## Fwd: Urgent: We need your help to read names!

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Colleagues,

Please try to come, and stay as long as you can.

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From: umn felestini <umnforpalestine@

Date: Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 8:54 PM

Subject: Urgent: We need your help to read names! To: umn felestini <umnforpalestine@

Dear all,

According to Aljazeera, as of today, at least 9,770 Plaestinians have been killed In Gaza. Every 10 minutes a child is killed in Gaza.

These numbers are horrifying, but Plaestinians are not numbers. We want to honor martyred Palestinians by saying their names. And we need your help!

On Tuesday, November 7th at 1 PM, after installing the names of the Palestinians who have lost their lives in the past month, we will start reading their names. Unfortunately, we only have access to 6747 names that were released in a report last week. We are still waiting for the names of more than 3000 people who were killed since the release of the report. But for now, we will read all the 6747 names that we have. Our friends in Montreal read the names of the martyrs a few days ago and it took them 4 hours. We know this sounds like a long time, but this is the least we could do for the people of Gaza: To dedicate time out of our day to disrupt business as usual and to say the names of those who have lost their lives in this genocide collectively.

## We will start reading names at 1 PM on Tuesday, November 7th.

Once again, because there are so many names to read, we need your support to help us read. In particular, if you can pronounce Arabic names (they are written in English), we could use your help! And if you don't feel comfortable reading the names, please still come and give us moral support. You can stay half an hour, an hour, 2 hours, three hours, or the entire time. Just come and show your support and solidarity.

Important update about the event: Because reading the names takes a long time, we have decided to cancel the vigil at 5, because most people will be exhausted after we read 6747 names together.

We hope to see you at the Northrop Mall this Tuesday!

UMN4Palestine



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## today - thank you!

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Thanks for emailing and for the supportive words, ... All my solidarity to you and other faculty speaking out against this horrific genocide and protecting the right of everyone to do so, as well.

On Sat, Nov 11, 2023 at 7:29 PM

Hi XXX,

We haven't met, the first time I've heard a speaker calling out silences among faculty and admins at UMN specifically. I've been beyond frustrated by the sophistry I've heard from some colleagues in response to the genocide in Gaza, and wishing I regularly saw more faculty out at the protest actions. I strongly endorse, as well, the Faculty and Student Letter in Support of Palestine that's circulated for a few weeks--I haven't signed only because I am on the executive committee of UMN's AAUP chapter, where I want to be able to advocate for academics targeted by Zionist groups and the administration without an appearance of bias. I've been surprised more AIS faculty don't appear on among the signatories, though.

Thanks for the work you and are doing -

best,

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