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Women's Football World Cup has two PUMA-sponsored teams

As the Women's Football World Cup enters its final rounds (finishing on August 20) we are focusing on the Puma sponsorship of two of the competing teams – Morocco and Switzerland.

Underlining the enormous hurdles for Palestinian women's soccer teams is this story how [“The Israeli blockade and military checkpoints shatter World Cup dreams of Gazan girls”](#)

Something you can do right now with a few clicks...

Copy and paste this letter to the Moroccan and Swiss Football Associations.

Fouzi LEKJAA
President
Morocco Football Association
contact@frmf.ma

Dominique BLANC
President
Swiss Football Association
info@football.ch

Kia ora Fouzi and Dominique,

Request for Morocco Football Association and Swiss Football Associations to end sponsorship deals with PUMA

I was very concerned to learn that the Morocco Football Association and the Swiss Football Associations are sponsored by PUMA for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

We have been involved in protests for several years encouraging the public to boycott PUMA goods because of its sponsorship of the Israel Football Association. The Israel Football Association includes football clubs based in illegal Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land and despite many appeals from human rights organisations, in Israel and around the world, PUMA has refused to dissociate itself from these illegal settlements.

PUMA's actions, as the only sponsor of the IFA, ties the company to the IFA's policies which are aligned with Israel's appalling policies towards Palestinians.

It's important to understand that the issue of settlements goes to the heart of the Israeli government's racist, apartheid policies towards the indigenous people of Palestine. The establishment and expansion of these settlements, illegal under international law, involves driving Palestinian families from their homes and off their land. This is an ongoing part of the Nakba ("catastrophe") under which Palestinians have suffered ethnic cleansing every day since 1948.

The settlements are an integral part of Israel's military occupation which robs Palestinians of natural resources and denies them their right of movement.

In contrast to the behaviour of the IFA in recognising sports teams from illegal settlements, Palestinian sportspeople are often forced to abandon practices, games and tournaments due to Israeli Defence Force harassment at checkpoints and Israeli government policies to make them refugees in their own land.

When young Palestinians protest to demand an end to the theft of their land many have been murdered by Israeli snipers and many more lose their legs, also from sniper fire, and the chance to play sport. Many young Palestinians have had their sports careers ended in this way.



For these reasons we are requesting the Moroccan Football Association and the Swiss Football Associations end their sponsorship by PUMA and stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle.

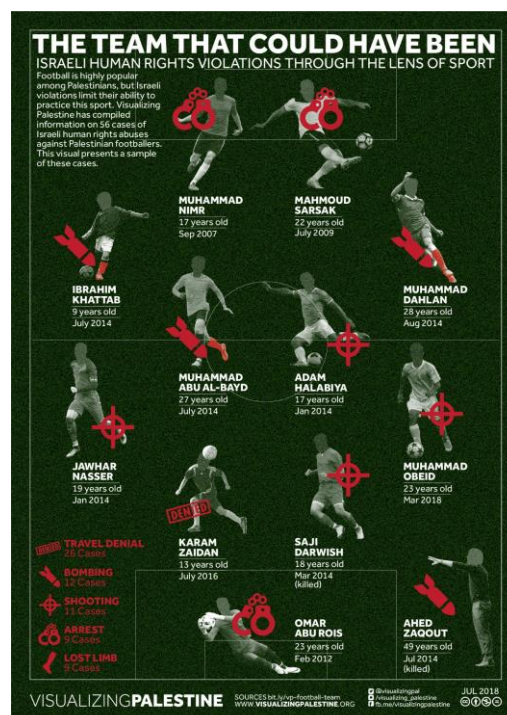
I'm looking forward to hearing from you shortly.

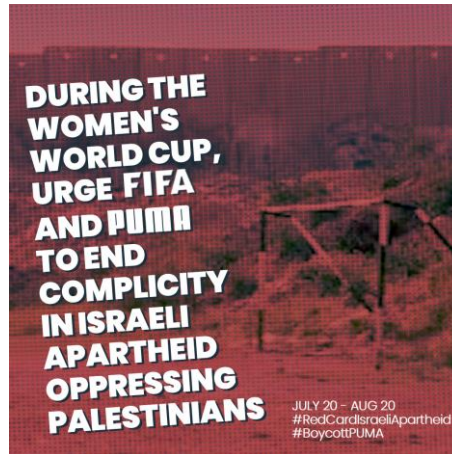
Na,

(your name)

Another thing you can do right now with just a few clicks...

Post a meme about PUMA's – and FIFA's collaboration with apartheid Israel. PUMA is sponsoring Israeli football teams in illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land. Below are pasted five memes you can post on your social media pages. More memes you can check out [are here](#).





Swim in solidarity with Gaza's children on August 26th



Yes we know it's winter but... PSNA is supporting this [Swim with Gaza](#) action on Saturday 26th August. Keep an eye out for details from your local Palestine group...

So get your togs out and get ready....

In Christchurch supporters are gathering on **Saturday 26th August, 2pm at the Clocktower on Sumner Beach** with banners and flags. Supporters will be swimming or paddling their feet in solidarity with Gaza's children.

In the meantime have a look at this great film about the Gaza Surf Club...



<https://www.waterbear.com/watch/gaza-surf-club>

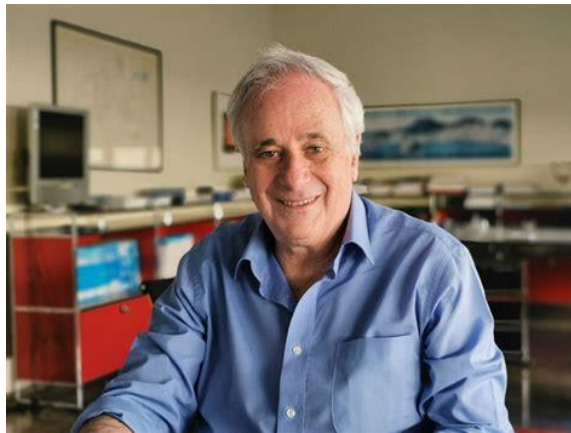
Christina Aguilera – don't cross the Palestinian picket line...



Thousands call on Christina Aguilera to cancel concert in Israel [here](#)

You can sign the petition to Christina Aguilera [here](#). Her concert is scheduled for 10 August so be quick!

An important read...



Judea Vs Fantasy Israel: Ilan Pappé on the collapse of Israeli pillars and opportunities for Palestine [here](#)

A few recent letters the editor

Irony of Israel protests

The massive protests in Israel must puzzle many people. Thousands of citizens are out on the streets opposing reforms that

undermine the country's rule of domestic law by allowing politicians to overturn Supreme Court decisions with a majority vote. But Israel has systematically violated laws protecting the human rights of their Palestinian citizens for decades, yet comically calls itself the Middle East's most successful democracy.

Witness, also, the lack of massive demonstrations of concerned citizens protesting at Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territories. Israeli activity in the Occupied Palestinian Territories has been condemned as a brazen violation of international law and is aided by \$3.3 billion in military financing from the US.

Let's hope our officials and politicians are not blind to this double standard when they meet US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken in Wellington.

Janfrie Wakim, Auckland

...they are...
 doing and achieve the resources required to enhance their community, do the basics right, repair the potholes and mow the grass rather than create more cycle lanes, and restrict us from driving the kids to sports events on a Saturday morning at speeds over 30km/h, or enjoying the waterfront in Auckland.

John Riddell, Massey

Films pulled
 Jane Campion and five other international directors who requested their films be withdrawn from the Jerusalem Film Festival did so after renowned social issues filmmaker Ken Loach urged participants to respect "the non-violent Palestinian picket line". In calling for solidarity, Palestinian filmmakers and actors had argued Israel's government, through its cultural ministry, routinely uses art and culture to "whitewash crimes against Palestinians". While the internal contradictions of Israeli society are increasingly obvious, our "independent foreign policy" response to the reported huge increase in ongoing settler impunity has been muted, clichéd or absent. We who resolved sport/religion/art and politics shouldn't mix morality – by arguing that when they already have been, we must act to counter injustices this separation permits – surely have an especial responsibility to speak out.

Steve Little, Napier

Food scrap
 So, to question the need for green food scrap bins is being "peevish and querulous" (NZ Herald, August 2). I raised the issue simply because Auckland Council had not consulted us first, and my wife and I have happily been composting the limited food scraps we make in our large compost bin for years. Why should we?

cavalier willingness to flout whatever rules it can bend and get away with.

Bruce Tulloch, Harewood [abridged]

Thank you, Jane

Last week New Zealand film director Jane Campion requested her debut film, *Sweetie*, be withdrawn from the Jerusalem Film Festival.

She joined at least four other film directors to do the same after being approached to join the cultural boycott of Israeli government-sponsored events in response to Israel's apartheid policies against Palestinians.

This is a moment of pride for Aotearoa New Zealand – similar to the pride felt when New Zealand entertainer Lorde cancelled a scheduled concert in Israel in 2018 and the pride many of us felt when rugby players like Graham Mourie (All Black captain at the time) Bruce Robertson, Bob Burgess, David Kirk and

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John Kirwan refused to play Springbok rugby teams from apartheid South Africa in the 1980s.

At a time when Palestinians are suffering immeasurably under the most fanatical, openly racist Israeli government ever, this solidarity action is deeply appreciated by Palestinians everywhere.

These film directors are taking action where governments, New Zealand included, have failed morally and politically, again and again and again, to hold Israel accountable for its crimes against the Palestinian people. Thank you, Jane Campion.

John Minto, National Chair, Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

Palestine Film Festival - Waiheke

The festival was a huge success with great feedback from audiences and positive support for the Palestinian struggle.

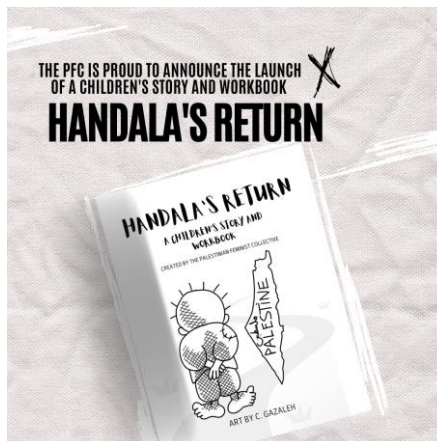
Associated with the festival is a display of some Malcolm Evans's marvellous cartoons on the struggle. The display is still on for those able to get over to Waiheke easily...



The display of Malcolm Evans's cartoons on Waiheke.

Handala's return

The Palestinian Feminist Collective is proud to announce the launch of a children's story and workbook called Handala's return.



More information about the cartoon character Handala and his significance is on the [Palestinian Feminist Collective website](#) where you can also download the book.

Note: The Freedom flotilla boat to Gaza this year is called Handala. The latest update on the flotilla and its visit to Cardiff in Wales is [here](#).



The Handala prepares to head to GAZA later this year.

Watch out for this man promoting racism and apartheid

Here he is – the Israeli ambassador – watch out for him around Aotearoa New Zealand – if you hear of any planned appearances or speaking engagements please contact us urgently: Email apartheid-Israel@PSNA.nz or text 027 4 APARTHEID or 027427278.



Israeli ambassador Ran Yaakoby

Is your property an “apartheid free zone”?



These are popping up on letterboxes and fences all over the country – to get your “Apartheid free zone” coreflute to stick on your letterbox or your front fence just deposit \$5 in

Account Name: Palestine Solidarity Network

Account Number: 38 9015 0849542 00

and send an email to secretary@PSNA.nz with your address and we’ll send you one - or as many as you’d like for your neighbours and friends....

Petition to Close the Israeli Embassy

If you haven’t signed our petition to close the Israeli embassy yet...

Scan and Sign here



Or Click and Sign here

<https://www.psna.nz/petition>

Important stories from the Web

General

- Israel is rapidly expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank. This Australian man is among them [here](#)
- Antony Loewenstein interview on the Māori radio station Te Upoko o Te Ika [here](#)
- Challenging the British anti-boycott bill [here](#) (podcast)
- No legal impediment to Australian recognition of Palestine [here](#)
- Judea Vs Fantasy Israel: Ilan Pappé on the collapse of Israeli pillars and opportunities for Palestine [here](#)
- Why does the Australian government fear dissent [here](#)
- Awareness grows that Israel's crisis stems from a core issue: It's an apartheid state [here](#)
- Israeli blockade and military checkpoints shatter World Cup dreams of Gazan girls [here](#)

Palestine

- Occupied Jerusalem: Israeli official asks priest to hide crucifix on visit to western wall [here](#)
- A heat wave and no electricity has turned most houses in Gaza into furnaces [here](#)
- Thousands protest against Hamas in rare Gaza demonstration [here](#)
- What it means to be a government and a resistance movement [here](#)
- A Palestinian response to Tom Friedman [here](#)

Israel

- Australian journalist Antony Loewenstein's latest book criticises Israel for exporting 'the Technology of Occupation' [here](#)
- Real Life: 'Shift' among Jews as they question support of Israel amid Palestine conflict – author [here](#)
- Israelis are trying to save a democracy that never existed [here](#)
- Is Israel weaponising water in Palestine? [here](#) (25min video)

Israeli brutality

- Israeli occupation troops kill three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank [here](#)

US

- Another North American church names Israeli apartheid [here](#)
 - The power of the Israeli lobby [here](#)
 - Demand that Amazon and AWS end their Project Nimbus contract and stop enabling Israeli apartheid [here](#)
 - Video of Amazon and Google workers' rally outside Amazon Web Services Summit [here](#)
 - American anthropologist association votes to boycott Israel [here](#)
 - Add your name in solidarity with workers and activists today: Demand Amazon executives cut all ties with Israeli apartheid [here](#)
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Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2023

28 Mar – 4 Apr	Israel Apartheid Week
30 Mar	Land Day Palestine
5 Apr	Palestinian Childs Day
9 Apr	Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120 Palestinian men, women and children massacred
17 Apr	Palestinian Prisoners Day
11 May	World Kufiya Day
15 May	Nakba Day – marking the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Palestine in 1948
5 Jun	Nakba Day - Start of 1967 War - Land Grab – Invasion of Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria - 5 June 1967 – 10 June 1967
20 Jun	Attack on Gaza - 6–21 May 2021 (2 weeks and 1 day)
16-18 Sep	40 th anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres
28 Sep	Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005
2 Nov	Balfour Declaration
29 Nov	United Nations - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
8 Dec	"First Intifada - 8 Dec 1987 – 13 Sept 1993

Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign?

We will need some serious money to make our campaign as effective as possible. For example, we will need somewhere in the vicinity of \$25,000 to bring speakers to New Zealand over the next year and organise large public meetings to help spread the message.

You can help. Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign? In other words, **can you afford to make an automatic payment of \$5 per month to support the Palestinian struggle?** (If you can afford more that would be great!)

Our account details are:

Account name: Palestine Solidarity Network

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

Or Pay Pal account: admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net

We are happy to provide a receipt upon request (*however, we are not a registered charity so this is not tax-deductible*)

Merchandise for sale

We have Merchandise you can buy including T-shirts from our website.



Go here - <https://www.psna.nz/shop>

In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter – an invitation to subscribe from Leslie Bravery

Because of mainstream news media complicity, daily headlines and commentary only occasionally ever mention the relentless Israeli violence in Palestine, not even the frequent air strikes!

However, daily news and statistics regarding the violence Palestinians are forced to live under are regularly reported on in the “In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter”, sourced and compiled for easy reading and correlation chiefly from the Palestinian Monitoring Group's daily situation reports.

The “In Occupied Palestine” daily newsletter continues to be circulated, by email, worldwide to subscribers only, as it has been over the last two decades.

Contact: [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)

(Please note we have changed the link).

More ways you can get involved

- Forward this Newsletter – If you know people who may be interested in this movement, please forward this Newsletter to them.
- Join in local activities in your area monthly Rallies - In Auckland at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Please consider doing the same in your community. Contact Secretary@PSNA.nz if you would like to know where and how to get Flags and Banners
- Help set up a Students for Justice in Palestine groups on your campus
- Tell Your MP your opinions on Divestment and Sanctions of Israel.
- Write Letters to Newspapers – Call Talkback Radio
- Keep in touch with the campaign on social media
 - ❖ Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa (PSNA) website: www.PSNA.nz
 - ❖ PSNA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/
 - ❖ PSNA email: Secretary@PSNA.nz
- The Palestine Human Rights Campaign produces the *In Occupied Palestine* newsletter. It is a regular daily newsletter on the daily situation in Palestine, compiled by Leslie Bravery and emailed to subscribers. If you would also like to become a subscriber, please contact Leslie at “sumud1 @ outlook. com” (remove the spaces to use as an email address) for further information.
- Keep Updated on our Facebook pages and websites (listed below)

PSNA Groups

National Committee

Website	www.PSNA.nz	
Chair – John Minto	Chair@PSNA.nz	
Secretary – Neil Scott	Secretary@PSNA.nz	

Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	PSN Bay of Islands	email
Whangarei	PSN Whangarei	Facebook
Auckland	PSN Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau	Website
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato	Facebook

Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine	Facebook
Hawkes Bay	PSNA-Hawkes Bay – Page PSNA-Hawkes Bay - Group	Facebook Facebook
Palmerston North	PSN Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	PSN Taranaki	Facebook
Whanganui	Whanganui@PSNA.nz	email
Wellington	PSN Wellington	email
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSN Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSN Invercargill	email

Other groups supporting Palestinian Rights

- [Palestinian Community of New Zealand](#)
- [Palestinian Youth Aotearoa](#)
- [Preserved Identity \(Palestinian products\)](#)
- [Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ](#)
- [Kia Ora Gaza](#)
- [Letters for Palestine](#)
- [Auckland Peace Action](#)
- [Global Peace and Justice Auckland](#)
- [Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Tamaki Loves Palestine](#)
- [Justice for Palestine](#)
- [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)
- [Pax Christi Aotearoa](#)