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<p>Event: Friday rally condemns latest massacre of Palestinian civilians by Israeli military, calls for immediate suspension of US arms and funding of Israel's Gaza assault.</p> <p>Date: Friday, November 10, 2006</p> <p>Time: 5:00 PM</p> <p>Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square (SW Broadway & Yamhill), downtown Portland</p>	<p>Contacts: Portland Peaceful Response Coalition (503) 344-5078 pprc@riseup.net www.pprc-news.org</p>
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"Once again the Israeli government has struck in Gaza, this time killing 19 people and wounding 40, all perfectly innocent, an entire family sleeping in their home and many others, and the most sobering element of this latest massacre is that the change in government here in the US, the shift in control of the House and Senate to the Democrats, is not going to make any difference," said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC and a member of *Jewish Voice for Peace*. "The ongoing Israeli assault on Gaza has resulted in the deaths of many hundreds of Palestinians, whereas the firing of homemade missiles by Palestinian militants - the ostensible reason for the Israeli assault - has killed two Israelis. As with the recent criminal war on Lebanon, the Israeli government's attacks on Gaza are grossly disproportionate and so constitute war crimes."

Jewish Voice for Peace has issued an urgent call for suspension of US arms and funding for Israel's military, emphasizing that US law prohibits the sale or supply of American arms to countries that use them for anything other than defense or are human rights violators. "Israel fails both requirements because it uses the US military aid in aggressive attacks on its neighbors and upon the Palestinian communities of the territories that have been illegally occupied by this outlaw state, and because it continues in gross violations of human rights," said Seaman. "And it is clear, except to the most willfully blind and bigoted, that these crimes have not brought security to the Israeli people but rather just the opposite: they bring the promise of more resistance to occupation, more bloody conflict, more revenge and retaliation." PPRC is urging calls to the new Democratic majority in Congress demanding an immediate

suspension of US military aid, and for pressure on the Israeli government to end the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and return to the pre-1967 internationally recognized borders.

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