOLENCE*** on **April 6th, 2002**, commemorating the 53rd anniversary of the civilian massacre at Deir Yassin. The purpose of the rally is demand that **Israel end its 12,718 days (to date) of illegal occupation of Palestinian territories**, so that long-term peace can be established in the region.

The recent outbreaks of fatal violence in the occupied territories of Palestine are a symptom of the oppression and human rights violations that have gone on in Palestine for the past half-century under Israeli control largely because the international community, including Canada, has neglected to act. The group is demonstrating its collective outrage at the human rights violations that have taken place in Palestine over the past 53 years, and its disappointment in both the lack of concern of many people in the West, and the lack of meaningful response by the Canadian Government.

The purpose of the rally is to continue the global awareness campaign to raise a voice for the plight of Palestinian people. We also hope to educate the Canadian Public to the reality of the Palestinian struggle for freedom. We are calling on Prime Minister Jean Chretien to put pressure on the Israeli government to comply with the United Nations resolutions it has stood in of violation of since 1967, requiring their immediate withdrawal from the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. In this we ask Canada to be a leader in the global community by helping to bring justice and peace to all people in Palestine and Israel.

Vanessa Ali, was in the Middle East in March 2002, having recently returned to Edmonton she will attend the rally to speak about conditions she witnessed in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

The demonstration will start on **Saturday April 6th at 11:15am in front of the Corbett Hall, University of Alberta and a march down Whyte Ave to the Strathcona Farmers' Market will follow.**

Your coverage of this event is greatly appreciated.

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