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Kia ora PSNA supporter

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to flail hopelessly amid dreadful management of the coronavirus outbreak, mass protests outside his home demanding his resignation and the fraud and corruption charges against him which are now before the Israeli courts.

Meanwhile [attacks on Palestinians](#) and the ethnic cleaning of East Jerusalem and neighbourhoods across Occupied Palestine continues under the international radar.

On the positive side Israel is losing its propaganda and disinformation battle. Important opinion shaper in the Jewish community in the US Peter Beinart, has [caused a sensation with his abandonment of Israel as a Jewish state](#), arguing instead for a single state in Historic Palestine where everyone has equal rights. Alongside Beinart Jewish writer/comedian Seth Rogen says Israel is [“ridiculous, antiquated and based on lies about other people’s land”](#)



Here in Aotearoa one of our supporters Doug Robertson has painted this mural on the side of his building in the far north! Brilliant!

This week we want you to act against the policies of the New Zealand Defence Force. Read on...

Hypocrisy at the heart of the New Zealand Defence Force

The New Zealand Defence Force was heavily criticised last week for misleading the public about the deaths of civilians during an SAS attack on two villages in Afghanistan. It was only through revelations in the book *Hit and Run* by investigative journalists Nicky Hager and Jon Stephenson that the truth has been finally revealed.

The same NZDF arrogance is in play with their purchase of weapons from Israeli military weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems.

In 2012 the New Zealand Superfund withdrew its investments from Elbit Systems because the company was involved in building Israel's apartheid wall – a breach of international law.

However the NZDF has ignored the moral issues with Elbit Systems or trade with Israel and has continued to purchase weapons from Elbit Systems. To make matters so much worse New Zealand Defence Minister Ron Mark visited Elbit Systems in January last year to look at further opportunities for New Zealand to buy from these racist law breakers.



New Zealand Defence Minister Ron Mark

Write to the New Zealand Prime Minister calling on the government to direct the New Zealand Defence Force to cease all military purchases from Elbit Systems.

Example of a letter you could send:

Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister
j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz

Kia ora Ms Ardern,

Re Elbit Systems Limited and the New Zealand Defence Force

I am writing to urge you to direct the New Zealand Defence Force to cease all purchases from Israeli arms manufacturer Elbit Systems.

In 2012 the New Zealand Superfund withdrew its investments from Elbit Systems because the company was involved in building Israel's apartheid wall – a breach of international law.

However, the New Zealand Defence Force has continued to thumb its nose at international law and purchase military equipment from Elbit Systems.

This double standard must stop.

Please respond urgently.

Nā,

(your name)

Seen around London – a message for New Zealand too...



Three victories in the last couple of days

1. We reported in the last newsletter on the Humboldt 3 - a Palestinian from Gaza and two Israeli Jewish activists who were arrested in 2017 when they interrupted an anti-BDS propaganda speech by an Israeli Knesset (parliament) member at Humboldt University of Berlin.
They [appeared in court this week and have declared victory!](#)
2. Manchester university [divests from firms complicit in Israeli occupation](#)
3. SOAS in London has [abandoned an agreement with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#)

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A webinar not to be missed

The Australian BDS group has organised this exciting and important webinar.



Register for this webinar here: <https://bdsaustralia.net.au/black-palestinian-forum/>

A petition which deserves our attention – Drones over Gaza

Have a look at this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJR0rJNzmvE> and then sign the petition here: <http://chng.it/cMK6WqVf5C>

Free Mahmoud Nawajaa



In the early hours of July 30th, dozens of Israeli soldiers broke into the home of General Coordinator of the Palestinian National BDS Committee in Kafr Abu Qash [in the occupied West Bank], Mahmoud Nawajaa, handcuffed and blindfolded him, and marched him out, in front of his wife and children. [The story is here.](#) And the [action to take is here.](#)

Election pledges for all parliamentary candidates

Friday 21 August is the final date for nominations for the 2020 General election and from that date we will be sending all candidates our election pledges for Palestine.

We will include details of the pledges in a coming newsletter and we will be encouraging all our supporters to follow up these pledges with their local candidates – by email, facebook, twitter and in person at public meetings.

Watch this space!

Boycott Hewlett-Packard! Don't buy HP!

PSNA will be joining the international campaign against Hewlett-Packard in a more strategic way in the future but in the meantime BDS Australia has taken on this campaign and have some excellent material we should read to get up to speed with it. Here are two important links to look at in the meantime:

The online HP campaign page is here: <https://bdsaustralia.net.au/campaigns/dont-buy-hp-products/>

And the online petition is here: <https://bdsaustralia.good.do/boycotthp/individualpledge/>

Dances with Death

NEW TITLE INFORMATION

PUBLICATION DETAILS

Format: Paperback

150 pp, 148mm by 210mm

ISBN: 978-0-473-50605-6

\$25 SOR, trade discounts available

RELEASE: March 2020

Dances with Death

Perilous Encounters
Reporting on Hostilities
in the Turbulent Middle East

A remarkable insight into Middle East affairs and events through the eyes of an accomplished journalist with 40 years experience in the media.

Author Tuma Hazou attributes the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East to the 1917 Balfour Declaration committing Britain to create a 'national home' for Jews in Palestine, at the expense of the Muslim and Christian indigenous majority. The subsequent shambling Jewish-Arab conflict culminated in establishing Israel in 1948 and the defeat by young Israel of six Arab armies.

Tuma Hazou highlights also the events leading to the 1967 June war, with pre-emptive strikes by Israel against Syria, Egypt and Jordan.

He relates the agonising loss of a colleague when fighting flares up in Jerusalem between the Israelis and the Jordanians.

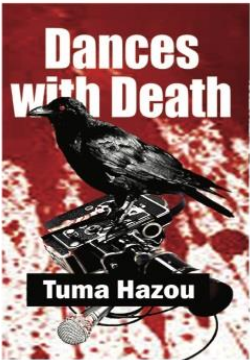
On yet another fateful day, he goes through 3 'dances with death' during repeated Israeli air raids on Jordan in August 1968. His chilling eye-witness account of the harrowing raids is included in a United Nations Security Council record of the raids, cited in Addendum 2.

The book's addendums add intriguing substance to Tuma Hazou's narrative, such as his wife's role in circumventing a Jordanian law preventing her Kiwi friend Christine from marrying a high-ranking officer who ends up, for only 10 days, as Jordan's Prime Minister at the start of Jordan's 1970 September civil war.

The author reviews what led to the civil war between King Hussein's Jordanian army and the Palestinian guerrillas after a 'leftist' guerrilla faction hijacked a number of civilian planes, forcing them to land in the Jordanian desert before blowing them up.

While covering that gruesome 8-day civil war, Tuma was incredibly spared being blown up when he drove over 4 anti-tank mines.


Relocating in 1967 to Amman, in Jordan, the author worked as a radio programmes producer and freelance journalist contributing Middle East coverage to UPI, BBC, NBC TV & Radio News and later as both cameraman and radio reporter with ABC TV & Radio News of New York. He also acted as media advisor to Prince Hassan of Jordan. In 1990 Tuma joined UNICEF as Director of Information for the Middle East and North Africa, working there until 1997 when he took early retirement and settled with his Kiwi wife in New Zealand.



Tuma Hazou

"Written without rancour, Tuma Hazou's account of his war-time reporting experiences is an engaging, authentic and rare Palestinian account of recent Middle East events, and of nerve-racking personal trauma".


—Janfrie Wakim, NZ Human Rights Activist



King Hussein and Tuma Hazou in 1968, meeting on top of a captured Israeli tank.

This is just one of several illustrations that adorn the book.

TUMA HAZOU, AUTHOR



When he joined the BBC Arabic Service in London in 1957, at 22, Tuma was the youngest announcer at the BBC.

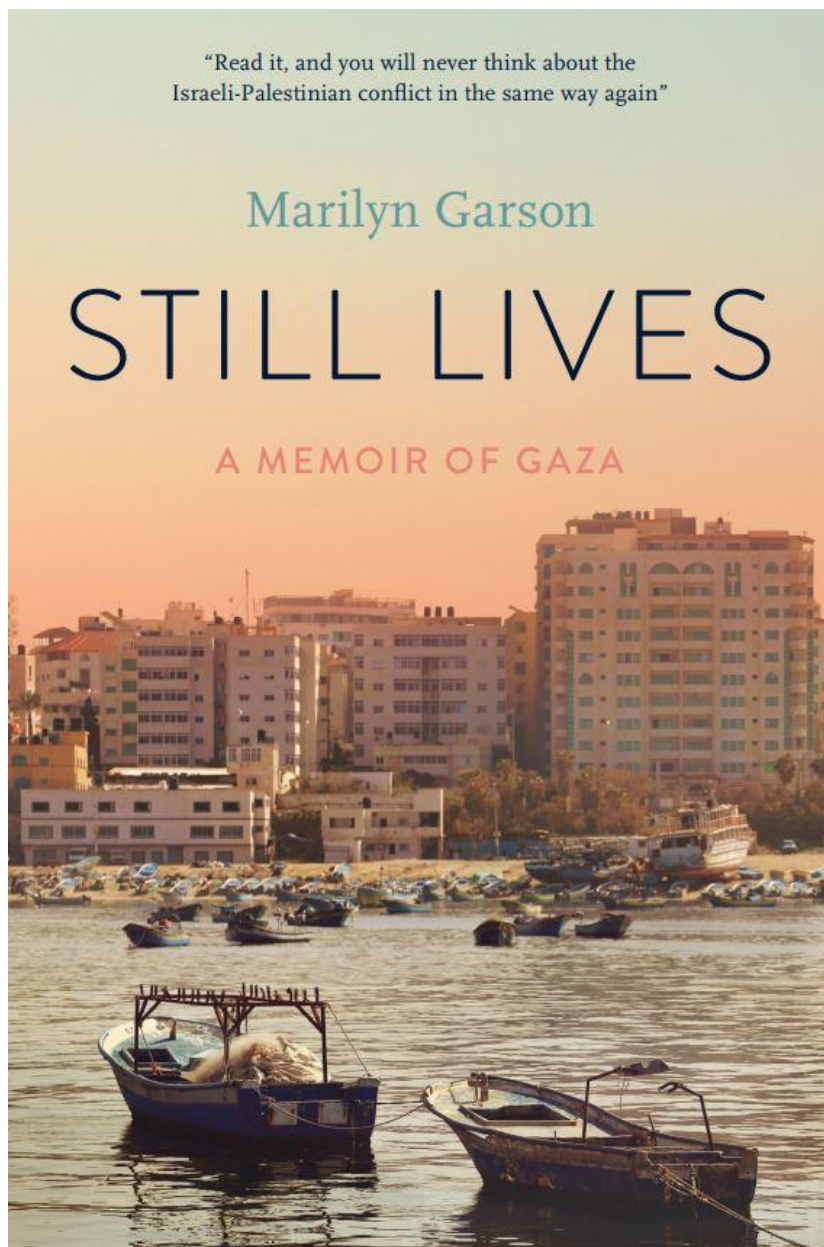
“In this book I recount my many 'brushes with death' reporting on hostilities in the turbulent Middle East. The on-going conflicts and upheavals in the region have their roots in the infamous 1917 British Balfour Declaration committing Britain to set up in Palestine a national state for the Jews, ignoring the Muslim and Christian majority population.

The book ends with an overview of the prevailing dire consequences of the 1967 June War. Addendums to the book add further substance to the personal traumatic narrative and related historical facts”

Books can be ordered directly from the author at gandthazou@gmail.com

Still Lives – Marilyn Garson

Canadian-Kiwi Marilyn writes of her experiences working in GAZA under the Israeli blockade from 2011 to 2015. This is a book which brings to life the horrific brutality of the 2014 Israeli invasion of Gaza which left over 300 killed – including over 500 children. Marilyn documented her experiences as she worked through this horror. It is a MUST READ.



You can purchase this from your local bookshop or order your eBook [here](#) or order a physical copy at www.marilyngarson.com

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T shirt Free Palestine End Israeli Occupation medium size only \$22



Kaffiyeh 110 x 110 \$44 + postage



For any of these email bronwensummers@gmail.com or phone 03 55 00 132 txt 0220850161
Alternatively, you can buy merchandise including T-shirts from our website
<http://www.palestinesolidaritynz.net/shop.html>

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*)

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)

Regional and Affiliates

Regional

Bay of Islands	PSNA Bay of Islands	email
Whangarei	PSNA Whangarei	Facebook
Auckland	PSNA Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau	Website
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato	Facebook
Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine	Facebook
Palmerston North	PSNA Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	PSNA New Plymouth	email
Wellington	Wellington Palestine	Website
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSNA Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSNA Invercargill	email

Affiliates

- [Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ](#)
- [Kia Ora Gaza](#)
- [Letters for Palestine](#)
- [Auckland Peace Action](#)
- [Global Peace and Justice Auckland](#)
- [Preserved Identity \(Palestinian products\)](#)
- [Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine](#)