

Internacional Errorista

Urban Errorist Cartography

Streets: Palestine and Estado de Israel, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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The day 15 January 2009 around 19 hours, as part of activities in protest to the war that is taking place in Gaza was another "errorist action"

A Map of Error

This action, carried out by the people and collectives supporting errorism, will take place in Buenos Aires, errorist city and only urban zone in the world where Palestine and Israel intersect on a map. The street signs themselves and the intersection of these two streets, will be used as geographic reference points so that Argentina and other societies of the world will pay more attention to the terrible current situation in Gaza and the urgent necessity for a cease fire and peaceful solution to this historic conflict.

The "**Avenida Estado de Israel**" (State of Israel Avenue) is known for its heavy traffic, despite being only 8 blocks long and one of the shorter avenues in Buenos Aires. Paradoxically, it is proportional to the conflict zone in the Middle East. The avenue begins at Gascón Street, forking off from Córdoba Avenue, however it could also be considered a continuation of Lavalle Street. It runs west for the first 200 meters and **the first street it cuts is "Palestine"**. It's worth pointing out that this is the corner where the demonstration calling for Arab-Israeli peace will take place. The street signs themselves and the intersection of these two streets, will be used as geographic reference points so that Argentina and other societies of the world will pay more attention to the terrible current situation in Gaza and the urgent necessity for a cease fire and peaceful solution to this historic conflict.

The Action carried out in the subsequent manner:

The errorist groups will move into the previously marked zone in two vehicles marked “Red Cross”. Upon arriving in the zone, both will stop and park. From there, they will form a ring of gauze. (In Spanish, it is a play on words, because the word for gauze is “gasa” phonetically similar to Gaza. “Franja de Gaza” meaning “outskirts of Gaza,” will be literally constructed using gauze.) At the intersection, a line or inscription will be drawn on the pavement, which will remain after the performance. It is important to note that the gauze will be the material used for the whole demonstration.

The Image is constructed by means of context displacement, a dislocation of time and space generating a mirror of the images of the attacks that we see on a regular basis. People wounded from the effects of war: men, women and children, bandaged, maimed and limping, covered in dust from the explosions of buildings, wandering aimlessly with the hope of finding humanitarian aid, all of which has come to be an unsustainable situation. The role of the wounded children is fundamental to accentuate our critique of the most recent massacres. Our sentiments are not alone, but are part of a global campaign coming forward in countries all over the world.

This demonstration at the intersection of the streets Estado de Israel and Palestina will serve as a declaration for a “zone of errorist goodwill policy”.

Calling for an end to the violence, urgent action to restrain, and humanitarian aid to the Palestinian civilian population.

As in all International Errorist demonstrations, the functionality of the image is game played with the senses, with multiple possibilities of interpretation and error. Additionally, there is the possibility that the fulfillment of the very idea could be an error.



Founded in 2005 **“The International Errorist”** carries out public actions and demonstrations in the global logic of terror/error as a response to international situations, such as the Israeli invasion and occupation of the Palestinian territory, Gaza. Already, the conflict has lasted for over two weeks, leaving 900 dead and over 3000 wounded. One third of the casualties are Palestinian children, women and male civilians, who live in the outskirts of Gaza.

we are all errorists

errare humanum est

- 1. Errorism : Concept and action are based on the idea that "error" is reality's principle of order.**
- 2. Errorism is a philosophically erroneous position, a ritual of negation, a disorganized organization: failure as perfection, error as appropriate move.**
- 3. The field of action of "Errorism" contains all those practices that aim at the LIBERATION of the human being and language.**
- 4. Confusion and surprise, black humour and absurdity are the favorite tools of the errorists.**
- 5. Lapses and failed acts are an errorist delight.**

The Internacional Errorista was born from the Argentine group Etcétera... to expand on their ideas. The Errorists were created for a protest to take place during the visit of George W. Bush and the Summit of the Americas in Mar del Plata in 2005.

The moviment participated in the counter-summit called 'The People's Summit' where there was an international gathering of social organisations, peasant movements, Leftist parties, NGOs and independent media, human rights organisations and student unions. Within this summit various demonstrations and cultural events were conducted.

The city was besieged by police and military, with the city centre closed and guarded by three cordons of security. In addition U.S. Mariners were monitoring the streets and beaches. The first statement made that day heads the manifesto: 'We are all errorist'. This was made amid a series of actions formed in response to mistakes made in the protests and street demonstrations.

The term 'Errorist' --decoupling the letter 't' from the word 'terrorist'-- refers to the so-called 'Global War on Terror' that the Bush Government propagated. The otherwise prohibitive discussion of what 'terror' constitutes today becomes joyful and possible through 'errorism' and also opens the way to consider the notion of 'error' as a human condition in the capitalist world that eschews mistakes and failures. The Internacional Errorista is an international organisation that claims 'error' as a philosophy of life.

In these 4 years of activism, their aim has been to pollute from their manifestos and actions, the peaks of power, protests, conferences, exhibitions, books, movies and everyday life, to restore freedom and the release of human errors.