



## MEMBERS STATEMENT – NAKBA DAY IN PALESTINE

On Thursday 05 May 2022 the South African Zionist Federation hosted a festival to celebrate the existence of Israel, an apartheid regime who is occupying Palestine since its invasion on 15 May 1948.

On Sunday 15 the Zionists invasion known as NAKBA DAY – DAY OF CATASTROPHE will be commemorated worldwide. We call on this DA Province to show solidarity with Palestinians by lighting up the City with the colours of the Palestinian flag.

Millions of Palestinians have been displaced throughout the world since the Nakba. Half of the total number of Palestinian refugees have been forcefully expelled from their country. On this day the Nakba, zionists not only invaded and occupied Palestinian land but killed 15 000 Palestinians, carried out 70 massacres and destroyed 600 Palestinian villages.

They then created Israel and turned it into an apartheid state on the blood of Palestinians – Muslims and Christians! In March 2017 the United Nations finally recognised Israel as an apartheid state. At a recent conference in Geneva the UN reiterated its call on the international community to accept and adopt a report's findings that Israel is practicing apartheid in occupied Palestine.

Last week, here in the Western Cape in South Africa this province allowed a racist organisation to celebrate apartheid, land occupation, brutal repression by the Israeli regime – an insult to South Africans who have suffered and endured great pain during the struggle against apartheid and colonialism. Freedom and justice loving South Africans will not remain quiet when events to celebrate the genocide of Palestinians, the occupation of their land and an apartheid system are happening on the soil of Afrika!

Can the DA and its leader Steenhuisen now go to Gaza and stand in solidarity with a people bombed, displaced, expelled, humiliated, and denied for decades their land and human rights. That would be integrity and moral consistency!

**Thank You!**

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