

On Saturday, October 21st, a pro-Palestine protest called "Flood for Palestine" was held in Bay Ridge. In response to the ongoing conflict in Israel, many New Yorkers took to the streets to express their opinions on the matter. The demonstration lasted approximately 6 hours and ended with nearly 50,000 people in attendance, resulting in 22 arrests for alleged non-compliance.

The demonstration began at 2 pm with chants and calls to action that directly condemned the state of Israel and the two-state solution as forms of colonialism. The event exceeded the allotted speaker time and attracted nearly 50,000 attendees. Bay Ridge, located in Brooklyn, is known as the heart of Arab, particularly Palestinian, culture in New York City, making it an apt location for the protest.

The organization hosting the event, Within Our Lifetime, stated, "The New York Police Department brutally attacked our demonstration, where tens of thousands of New Yorkers marched through the streets of the Palestinian neighborhood of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. At the time of writing, there have been nearly two dozen arrests, including three minors. At least two protesters were injured due to the actions of the NYPD."

Various speakers took the stage provided by attending organizations. The ASU and MSA from CUNY were joined by Jewish Voice for Peace, an organization of Jewish individuals advocating for the state of Palestine, and Sheikh Mohammad Badawy representing Masjid Al-Rahman. Many of the signs held by protesters directly condemned the Zionist state, and religious sentiments permeated many of the speeches. "As someone who is Middle Eastern, the Palestinian cause means a lot to me. It signifies liberation from an oppressive occupation, equal human rights for all Palestinians, and gives a voice to those who cannot speak out," said Nikki Sabet, a protester in attendance at the demonstration.

It is alleged that one of the individuals arrested that night was an 11-year-old child. The NYPD released a statement confirming that 16 of those arrested were issued criminal court summons. A post on Within Our Lifetime's Instagram story suggested that authorities had warned protest leaders that arrests would occur if the protesters did not disperse.