

October 14, 2023 Press Conference of the National CHD

St. Louis activist group calls on US leaders to help people of Gaza: ‘We are witnessing a tragedy’



Walle Amusa (center), co-chair of the National campaign for Human Dignity, and supporters rallied Saturday for US authorities to push for an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza.(KMOV photo)

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. (KMOV) - A local activist group is calling on US leaders to use their influence to end the Israeli blockade on Gaza and allow for aid to come to the people that live there.

Walle Amusa, co-chair of the National campaign for Human Dignity, called out the terrorist attacks on Israel last week and condemned Israel for striking back.

“They’re not soldiers, they’re not combatants, they need water food and medicine now,” said Amusa.

In a Saturday afternoon press conference, he took aim at the Israeli blockade of Gaza and their ban on food, water, fuel and medicine from getting into Gaza.

“We are witnessing a tragic, but truly avoidable humanitarian crisis,” said Amusa.

Amusa is just one of several activists speaking out on the conflict this weekend.

A rally in support of Israel is planned for Sunday afternoon in Creve Coeur.

And later on Sunday at Kiener Plaza the ‘St. Louis Coalition for Justice in Palestine’ is holding an “emergency demonstration protest” to show solidarity for the people in Palestine.

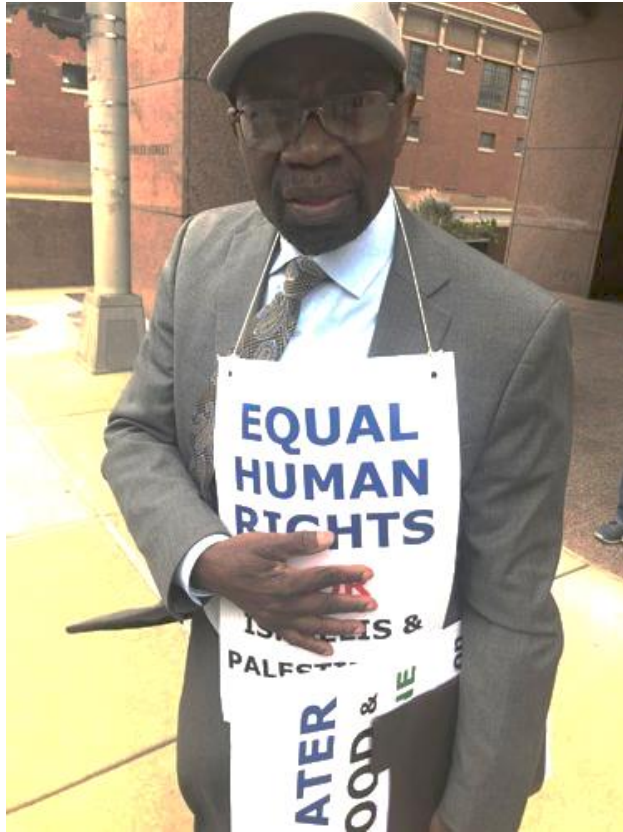
And at that same press conference Zaki Baruti with the Universal African People’s Organization called for the US to not send any more military aid to Israel.

“We have situations right here in this country and a lot of that money can be spent on reparations for black people,” said Baruti.

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EDITOR'S PICK

St. Louis group urges US leaders to help end suffering in Israel-Hamas war



Walle Amusa, co-chair of the National Campaign for Human Dignity, stands outside the Robert A. Young Federal building on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, following a press conference. About 20 people gathered Saturday to call on the U.S. government to support measures that would help people caught in the middle of the Israel-Hamas war.

Jesse Bogan, ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH OCTOBER 15, 2023

ST. LOUIS — About 20 people gathered Saturday in front of the Robert A. Young Federal Building downtown, calling on the U.S. government to support measures that would help people caught in the middle of the Israel-Hamas war.

“It is not right to kill innocent people for whatever purpose,” Walle Amusa, co-chair of the St. Louis-based National Campaign for Human Dignity, said from the sidewalk.

Amusa, who helped found the organization in 1979 in response to the closing of Homer G. Phillips Hospital, said the group condemns both the Oct. 7 Hamas “attacks and killings of innocent civilians in Israel” and Israel’s ongoing response that has killed civilians in Gaza.

“There is a human rights crisis going on in Israel and Gaza,” he said. “We are very concerned.”

He and his group urged President Joe Biden and Congress to support ending blockades of water, food, medicine, and other necessities to civilians in Gaza, ending war and bombardment of Gaza and ending the Israeli push to get residents to leave northern Gaza.

The group also is asking for “immediate commencement” of U.S.-sponsored Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Thousands of Palestinians flee as Israel issues a deadline and raids Gaza. Palestinians began a mass exodus from northern Gaza after Israel ordered 1 million to evacuate within 24 hours.



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Rep. Cori Bush, D-St. Louis, speaks during a news conference on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

ST. LOUIS — U.S. Rep. Cori Bush joined other elected officials this weekend by reacting to Hamas’ surprise attack on Israel. But unlike statements issued by others, Bush’s drew sharp condemnation, including from fellow lawmakers.

The St. Louis Democrat went past the general decrying of the violence and seemed, at least in the view of some pro-Israel politicians and organizations, to lay the blame for the aggression on Israel.

“Violations of human rights do not justify more violations of human rights, and a military response will only exacerbate the suffering of Palestinians and Israelis alike,” Bush said on social media. “As part of achieving a just and lasting peace, we must do our part to stop this

violence and trauma by ending US government support for Israeli military occupation and apartheid.”

Bush’s statement, issued Saturday night as the death toll was continuing to climb, was consistent with her past positions. She has steadfastly been among a minority of Democratic lawmakers who have strongly opposed Israeli policy in Gaza and other Palestinian areas in the Middle East.....

U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., condemned the “unconditional funding” by the U.S. to support Israel, which she called an “apartheid government.”

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St. Louis-area activists condemn violence in Israel-Hamas conflict

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ST. LOUIS – Regional activists from the National Campaign for Human Dignity gathered Saturday in St. Louis to address the Israeli-Hamas war.

A group addressed the conflict during a news conference downtown on Spruce Street. They are calling on Israel to halt the bombing of Gaza and to end the blockage.

But one of the spokesmen, Walle Amusa, also reserved some criticism for Hamas as well.

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“We believe that no amount of terrorism or justification for terrorism is acceptable,” said Amusa. “We oppose Hamas killing innocent civilians in Israel we oppose the bombardment by the Israeli government of civilians in Gaza both acts of terrorism.”

Elliott Davis responded with this question. “You would not classify what Israel’s reaction as terrorism in as much as they are responding to the Hamas attack?

Amusa answered, “The Israelis did not start the attack by Hamas on innocent Israeli people and innocent civilians. Hamas started that. We held a press conference today to condemn that.”

“We also held a press conference today to condemn the bombardment that Israel is engaging in as a reaction,” he continued.

Among other demands, the group is calling for an end to Israel’s bombing of Gaza, and the end of an effort to push people out of part of Gaza, and US-brokered peace talks.

