

Australia's First Nations-Palestine Solidarity Based on 'Common Struggle Against Colonisation'

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Strong First Nations-Palestinian solidarity was a prominent feature of the 2024 Invasion Day march on Gadigal Country (Sydney) on January 26.

This was reflected in banners, placards, contingents, speeches (including that by Palestinian activist Ahmed Abadla) and in a performance by Muruwari and Filipino rapper Dobby at the rally before the march.

Many marchers wore the keffiyeh as a statement of solidarity with Palestine.

Khaled Ghannam, who marched with fellow Palestinians in a contingent, told *Green Left* that Palestinians strongly identified with the First Nations peoples' struggle against colonisation and the stealing of their land.

"The same thing is happening in Palestine," he said.

"We talked to many Aboriginal comrades and they said to us: 'Do not leave your land and do not stop fighting'."

First Nations activists have spoken at all weekly rallies and marches against Israel's genocide in Gaza, he said, and in this collaboration have shared many experiences.

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