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### **Speaking the word “genocide” in Berlin**

As an Israeli whose grandparents fled Germany before the Holocaust, standing in Berlin — my grandfather’s city — and speaking about the genocide my country has committed in Gaza was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done. But I was proud to speak about our work alongside two of my colleagues at +972.

We travelled across Germany, at the invitation of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, because the world needs to hear what so many governments are choosing to ignore. We detailed our investigations from Gaza and the West Bank documenting Israel’s accelerating destruction of Palestinian life. And we spoke of our insistence on platforming voices that dissent against Israel’s forever war: from Palestinian families in Jaffa who are mourning their slain relatives in Gaza, to young Israeli conscientious objectors willing to enter military prison for refusing the draft.

I don’t think I was mentally prepared for how hard it would be to bear witness in Germany to the genocide that my people have committed in Gaza. My voice broke on stage — not because I lacked the words, but because I knew the resonance they held in that place. Genocide is not a word we use lightly. To speak it in Germany, as the granddaughter of Jews who fled the rise of Nazism, carried a weight I will never forget.

The audience’s response was extraordinary. It was clear people were hungry to hear more about our work after having read our stories and listened to our podcasts, leading to a multitude of fierce, thought-provoking questions. And after every event, members of the audience approached us to say a personal thank you.