



## **In France, Women's associations and Pro-Democracy groups support Palestine's political prisoners.**

First of all, a big thanks from all of us for your brave hunger strike.

Your determination forced the Israeli authorities to listen to you !

We know that the people in Gaza and the West Bank, the Palestinians of Israel, as well as those in exile, in refugee camps in Lebanon, Europe and in particular in France, have mobilized to develop solidarity around your struggle .

The cause of the Palestinian people affects us in particular as the great powers try to build a wall of silence around it and leave Israel free to pursue its policy of aggression and colonization of Palestinian lands.

A few months ago, members of a working class district of the Women's Equality Organization of Strasbourg, a major city of France, launched a petition for the release of Palestinian political prisoners from Hasharon prison. Their goal was precisely to break this wall of silence and to highlight those women who have been put behind bars for expressing their aspiration to live free in peace.

This petition was co-signed by several organizations: Womens Equality, Women in Black Strasbourg, Womens Wings of Morocco, Association France Palestine Solidarity and Forum For Palestine Citizenship. It was very well received in our neighborhoods and cities, in rallies, demonstrations and support meetings for prisoners and political prisoners who were on the hunger strike. More than 3,000 signatures were collected. It helps to increase the solidarity that is developing in our country around all Palestinians deprived of freedom, justice and the most basic human rights.

We once again salute the courage and determination of the hunger strikers and, at their side, denounce the crimes of the Zionist state, its "justice" and its army.

We fully support your demands for the respect of International Law and for the recognition of the sovereignty of your people, and we hope that you will be able to use our mobilization to force the prison administration to be human.

We remain mobilized to help you to impose all your demands.

Long live the struggle of the Palestinian People !

Long live International Solidarity !

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