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Welcome to our newsletter KITE*, from the Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine.*

KITE is open to contributions from within and beyond our Sarah Lawrence community. If you or someone you know would like to contribute—an event announcement, an event report, an opinion piece, a response to something we've published, a quote, a poem—please send to sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

Copy deadline is Sundays at noon. Thank you.



COALITION FOR PALESTINE

PLEASE NOTE:

Our monthly meeting of the
Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine
has been rescheduled
from Friday November 6 at 2pm ET to
>> FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 at 2pm ET <<
Open to students, alums, staff, and faculty
Email for link and reminder:
SL.FS.JPALESTINE@PROTON.ME

5 Questions

We've had the honor of printing responses to these 5 questions from SL alums Sarah Ihmoud, Kathy Engel, Megan G, Miller Oberman, Randall Wallace, & Deborah Augustin, as well as from two current faculty members. We'd like to open our community-wide dialogue to anyone else who might be willing to answer them, whether by name or anonymously. As above, reach us at sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

Here are the questions:

1 Can you say a little about your connection to Sarah Lawrence?

2 Can you say a little about what your life has been like since October of 2023?

3 Something the Sarah Lawrence administration has said consistently since the fall of 2023: the rights of Zionists must be respected. Can you say a little about what that means to you?

4 What's the role of a college or university in a time of genocide?

5 What are the values of Sarah Lawrence that you respect?

Since our last newsletter:

• ***Monday November 2*** NYC mayor Zohran Mamdani: "Dockworkers went on strike across 113 ports in 22 countries to disrupt the transport of weapons of war, in solidarity with the Palestinian people. New Yorkers stand with them. When working people unite in their power, we build a better world. Dockworkers do not work for war."

Michigan's Abdul El-Sayed on a Palestinian homeland: "Like where? Only on Gaza and the West Bank? They should have no other self-determination except for Gaza and the West Bank? And the small pieces of it that have been now annihilated? And the parts that are being encroached upon by settlers?...I want equal rights to peace, dignity, and self-determination for Palestinians and Jewish Israelis alike. And the problem with saying, 'Yeah, we're gonna just take as fixed the idea of the state as it is' implies that you're just taking whatever is carved left. And there is no actual real opportunity

for self-determination for the Palestinian people. It's like, 'Hey, listen, after I eat, then you can have my seconds.' I just don't think that's fair." *60Minutes*

"On October 31st and November 1st 1948 IOF soldiers rounded up 90 men and boys and took them to a house in the village of Houla in southern Lebanon and shot them. The house was then collapsed on them and they were only identified months later by their clothing. In November 2024 the IOF entered Houla again and desecrated the memorial, daubing it with the words 'the only good Shia is a dead Shia.' Now the village is inside the so-called 'yellow zone' and has largely been destroyed. This is what a genocide looks like." Steve Sweeney

"In the last 24 hours, 'Israel' has perpetrated at least 4 massacres in Gaza, bombing children who were on their way to school in Gaza City, killing a 4-year-old boy by blowing off his legs. While in Gaza Western bombs dismember children, the Western press speaks in horror of violence over some looting of Apple stores by teenagers." Daniel Mayakovski

During the month of October, Israeli forces and settlers attacked Palestinian land and property 1,027 times: the most in any monthly report since May 2022, with property seized or stolen nearly four times as often as usual during the olive harvest. *GoodShepherd*

People Against Genocide smash military satellites bound for Israel, inside Ultra I & C's Hertfordshire arms facility. This action today coincides with the 109th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, when the British signed away the land of Palestine to Zionist militias. *Aftershock*

Tipped off by the Palestine solidarity movement, Calabrian union workers helped stall 17 containers bound for Israel: "The first suspect containers arrived in March. Campaigners traced the steel to RL Steels & Energy in Aurangabad, India; BDS Italia said it was headed to a plant run by IMI Systems, an ammunition maker owned by Elbit Systems, Israel's largest arms manufacturer. By March 18, eight containers were under inspection, and Marra brought MP Anna Laura Orrico to the port. The transit of such material to a country at war, he told LaC News24, was 'absolutely forbidden by our law.' Macrì told the same outlet: 'As the Piana, we are not complicit.'
"BDS folded Gioia Tauro into a Block the Boat campaign, and MPs and Lucano came to the gates asking to inspect the containers. They were turned away. On May 29, the movement went to sea. Five boats from the Thousand Madleens to Gaza coalition and Global Intifada sailed out in front of the port as the MSC Manasvi, a ship of the company that owns the terminal, came in to load eight of the held containers. The ship stayed offshore for hours, then turned back without them, organizers told *Middle East Eye*. 'The Mediterranean is not Israel's,' said Roberto Panza of the Cosenza activist group La Base, who was aboard one of the boats. 'It is ours.' That afternoon, solidarity groups and USB held a sit-in at the port gates, and several smaller base unions called a 24-hour strike. This year, an *Al Jazeera* investigation found MSC shipping goods from Israeli settlements." Alex Colston

Massive influence campaign floods France with racist advertisements, months before 2027 presidential election. Report traces this exceptionally well-funded campaign, launched three years ago and timed to its target countries' elections, with strong evidence pointing to an Israeli private-sector origin. *LeMonde*

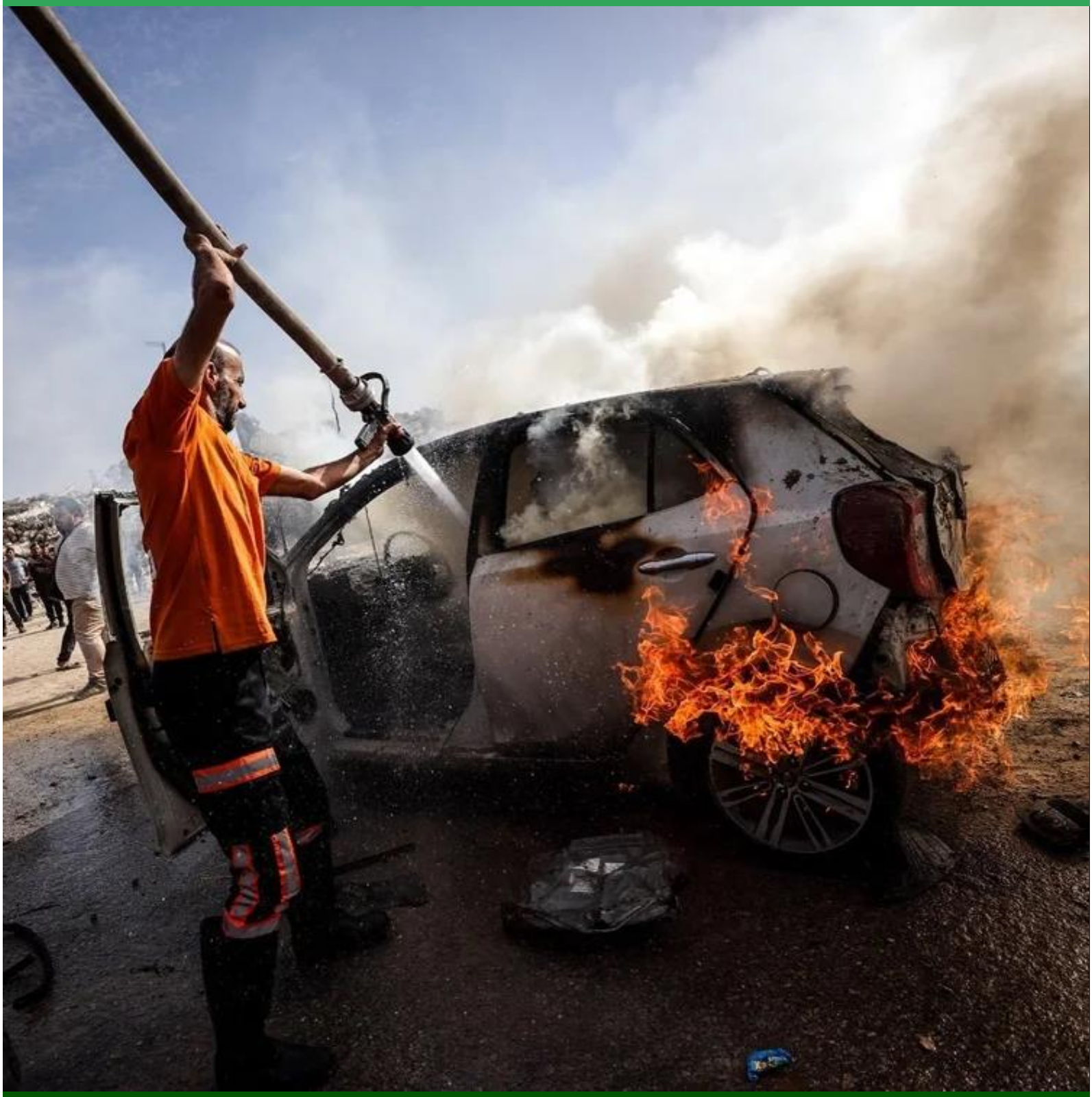
Akbar Shahid Ahmed, author of *Crossing the Red Line: Biden, His Advisors, and Israel's War in Gaza*: "Biden, professed Zionist, absolutely. The others around him, who enabled this machine? Not necessarily so ideological. But extremely convinced: 'Our career prospects, my long-term financial success, depends on not rocking the boat. Not questioning this policy, and playing nice on this specific issue.' I was told by a State Department lawyer working on war crimes investigations, 'We've all worked together before, we'll work together again. You don't want to be seen as the person who rocked the boat here.' And really alarmingly—thinking about young people who want to be in these roles, public service and foreign policy—many of those people were concerned and alarmed. But I heard from so many people in their 20s, 30s, who had signed up going into the most diverse administration in history: 'If I leave now, I will forever be seen as leaving over Israel and Gaza, and I will never have a future.' That's what has to change to have a more wholesome debate about US interests and US policy." *TheTea*

NYU FSJP holds the first public hearing of a yearlong investigation into the university's crackdown against those who protested Israel's genocide in Gaza. *Prism*

Ta-Nehisi Coates: "This long war on the Muslim and Arab world has reached its apogee in the concentration camp of Gaza, where every single bomb was dropped from a plane of American extraction. And the genocide is but the latest chapter in a book authored by Israel, a state whose own basic laws reserve full rights for its 'decent' people and something less for everyone else. This is the state that Haley Stevens has claimed to literally see in her dreams." *VanityFair*

"It's not that I didn't engage with these people for my entire life. I did. But at a certain point, and a genocide might be a 'certain point,' you just realize that we can't debate ourselves out of this." Benjamin Moser

Gaza City today. Motasem A Dalloul



• *Tuesday November 3* Democrats Vie To Take Back House Committee. If they take control of the House, a key committee could see a leadership shake-up. *InsideHigherEd*

"The outcome of the US midterm elections, and with it which party will control Congress, will not be clear until late Tuesday night, or even Wednesday morning. But whether or not the Democrats retake one or both chambers of Congress, one thing is already clear: The 2026 primary cycle made official

that the political debate over Israel within the Democratic Party has changed forever." "The Election Cycle That Shattered the Pro-Israel Consensus," *JewishCurrents*

Democrats take Senate and House in shift that could push US further away from Israel. First exit polls show typical partisan split among Jewish voters of 67% for Democrats and 32% for Republicans. *JewishTelegraphicAgency*

House Democrats: We will hold this administration accountable.
Aidan Simardone: First hold yourself accountable for the Gaza genocide.

@anoosify : Too many people have forgotten your voice Refaat. Too many people have defended and supported the party that took your life 😢
@itranslate123 Refaat in Gaza, December 2, 2023 : "The Democratic Party and Biden are responsible for the Gaza genocide perpetrated by Israel."

"with all due respect we did not get expelled by the dozens just for y'all to vote blue MAGA" *CUApartheidDivestCUAD*

Josh Ruebner: "Whatever the results of today's election, one thing is clear: the next Congress will have the largest class of freshmen supporting Palestinian freedom and opposing US support for Israel's apartheid regime, and that is a victory!"

Mahmoud Khalil: "It is students who steer us toward truth and justice, and it's thanks to their courage and sacrifice that we're seeing this breakthrough. They paid for it too: at Columbia alone, more than 100 were expelled or suspended. They must be reinstated. Shame on Columbia's trustees who betrayed their own students."

"Trump and the Republicans lost the American elections because of their alliance with Netanyahu and the genocide he is carrying out, and because of the attacks and the devastating war they ignited with Iran in the Arabian Gulf. And Palestine was present in all the elections as the cause of all humanity." Mustafa Barghouti

"My mother just said, "The Confederacy dies tonight." Heather McGhee

• ***Wednesday November 4*** Providence Becomes Largest US City to Divest From Israel in Historic Vote. The ordinance passed by 75 percent after a months-long grassroots campaign. Voters overwhelmingly passed an ordinance requiring the city to divest from companies that enable genocide, apartheid, and human rights violations. *Truthout*

Democratic Socialist Aber Kawas becomes the first Palestinian and the first Muslim woman elected to the New York State Legislature. *MiddleEastEye* She was born and raised in Brooklyn, to

undocumented parents from Palestine. When she was in 7th grade, her father was detained by ICE. She spent weekends as a teenager taking 3-hour rides to a detention center to see him. She graduated from City College in 2014. Her college crush was an informant for the NYPD, spying on Muslim students. She earned a Master's degree in Islamic Liberation Theology from the University of Johannesburg and then returned to New York City.

"Democrats should do the Stefanik college president hearings in reverse. Get college presidents on the record saying that students have the right to peacefully protest and to say controversial—even offensive—things. Get them on the record that scholars should not punished for their views and that universities will protect foreign students targeted for their views. Demand that the last three years of McCarthyism and cowardice end now." Peter Beinart

Incoming chair of the House Education Committee Bobby Scott sends a preservation of records request to ten federal departments, warning officials to keep records or risk criminal penalties. *Guardian*

"The question on university campuses should now be how to get rid of all the administrators who caved to and collaborated with a grossly unpopular political agenda, including curricular changes, reversals on diversity mandates, buying into AI hype, clamping down on Gaza protests." Stuart Schrader

"Black faces in high places are not gonna save us. Just look at the Black proponents of Cop City in Atlanta's leadership class. Black faces in high places are not gonna save us. Just look at the Black woman's hand—Ambassador at the UN—voting against a ceasefire in Gaza. That is: Our Blackness and our womanness are not in themselves trustworthy, if we allow ourselves to be conscripted into positions of power that maintain the oppressive status quo. Our Blackness and womanness are not themselves trustworthy if we support the occupation of Black neighborhoods with so-called 'better-trained police.' Or remain silent about the genocide of oppressed peoples around the world, funded by our tax dollars.

"And here let me please shout out the incredible Spelman students and AUC siblings who have been organizing with Stop Cop City and Justice in Palestine, among many other troublemakers in this room. You all remind us that college is not a waiting room to enter the real world—but that you can start transforming that world right here, right now. It goes without saying, but let me just say it anyway. Student activists speaking out courageously for Palestine and Congo and Haiti and to stop Cop City—-they should not be threatened with expulsion, loss of scholarships, or have public safety called on them for protesting. Too often our institutions celebrate student activists *after* they've graduated—even giving them honorary degrees—but stifle student activism while we are enrolled. We can do better." Princeton professor Ruha Benjamin, receiving an honorary degree at Spelman, April 2024

Protesters from Silence Elbit Drones blockade both roads to Elbit's weapons factory in Filton, Bristol, shutting down the same drone producer where four Palestine Action activists destroyed Israeli quadcopter drones. *QudsNews*

Eight settler families move into eight homes in the Palestinian city of Jericho. This is the first entirely new Israeli enclave to be set up inside a West Bank city since Hebron in 1968. Dimi Reider

Genocide is not the work of generals alone. It takes a whole society to make the unthinkable normal. Dyab Abou Jahjah

"I'm very tired…Along with the civil defence teams, we're looking for bodies of 21 nieces and nephews under the rubble of their home which was bombed over their heads by Israeli occupation military 3 years ago." "We have finished. We extracted only 17 bodies of nieces and nephews killed by the Israeli occupation military. Four might be evaporated." Motasem A Dalloul

• ***Thursday November 5*** "Calls to Replace Jeffries and Schumer Explode After Democratic Wins": "Calls for Representative Hakeem Jeffries and Senator Chuck Schumer to step down from their leadership positions are growing as the dust from Tuesday's midterm election settles. The calls—coming from inside and outside of Congress—cite a lack of vision, an unwillingness to go after Trump, the continued acceptance of corporate PAC money, and an extreme deference to the Israeli government." *TheNewRepublic*

Michigan's Abdul El-Sayed supports Maryland's Chris Van Hollen as Senate majority leader over Chuck Schumer. Emily Galvin-Almanza: "This guy actually went to El Salvador to get his constituent back. He is smart, compelling, dauntless. GIVE HIM THE BATON."
Van Hollen in December 2025: "We must keep calling out those that cave to the Trump Administration, and the latest is Northwestern. As part of their 'deal,' NU will pay $75 million, stop vital research, renege on agreements with its students over the war in Gaza, and more. Throwing your students under the bus to please Trump. Shameful."

In 2022, almost 70% of AIPAC funds went into races where it got the desired result. In 2024, it was 87%. In 2026, that figure is 34%. Nesrine Malik

Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon, who led the Civil Rights Division, resigns. Darryl Li: "While the damage done will likely be long-lasting, this is still a victory for AAUP, which challenged her higher ed agenda at every turn."

From 2025 AAUP report "Discriminating Against Dissent: The Weaponization of Civil Rights Law to Repress Campus Speech on Palestine": "As is the case with OCR investigations, Zionist advocacy groups are actively involved as plaintiffs and as counsel, working alongside other right-wing forces as

well as major corporate law firms with diverse political leanings. The Brandeis Center has been involved in six lawsuits, including the first one against UC Berkeley. In its suit involving a complaint against the University of Pennsylvania, the Brandeis Center was represented by Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton & Garrison LLP, a prominent and traditionally Democratic-leaning firm.69 Paul Weiss filed the suit in 2024, long before the firm's much-criticized "capitulation" deal with the Trump administration. The Lawfare Project, a right-wing Zionist organization, has sued four schools, working in cooperation with Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett and Arnold & Porter.
"Right-wing law firms in the orbit of the Trump administration have also been significant players in antisemitism litigation. Most prominent has been the Trump-aligned law firm Kasowitz LLP (better known as Kasowitz Benson Torres), which has sued and obtained settlements with New York University, Harvard, and Columbia. The New School was sued by the boutique law firm co-founded by **Harmeet Dhillon**, Trump's assistant attorney general for civil rights. The lead attorney in a 2024 antisemitism suit against the University of Virginia, Gregory J. Brown, was subsequently appointed as Dhillon's deputy at the Justice Department and went on to oversee a Title VI antisemitism investigation against George Washington University."

Israeli soldiers take over the family home of American citizen Andaleeb Mahmoud in Turmus Ayya, north of Ramallah, turning it into a military outpost, ransacking the property, and forcing neighbors out of the surrounding area. The US Embassy has taken no action. *EyeOnPalestine*

Israel extends detention of Palestinian journalist Abed Abu Shehadeh. Noura Erekat: "Abed is from Jaffa. He was born and raised in Palestine as were multiple generations of his family. He is the descendant of the 160,000 Palestinians who remained after Israel's establishment and is among the 2 mil Palestinians that has Israeli citizenship. Israel is accusing him of incitement for mobilizing Palestinians to vote."

J Street Jewish voter survey, Sympathy In The Conflict: In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies with the Israelis, the Palestinians, or both? Age 18-34, 49% with the Palestinians, 20% with the Israelis. Age 65+, 51% with the Israelis, 5% with the Palestinians.

Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin says that law firms that struck deals with President Donald Trump in early 2025 can expect to be subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee next year. Merlin Chowkwanyun of Columbia's School of Public Health: "Don't forget universities."

"I have just completed my education. Thank you @griffithcollege for all the things you have taught me. A dedication to my martyred friend @Alhassan_Wm_Ma, my destroyed Al-Aqsa University, and all my wonderful editors. ♡✊" Abubaker Abed

"In two days, a new storm system is expected to hit the city. Tens of thousands of tents along the seafront are at risk of flooding, while thousands of children and their families face heavy rain and

floods with no shelter to protect them. Show your humanity. Speak up for Gaza, and don't be afraid to tell the truth." Tamer Nahed

• *Friday November 6* Israeli airstrikes shred children, destroy Gaza school. *ElectronicIntifada*

On this day three years ago Gaza's death toll crossed 10,000 after Israel had killed 10,022 Palestinians including 4,008 children in just 31 days. Linda Mamoun

Pro-Palestine protesters storm a Microsoft data centre in Amsterdam, accusing them of powering Israeli genocide through Cloud and AI services. *DropSite*

"The man standing with indicted ICC fugitive Netanyahu and holding a Barak sniper rifle to be sent to IOF genocidaires is the man UNSG Antonio Guterres just appointed as the new head of the UN World Food Programme. He is Luke Lindberg, a former Trump administration official and vocal Israel regime supporter who publicly praised Netanyahu in the middle of the genocide in Palestine (wishing him 'godspeed'), and who is the son-in-law of Israel lobby darling US Sen. John Thune. In the meantime, WFP has announced it is cutting food aid to half a million genocide survivors in Gaza, as winter approaches and their situation grows ever more dire. This is the UN on its knees before the US empire. It will find the courage to stand up, or it will fade into permanent irrelevance." Craig Mokhiber

"There is a showdown looming in the Democratic party over support for Israel," Moustafa Bayoumi: "'We don't want our money sent to do apartheid or genocide or war,' El-Sayed said on Tuesday night in his victory speech, to raucous applause. Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer better be listening." *Guardian*

GAZA IS DROWNING. Haitham El Masri

• *Saturday November 7* Gaza Civil Defense: Entire displacement camps were flooded across all areas of the Gaza Strip early this morning. Osama Abu Rabee

"We spoke to families who told us they had spent the entire night carrying their children in their arms after floodwater covered the floors of their tents and soaked their mattresses. They couldn't find a single dry place to put their children. They couldn't even give them a few hours of sleep. I saw children no older than five, without proper clothes to protect them from the cold, without heating, and without a dry place to sleep. Children shivering inside tents that cannot keep out the rain, protect them from the wind, or provide even the most basic sense of safety. What more must happen for this world to act? How much more suffering must people endure before someone remembers that they are human beings? I am sick of this world. I am sick of its hypocrisy and empty slogans. To hell with a world that talks endlessly about human rights while leaving children to drown inside their tents. To hell with

everyone who has witnessed this suffering and chosen silence, and to hell with the governments and institutions that have the power to act but continue to turn their backs on us." Tamer Nahed

Gaza's civil defense agency issues an urgent appeal for international mobilization after a severe winter storm swept through the enclave, submerging entire displacement camps and destroying makeshift shelters housing hundreds of thousands of forcibly displaced Palestinians. Emergency crews reported receiving over 1,500 distress calls across the Gaza Strip as torrential rain and strong winds swept away makeshift canvas tents and brought floodwaters inside temporary shelters. The agency warned that civil defense personnel are unable to manage the compounding crisis due to the deliberate Israeli blockade preventing the entry of heavy machinery, water pumps, fuel, and replacement shelter supplies. *Cradle* "A brutal reminder how little it matters that the rhetoric about Gaza has changed to recognize the horrors inflicted upon it. People cannot be expected to live like this, and the responsibility for these conditions is with both the US and Israel. Unbearable." Alex Colston

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez at a campaign event in Tarragona: "On November 29, we will tell them with our votes that Spain is governed from Spain, not from Washington, not from Tel Aviv, not from Buenos Aires, not from Moscow, but from Spain. We will not allow our country to become the outpost or backyard of the international far right." Sanchez highlighted his government's opposition to the war in Iran and the genocide in Gaza, while reaffirming his support for Palestinian statehood and peaceful coexistence between Israel and Palestine.

• ***Sunday November 8*** "We warned that Gaza's makeshift shelters wouldn't survive the first heavy rain. We never imagined that one night could destroy tens of thousands of tents and wash away entire displacement camps. Help please." *SameerProject*

Hundreds of thousands join Amsterdam's 'Red Line' protest against Israel, seeking tighter trade restrictions on Israel and a halt to all arms sales. *Aljazeera*

Israel releases the body of 17-year-old Walid Ahmed, starved to death in an Israeli prison. *Ha'aretz* How 16-year-old Palestinian-American Mohammed Ibrahim described watching Walid Ahmad die in front of him: "On March 22, twelve days after Mohammed arrived at the prison, Walid collapsed during their daily trip outside the cell, falling face-first and splitting open the bridge of his nose. A pool of blood formed around him. The boys rushed to help and were pepper-sprayed. Mohammed said Walid remained conscious for about two minutes, looking around, scared, before losing consciousness again. A guard then arrived and dragged Walid's motionless body across the floor by his hair."

"Biden's Choice," Ben Rhodes on Akbar Shahid Ahmed's *Crossing the Red Line*: "As Israel's assault on Gaza grew worse and worse, Joe Biden and his advisers acted as though they had no option but to offer their unconditional support. Why couldn't they see the destruction they were enabling?"

"Of course, there are many Americans who care deeply about Israel. As someone who comes from a Jewish background, with family members who perished in the Holocaust, I understand that a commitment to the safety of Jews as a people is connected to the depth of feeling that many have for Israel. But Jewish safety—in Israel or the US—is not served by insisting that the might of a superpower should be enlisted to help Israel carry out the atrocities we have witnessed. The policy of no daylight has been damaging to both America and Israel. It must end, and the mindset of people in future Democratic administrations must be different.

"Something is shifting in our culture. The fever of self-censorship is breaking. The cost of complicity is rising. The plight of Palestinians is at last being seen. An awareness is building that there *is* an alternative: a moral awakening out of the ashes of moral abomination." *NYRB*






Abdul El-Sayed
U.S. Senator-Elect, Michigan
There is this expectation
for decorum



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• *March 27, 2025 letter from the House Committee on Education & Workforce to 5 colleges: Pomona, Bowdoin, Northwestern, Barnard, & Sarah Lawrence.*

• *June 11, 2025 letter from the House Committee to Sarah Lawrence*

• *August 5 lawsuit filed by 10 Sarah Lawrence students & one faculty member against the College & the House Committee, to prevent shared attempts to equate anti-Zionism & anti-Semitism & to interfere with pro-Palestine anti-genocide protest. Ongoing.*

• *March 17, 2026 House Committee releases report, with Appendix including the names of Sarah Lawrence staff and FSJP faculty in partially redacted emails turned over to the Committee by the College, without a subpoena.*



• FROM THE FACULTY & STAFF •

Dismantling the machinery of genocide

Last week's elections are part of a great shift happening in our world, as the compass of Palestine points toward the possibility of new ways of living. As winter storms and Israeli attacks poured further suffering on the people of Gaza, open supporters of Palestine were elected across the United States; establishment insiders like Ben Rhodes are beginning to write frankly about the "moral abomination" of the Biden administration's genocide, one our College has still not consistently opposed.

This reckoning is only beginning. As colleges and universities in particular will be scrutinized as to how we conducted ourselves for these past three years, we of Sarah Lawrence FSJP would like to offer a draft of six possible changes of direction that might demonstrate our commitment to the principles we as a College say we profess. Reshaped by our community and then respected, they might help guide us through the many challenges ahead.

"Why couldn't they see the destruction they were enabling?," Ben Rhodes writes, in "Biden's Choice," just four years after Sarah Lawrence welcomed Biden to campus with lockdowns and jublilation, a campus with a framed portrait of Iraq-war-backer alum Rahm Emanuel hanging outside the Admissions office. Writing about Biden administration collaborators in genocide, Rhodes writes, "What they (and I) share is the experience of operating within the machinery of America's post–September 11 foreign policy. For twenty-five years the US has been at war, normalizing the killing of people from North Africa to South Asia. The powers of the presidency have mushroomed relative to those of Congress, while support for Israel has become more vigorously policed within our politics. All these factors converged in the Biden administration's post–October 7 policies." It's time to begin to take apart that machinery together.

1 **We will treat student protest not as a matter of campus safety but as a matter for community dialogue**, however contentious. We are proud of our students who participate in the life of the world, and we will protect that participation. Students who protest will not be harassed, photographed, or

otherwise surveilled by Campus Safety officers, and will not be threatened with disciplinary action. We will make clear and respect the distinction between principled political protest and vandalism.

2 **Our definition of peaceful protest** is protest that does not physically harm anyone in our community. Our definition of violence does not include vociferous speech, chalk on sidewalks, prohibited posters or stickers, raised voices, amplified sound, or blocked entrances in an occupied building.

3 **Our campus belongs to our community.** If students see harm that moves them to hold **rallies during class time or to make encampments on lawns** to draw attention to that harm, that is not a matter for disciplinary action but for dialogue. For the time they're here, the space on which students hold rallies and encampments belongs to them.

4 **Our campus belongs to our community, inclu**ding **our emails and disciplinary records.** We will not turn over that information to the state in any form without a subpoena.

5 **Our campus is not a counterinsurgency operation. We will remove surveillance cameras** and in-room motion detectors and the multi-screen control room in the Campus Safety office that watches their footage. Our Campus Safety officers will return to their former beloved purpose: foot patrols to guard against harassment and burglary and assistance in student health crises. We will dissolve all fusion center cooperation agreements with local and regional law enforcement.

6 **Our campus is a self-governing community.** We will not accept federal or outside-organizational attempts to manage or control how we deal with the difficult political issues of our time. We will find ways to make decisions about these matters ourselves.

• FROM THE ALUMNI •

— Fundraiser of the week —
Meet Aseel :


I am a Palestinian mother raising my little boy, Hamza, alone.
His father is no longer by our side, and I am now carrying the responsibility of raising him and

Aseel got married right before October 7th 2023. She was pregnant with her first child once everything happened and was subsequently separated from her [then] husband. While raising their child in Egypt, she realized he had another woman in his life back in Gaza. She never expected to survive not only the war, but also a divorce! Being a single mother is so hard as she navigates her depression, health issues and Hamza's upbringing.

She can be reached via Instagram and is receiving support via Chuffed here.



We all have those people in our lives that appreciate a donation being made in their name for a cause that they support more than they would appreciate a material gift. The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature (APN) is carrying out many sustainable projects, one of them is **Reviving Gaza's Farmland**,

where they work on several aspects from rehabilitation of vegetable and poultry farms to cultivation of fodder seeds and fruit trees. They work on all the details to make the project sustainable including securing water tanks and sources for irrigation. In the FAQ section of the project there is the question: "*What if one of these farms are destroyed?*" Their answer put simply: "*We will replant them with other new farms.*" If you would like to gift a donation in for this project click *here*. If you would like to check out the group's other projects including **The Million Tree Campaign in Palestine** you can visit their page *here.*

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AREEJ SABBAGH-KHOURY

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• FROM THE STUDENTS •

Westchester For Palestine Community Gathering

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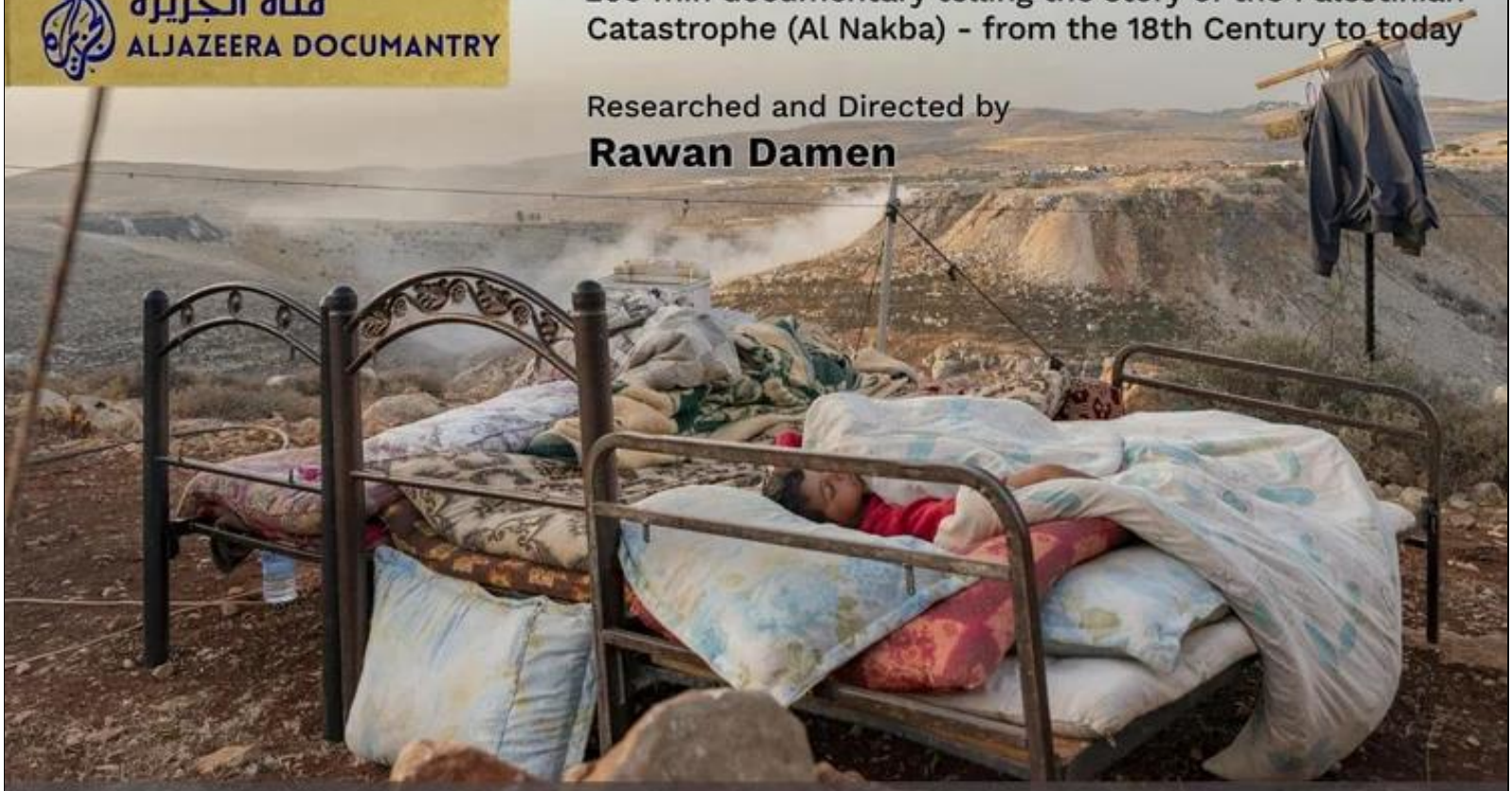
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200 min documentary telling the story of the Palestinian Catastrophe (Al Nakba) - from the 18th Century to today

Researched and Directed by
Rawan Damen



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They didn't protest Ezra Klein hard enough, actually.

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I think I should say, before I start this episode, where I am on the Epstein story. If you forced me to give you my best guess, I think this guy had a lot of powerful friends, and that he was a predator and a pedophile, and those sides of his life were mostly separate.

I don't think there is a list of boldfaced names. The reason I don't think there is a list is that there have been a lot of big law firms hunting for cases here. There is a lot of money to be made in suing anyone connected to Epstein. Very, very powerful firms — to say nothing of media organizations — that are capable of hiring excellent investigators are just not finding much.



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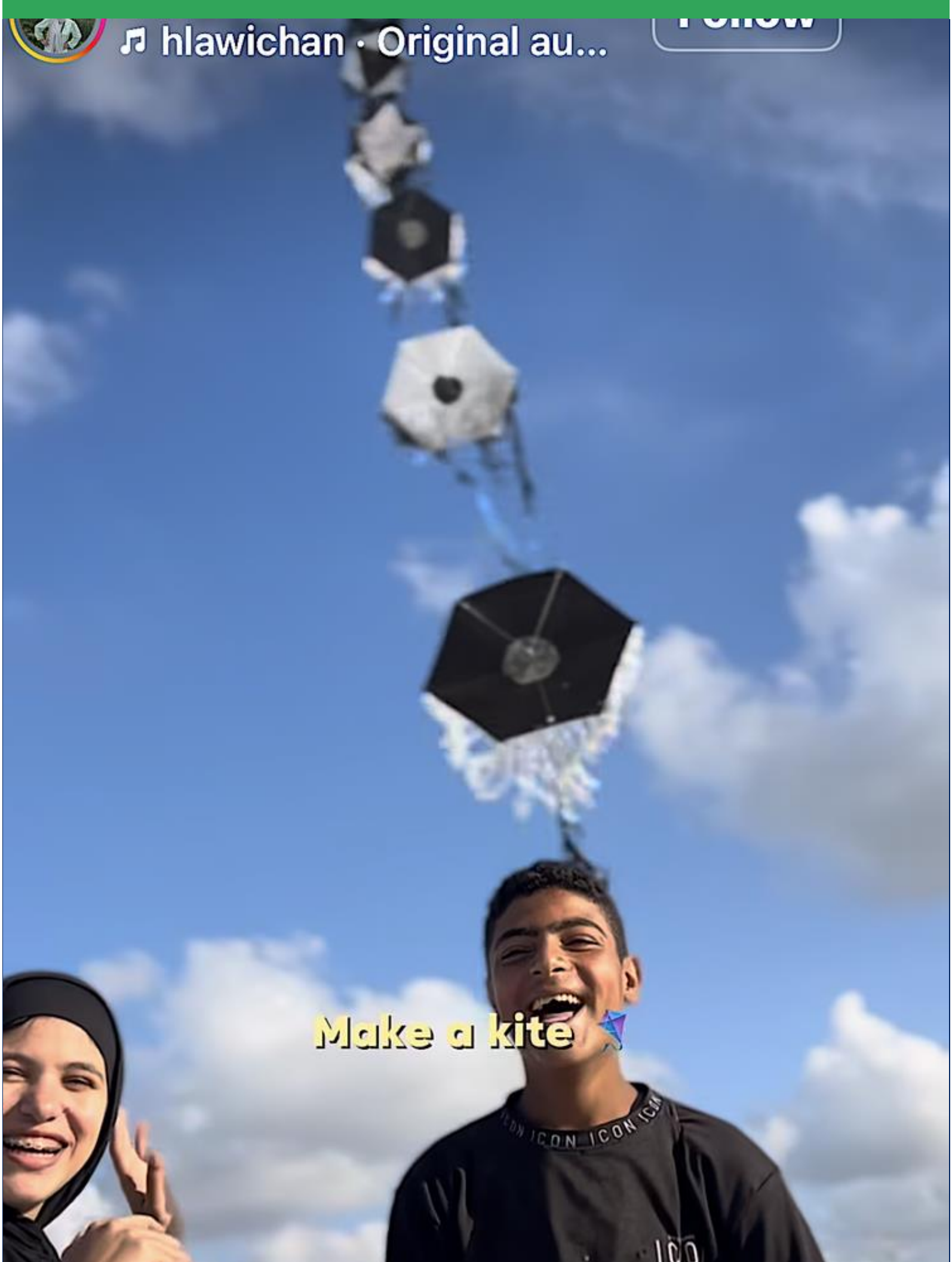
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