

# Germany Confirms Its Collaboration with Genocide, Shuts Down Palestine Conference

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*A three-day Palestine conference in Berlin was forcibly shut down after three hours on Friday. Electricity was abruptly terminated in the midst of the presentation by Salman Abu Sitta, the 87 year old author of the authoritative "Atlas of Palestine".*

Former Greek Finance Minister and leader of DiEM25, Yanis Varoufakis, was prevented from entering Germany to attend the conference. He went on [Twitter/X](#) to send a message,

"Do you know that the German Interior Ministry has just banned me from entering Germany? Indeed if that were not enough, I have been banned from talking to you via zoom, or indeed through a video message like this, exactly like this. The threat being that I will be tried in Germany for breaking German law. Why? Because of a speech that I published yesterday on my blog calling for universal human rights in Israel-Palestine .... So my question to my German friends, to Germans in general whether you agree with me or not doesn't matter. ... Is this (banning) in your name? Is it something that you feel comfortable happening in your democracy? From my perspective this is essentially the death knell of the prospects of democracy in the Federal Republic of Germany."

Yanis Varoufakis BANNED by Germany's Interior Ministry from carrying out any political activity in Germany.

They're so desperate to silence anyone who dares speak out against Germany's complicity in the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

But DiEM25 and [@mera25\\_de](#) will never be silenced!  
[pic.twitter.com/vr6b1OGPqX](https://pic.twitter.com/vr6b1OGPqX)

Another banned guest speaker was UK citizen Dr. Ghassan Abu Sittah. He told Middle East Eye,

"I have just returned from Germany where I was prevented from entering the country for attending a conference in Germany to give evidence on the war in Gaza and my witness statement as a doctor working in its hospitals. This morning at 10 I landed in Berlin to attend a conference on Palestine where I had been asked ... to give my evidence of the 43 days that I had seen in the hospitals in Gaza, working in both Shifa and al-Ahli Hospital. Upon arrival I was stopped at the passport office. I was then escorted down to the basement of the airport where I was questioned for around 3.5 hours. At the end of 3.5 hours I was told that I will not be allowed to enter German soil and that this ban will last the whole of April. Not just that ... if I were to try to link up by Zoom or Facetime with the conference even if I were outside Germany or if I were to send a video of my lecture to the conference in Berlin, then that would constitute a breach of German law and that I would endanger myself to have a fine or even up to a year in prison."

Dr. Abu Sitta further commented,

"Germany is defending itself against Nicaraguan charges that it is an accomplice to genocidal war as described by the International Court of Justice. This is exactly what accomplices to a crime do. They bury the evidence and they silence or harass or intimidate the witnesses. .... This crackdown on free speech is a dangerous precedent... We are watching the first genocide unfold in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and for Germany to become implicated as an accomplice in silencing the witnesses of this genocide does not bode well for the rest of the century."

A large contingent of police invaded the conference and shut off the electricity. Organizers told the reported 250 conference attendees to not provoke the police to violence. Afterward, organizers held a [press conference](#) reporting on the behaviour of police before and during the crackdown. Even before the conference, police tried to intimidate supporters of the conference and the owner of the conference venue. They threatened the venue owner might not be able to hold events in future if the conference went ahead. An organizer asked, "Are these the methods of the mafia or democracy?"

[Western](#) and [Israeli](#) media reported the closure was to prevent "anti semitism" or "hatred of Israel". On this dubious and hypothetical basis, public education about a real ongoing massacre and mass starvation was made illegal.



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