
A New Political Force in the West Flexes Its Muscles

Description

Excerpts

Rashida Tlaib, a Congresswoman from Detroit and a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, **spoke over the weekend at the “People’s Conference for Palestine,” linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).**

This group, an Arab nationalist movement with Marxist-Leninist ideology, is designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the US. It has public-facing arms, such as [Samidoun](#), working on behalf of the group, and active cells in many countries in Europe and North America.

During the Saturday speech, Tlaib referred to members of the audience as the “squad” and demanded President Biden establish a “red line” on Israel’s counteroffensive in Gaza. She criticized the president for “attacking the authority” of the International Criminal Court, which issued an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week over war crimes and crimes against humanity in Israel’s mission to eliminate Hamas in Gaza.

Among the speakers was Wisam Rafeedie, an activist linked to PFLP. The US State Department has [designated](#) the PFLP as a terrorist organization.

“I don’t need to tell you that you’re on the right side,” Tlaib said in her speech in Detroit, adding, “I don’t need to. But I’ll be damned if I wait ten years before they apologize to all of you for doing what was right at this moment.”

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A recent [statement](#) by Israel's Ministry of Defense specifies, "**Samidoun organization was designated as a terrorist organization as it is part of the PFLP.**"

"Representatives of the organization are active in many countries in Europe and North America, led by Khaled Barakat, who is part of the leadership of PFLP abroad. Barakat is involved with establishing militant cells and motivating terrorist activity in Judea & Samaria and abroad," MoD said.

Barakat is married to [leftist radical Charlotte Kates](#), the coordinator of Samidoun and a Rutgers University School of Law graduate.

According to [NGO Monitor](#), PFLP and Samidoun "had a strong presence at encampments, demonstrations, and riots on American college campuses. Students have been documented carrying PFLP posters, flying the PFLP flag, hosting PFLP-linked speakers, and reading PFLP publications."

