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<p>Event: As casualties mount and humanitarian crisis deepens, calls for a ceasefire in Gaza spread and peace groups build towards big action on Saturday.</p> <p>Date: Saturday, January 10, 2009</p> <p>Time: 3:00 PM</p> <p>Location: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill &amp; Broadway, downtown Portland, Oregon.</p>	<p>Contacts: Portland Peaceful Response Coalition William Seaman (503) 888-7455 (503) 344-5078 voicemail pprc@riseup.net www.pprc-news.org</p>
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## **As casualties mount and humanitarian crisis deepens, calls for a ceasefire in Gaza spread and peace groups build towards big action on Saturday.**

“The latest report from Gaza by the *Palestinian Centre for Human Rights* states that in the last day alone, 83 Palestinian civilians were killed and among those half were children,” said William Seaman, a volunteer with the *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition* and a member of *American Jews for a Just Peace*, just two of many local organizations calling for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza. “We appeal to all Americans to call their representatives in Washington, DC, and demand that they work actively to bring this slaughter to an end, that they pressure Israel to accept a cease-fire.” As protests, demonstrations and vigils continue to be announced around Oregon, local groups are building towards a larger action this coming weekend, Saturday, January 10, at 3:00 PM, to begin at *Pioneer Courthouse Square* in downtown Portland. Among the groups involved in this latest mobilization are *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.

“We know that most Americans are appalled and heart-sick at the mass killings taking place in Gaza today, they want an end to this conflict, they want security for Palestinians and Israelis alike, and they know that can only come through a cease-fire and engagement,” said Seaman. “We hope all people who care about what’s happening in Gaza today, and who are sickened by the Bush Administration’s support for the Israeli attacks, will come out on Saturday to join this call for an end to the bloodshed.”

In addition to the demonstration set for Saturday afternoon, many other actions protesting the Israeli attacks in Gaza have been scheduled in recent days. Tonight, there will be a resolution calling for a cease-fire brought to the Multnomah Democrats Central Committee Meeting, and protests of the Democratic leadership's support for the Israeli attacks. Friday there will be a candlelight vigil at Pioneer Courthouse Square, along with the regular Friday rally and march for peace, this week again focused on the Gaza crisis. Saturday begins with a demonstration in Northeast Portland, at the military recruiting offices at 1317 NE Broadway, Northeast Portland. People will be gathering at *Pioneer Courthouse Square*, at SW Yamhill & Broadway in downtown Portland, for the larger mobilization set to begin at 3:00 PM on Saturday.

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