

Timeline of the Gaza Solidarity
Encampment Wave & Campus Flood at
U.C. Berkeley from My Perspective,
April to June 2024



LINES IN THE SAND

Writings on the Gaza Solidarity Encampment
& Campus Flood at U.C. Berkeley from
an Anarchist Prisoner of War

with whatever weapons at hand

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*transcribed, formatted, & edited
with love & rage from
comrades to the end*

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شهادة الاطفال في زمن الحرب

In Time of War: Children Testify

(Drawings by Palestinian Children)

Beirut: Mawakif / PFLP, 1970

April 17, 2026

Palestinian Prisoners' Day

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Editor's Note

The content of this book comprises writings and letters written by Casey during their time at Santa Rita Jail in the year before they were sentenced to federal prison. Some of the ideas and opinions expressed in this text are rooted in a particular moment in time and do not reflect Casey's current views on strategy, approach, and political action. These are not definitive statements and must not be construed as such, especially given that Casey is imprisoned and certain ideas may create undesirable repercussions. The editors have aimed to be as faithful as possible to Casey's original words in the transcription and editing process, with minor spelling and grammar changes for readability.

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Writing a letter to a political prisoner or prisoner of war is a concrete way to support those imprisoned for their political struggles. A letter is a simple way to brighten someone's day in prison by creating human interaction and communication—something prisons attempt to destroy. Beyond that, writing keeps prisoners connected to the communities and movements of which they are a part, allowing them to provide insights and stay up to date. Writing to prisoners is not charity, as we on the outside have as much to gain from these relationships as the prisoners. Knowing the importance of letter writing is crucial. Prisons are very lonely, isolating, and disconnected places. Any sort of bridge from the outside world is greatly appreciated. Find out more:

nycabc.wordpress.com

April 17 — Columbia University
encampment begins.

April 18 — Columbia camp raided by
the police, mass arrest of 100+
students.

Encampment quickly rebuilds with
community support, larger number of
non-student / non-campus workers
join.

[Quickness of effort to rebuild the
camp is a factor in both the capacity of
the action to boost morale and shift
momentum momentarily in favor of
the Palestine solidarity movement.]

April 22 — Cal Poly Humboldt
escalates with a building takeover.

UC Berkeley encampment begins.

April 26 — *True Leap Press* begins
tabling zines and propaganda at UC
Berkeley, delivering boxes of zines to
every Bay Area campus encampment as
well as Humboldt and UCLA.

[Upwards of 3,000 zines were printed and distributed during the first two weeks of the encampment wave.]

April 29 — Columbia encampment is threatened with the possibility of a sweep.

An autonomous group that night seizes and takes over Hamilton Hall, renaming it Hind's Hall.

April 30 — Humboldt encampment and building takeover is raided, disbands.

On the same day Hind's Hall at Columbia is raided.

UCLA encampment is attacked in the evening by Zionists and fascists.

[Bearing witness to this via livestream is what leads Casey to permanently join the UCB camp.]

May 1 — Casey begins staying in UC

Casey Goonan is a dedicated community educator, writer, distroist, printer, and anarchist/anti-imperialist political prisoner who has committed their life to struggles for liberation. Casey is incarcerated for actions carried out in solidarity with Palestinians facing genocide in Gaza and in response to the repressive actions against the pro-Palestine student encampments in the United States. In January 2025, Casey pleaded guilty to one count of maliciously damaging or destroying property used in or affecting interstate commerce by means of fire or an explosive for the arson attack on a campus police car. As part of a plea agreement, Casey took responsibility for other attacks but pleaded not guilty to the additional charges and was sentenced to 235 months in federal prison. Just as Casey has persistently for years cared for, supported, and struggled alongside incarcerated comrades, we aim to replicate these actions in solidarity with Casey as they continue their struggle from the other side of the wall. A note from Casey in September 2025: "*Thanks to everybody out there who has shown me love and offered support through this time. I wish every prisoner could experience the level of support you all have shown to me. In here, I've done my best to show my love to all my fellow prisoners and I remain steadfast to the movement to Palestinian liberation and the movements for decolonization and abolition worldwide.*" More information:

freecaseynow.noblogs.org

Berkeley camp, after a night of defense work declares, “I’m staying. I’m on strike from life.”



May 3 — Radicals involved in UCB camp assemblies and day-to-day life publish and circulate a position paper, titled: “*Bay Area Autonomist Reflections on UCB, SFSU, and USF camps.*”

Frustrated with the reformist negotiation approach, they launch an important critique, noting a “power vacuum” in the encampments that the reformist and activist “Left” opportunistically fills.

May 6 — Israel-Zionist entity begins its “Rafah Offensive.”

May 11 — Casey still living in camp, weekends involve intensive work in the camp, becomes exhausted and attrition kicks in.

By this time, many radicals stopped attending camp assemblies which cedes

ground further to reformists and the activist Left.

May 12 — Casey leaves camp due to exhaustion, injuries, and stress.

May 13 — Casey taken to hospital, calls doctor a racist after Zionist comment is made about participation in UCB camp.

As a result Casey is wrongfully 5150'd (involuntary psychiatric hold / incarceration).

May 13 — University of California office of the President attacked, with a communiqué and responsibility claim published by “Sacred Black and Red.”

[Communiqué posted on 5/14 calls for expropriation and greater escalation, for “attack.”]

May 15 — UC Berkeley encampment ends prematurely and controversially to the fault of the so-called “student leadership” and its enablers from the

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retaliate against the government and UC system's support for the Israel-Zionist entity, for the UC's treatment of student protestors, and for the UC's decision to sweep houseless people in People's Park and build student housing in its place.

A responsibility claim is published by Marilyn's Daughters, titled, "*Retaliation Arson Attack on Construction Site at University of KKKalifornia Berkeley.*"

June 17 — FBI, ATF, California Fire Marshall, UC Police Department conduct a multi-house raid and arrest Casey, who is taken to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, California and held on a million dollar bail.

activist Left.

May 16 — UC Berkeley building seized and taken over by approximately 60 people, renamed Hind's House.

May 19 — UCB Hind's House raided by police, arrests made.

[It is easily raided because lack of community support by local milieus and less student participation in the building takeover than the encampment.]

May 20 — Casey is released from psychiatric facility.

May 28 — UC Berkeley supply building expropriation over night, thousands of dollars in materials are liberated by an unknown group.

May 29 — Palestinian student association in Gaza publishes call for greater escalation from US-based students, titled "*It's time for revolutionary escalation of the global*

student intifada for Palestine.”

May 30 — UC Santa Cruz encampment standoff at night with police, eventually kettled and arrested en mass.

May 31 — Statement published and circulated on the Hind’s House building takeover, with an affirmation of the effort and a critique of the lack of community support to defend the action, titled “*A Response to Hind’s House Is . . .*”

June 1 — UC Berkeley police car is firebombed around 4 – 5 AM.

An open space on the North side of UCB campus is arsoned around 10 PM.

June 2 — A communiqué is published and circulated, claiming the UC police car is torched as retaliation for the police attack on UC Santa Cruz, titled “*Student Intifada as Our Historical Duty: Fulfill It or Betray It.*”

June 12 — UCLA encampment is raided and attacked by the police, arrests made.

June 13 — UC Berkeley’s Koshland Hall building front is firebombed in retaliation for the police attack on UCLA encampment.

A communiqué explaining the attack is published, titled, “*UCLA Students Were Attacked Last Night So We Retaliated with a Firebomb on UCB Campus.*”

June 14 — A call for greater participation from the Bay Area Palestine solidarity movement in “*Operation Campus Flood*” is published and circulated in print and online (24 page pamphlet), co-signed by Leila’s Daughters, Safiya’s Daughters, and Marilyn’s Daughters.

June 16 — Construction site at the center of UC Berkeley campus is arsoned in the middle of the day, to