

“Peace and Justice: The keys to peace in Palestine”

**One state in common, with equal rights for all its citizens,
or two states – what are the perspectives?**

Public meeting with Miko Peled, USA in English with translation into German

Author of *The General’s Son*

Thursday, 25.06.2015, at 19:30.

**AWO-Begegnungszentrum
Ostendstraße 83 – 70188 Stuttgart
(Tram U4 or U9 or bus 42 to Ostendplatz)**

Organiser: Stuttgart Palestine Solidarity Committee

- Enjoy Arab food, drinks and desserts
- Al Jazeera will transmit the proceedings live

Miko Peled is a human-rights activist born in 1961 in Jerusalem to a prominent Zionist family. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Avraham Katsnelson, was a Zionist leader and a signatory to the Israeli “Declaration of Independence”. His father, Matti Peled, took part as a young officer in the 1948 ethnic cleansing of Palestine, and was a general in the 1967 war. In the seventies of the last century, his father initiated discussions with the Palestinians, and met with Yassir Arafat.

In 1997, his sister Nurit lost her daughter to a suicide attack in Jerusalem; this motivated Miko Peled to study the history of the Palestinians. The result was his book, *The General’s Son – Journey of an Israeli in Palestine*.

Miko Peled writes for several blogs. His own blog, at mikopeled.com, bears the motto “Tear down the wall”. Miko Peled often travels to the areas of the Palestinian Authority and the neighboring Arab states. He has lectured in Gaza, East Jerusalem, and Amman. He gives talks throughout the world, in the U.S.A., Europe, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere.

His father’s model, two states, Miko Peled has now rejected. He says this would continue the oppression of the Palestinians, and create a “farce of national independence”, as Franz Fanon put it in *The Wretched of the Earth*. For this reason, Miko Peled advocates



one democratic state in Palestine with equal rights for all of its citizens.

In his address, Miko Peled will analyse the current situation against the background of the historical foundations of the conflict – the Zionist colonial state project of Israel – and present his perspective of the one democratic state. In his blog, Peled wrote on 12 December 2014 in his article *This is not recognition*:

“European governments never liked people who were not white and Christian like them. They have a history of brutal colonialism, of theft of land and resources and one wonders if Africa and parts of the Middle East would not have been prospering democracies by now had it not been for the murderous, greedy policies of past colonizers. Those of us who care and indeed struggle for justice in Palestine would do well not to fall for the old colonial tricks. Rather we should demand recognition that Israel is occupied Palestine, that all Israeli towns and cities are illegal settlements, and that it is time to free Palestine and its people from the illegitimate colonialist regime known as Israel.”