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“SILENT MARCH” NOVEMBER 19TH 2023

On October 7, 2023, the world awoke to find itself eviscerated, holding the entrails of its humanity in its own hands.

On October 7, 2023, the lives of 1450 Israeli civilians were crushed, exterminated, destroyed, murdered, a massacre perpetrated by Hamas terrorist militias.

On October 7, 2023, 240 Israeli civilians were kidnapped and still remain untraceable.

Since the 7th of October, 2023, there has been the 8th, the 9th, the 10th... until today and until when?

Since October 7, 2023, blood has continued to flow. Thousands of Palestinian civilians continue to die: they die every hour, every day under the bombings of the Israeli army. Multiplying by the hour. The number of sorrows exceeds the number of deaths.

To this incalculable number, we need to multiply the pain of each individual by ten, by twenty, because for just one of these lives lost, there are ten, twenty lives which collapsed, devastated, of brothers, sisters, mothers, friends, lovers, children, toddlers, fathers, landmarks.

Innumerable amount of sorrows.

Since October 7, 2023, horror and suffering have torn and continue to tear Palestinians and Israelis apart according to a monstrous mathematics that has lasted for a long time.

This fratricidal war affects us all, and regardless of our reasons or affinities on each side of the wall, we want it to cease and that both peoples finally live in peace.

Two peoples have been taken hostage by policies that we cannot master, which exceed our understanding and of which we are powerless witnesses.

Today the world is dramatically divided.

Today our streets are divided.

An immense wave of hatred is gradually settling and every day anti-Semitic and Islamophobic acts and violence of all kinds arise in our lives.

The words "choice" and "clan" are imposed on us: "Choose your clan!" But when death strikes, we do not cry or rejoice according to our place of birth. We remain silent, we pray, we cry with our loved ones, we have compassion, we are human.

To this mandate to choose a camp to hate, it is urgent to make another voice heard: A voice of *union*.

The voice of union is the plural, polyphonic, living voice. It is the proof of the powerful link that exists in France between Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Atheist and Agnostic

citizens, it is the voice of all the humanities, all the kindnesses, all the empathies and all the tremors.

This voice exists, because these consciences, these utopias, these friendships, these loves exist.

It is the voice that resonates with our hearts and more than ever it is urgent to make it heard. Together.

This collective voice urgently needs to rise and start repairing thread by thread the fabric that has been torn in our streets.

This strong and united voice does not need to speak because silence, with our faces and our bodies side by side is the most beautiful response to the vociferations of all extremes.

This is why we are organizing a silent, united, humanist and peaceful march that will open with a single long white banner.

No political claims nor slogans. White flags, white handkerchiefs are welcome...

Join us on Sunday, November 19 at 2pm.

We will leave from the Institut du Monde Arabe towards the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire du Judaïsme, heading towards the Arts et Métiers square.

Collective "Une Autre Voix"