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Event: Gaza Protest Set for Saturday at Pioneer Courthouse Square Date: Saturday, January 17, 2009 Time: 3:00 PM Location: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill & Broadway, downtown Portland, Oregon.	Contacts: Hala Gores 503-307-9339 Nael Saker (503) 805-0205 Peter Miller (503) 358-7475
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Gaza Protest Set for Saturday at Pioneer Courthouse Square

As the death toll from Israel's 19-day assault on Gaza tops 1,000, plans for the next local demonstration calling for an end to the massacres are set for this Saturday, January 17th, at 3:00 PM at Pioneer Courthouse Square. "In the past nineteen days, Israel's military has killed more than 1,033 Palestinians, including 335 children, and injured more than 4,850," said Hala Gores, a volunteer with Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights and one of the organizers of Saturday's protest. "Many of the dead are still under the rubble of schools, mosques, markets, police stations, and apartments."

"Our Palestinian brothers and sisters in Gaza are crying for the world to demand an end to the massacre and an end to Israel's war crimes," said Gores. "Our flags and our signs will send the message that all Palestinians are under attack; we are calling on Oregon's Senators and Congressmen to demand an immediate end to the bloodshed."

This Saturday's demonstration has been called by *Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights, Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, Sabeel North America, American Jews for a Just Peace, Lutherans for Justice in the Holy Land - A Ministry of Central Lutheran Church, American Friends Service Committee* and others.

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