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Newsletter No 50

The 40th anniversary of the 1981 Springbok Tour is very close now and we need your help to publicise it...

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

Please help circulate these two posters on social media. The first is the poster for the national tour which has details of the main meetings and the second one is the poster for the day in Kirikiriroa (Hamilton) - a special part of the 1981 Springbok tour protests.

1. The national PSNA poster:

40th Anniversary of the 1981 Springbok Tour

John Minto - National Tour
Former National Organiser of Halt all Racist Tours (HART) and current National Chair of Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

Celebrating the fight against South African apartheid in 1981...

...and stepping up the fight against Israeli apartheid in 2021

www.psna.nz

Gisborne
Thurs 22 July, 7pm
Tairāwhiti Museum 10 Stout Street

Hamilton
Sun 25 July, 1.30pm Meet at Garden Place, For march to rugby stadium

New Plymouth
Thurs 29 July, 7pm
St Mary's Peace Lounge, 44 Vivian St

Palmerston North
Sun 1 August, 2.30pm, Kelvin Grove Community Centre, 68 Kaimanawa St.

Whanganui
Thurs 8 August, 7pm
Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, Watt Street

Invercargill
Sun 8 August, 2pm
Lindsfarne Methodist Community Centre, 22 Lindsfarne Street

Dunedin
Wed 11 August, 7pm
Castle 1 Lecture Theatre, Otago Uni

Christchurch
Sun 15 August, 7pm
Knox Church Hall, Bealey Ave

Timaru
Thurs 19 August, 7pm
West End Park Hall, Maltby Ave

Nelson
Sun 22 August, 1.30pm
1.30pm - March from 1903 Square to venue. 2.15pm - Old St John's Church Hall, 320 Hardy Street

Napier
Wed 25th August, 7pm. Peddigrew Lounge, McLean Park Latham St

Wellington
Sun 29 August, 2pm
Thistle Hall, Upper Cuba Street

Rotorua
Thurs 2 September, 4pm. Tangatarua Marae Toi Ohomai Institute Mokola Drive, Tihiotonga

Whangarei
Wed 8 September, 6pm
'110' Centre, 116 Bank Street

Auckland
Sun 12 September, 2pm
Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Dominion Road.

2. The local Kirikiriroa (Hamilton) poster for the whole day.

INVITATION
Kirikiriroa1981: A Springbok Tour Reunion
Hamilton, 25 July 2021



Image: Geoffrey Short, Demonstrators and police line Rugby Park, 1981. Collection of Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato

All who participated in the 1981 campaign, even if not in Hamilton on the day of the game, are invited to a reunion in Hamilton on Sunday, 25 July, 2021, the fortieth anniversary of stopping the Hamilton match. Among the highlights will be the presence of many of our fellow activists from around Aotearoa.

PROGRAMME

9.30 am: Mihi/welcome outside Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato
10.00 am: Visit the Museum's current photographic exhibition of the Hamilton protests. This excellent presentation includes works by Geoffrey Short, Kees Sprengers and John Mercer.
11.30 am: Reunion Lunch: Te Ara Hou/Anglican Action, 100 Morrinsville Road, Hillcrest. (Koha) (Please advise Michael Law of intended attendance by 17 July as we do not want to either under-cater or waste food: see below).

AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Until 2.00 pm: Continue mixing at Reunion Lunch.
1.15 pm: Documentary: **Patu**. Venue: Te Whare Taonga o Waikato.
A new, high-definition version of the Springbok Tour documentary.
1.30 pm: John Minto speaking tour. Meet at Garden Place Hamilton for a rally. That will be followed by a march to Rugby Park and a meeting (indoors) at which John will speak about the similarities between Apartheid in South Africa and Israel's policies towards Palestinians.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED.
ALL WE ASK IS THAT PEOPLE NOTIFY US ABOUT THE LUNCH BY 17 JULY

ENQUIRIES/LUNCH NOTIFICATION: Michael Law: kirikiriroa1981@gmail.com

Launch of Palestine Youth Aotearoa

A large crowd turned out at the Fickling Centre in Mt Albert last Sunday to launch Palestinian Youth Aotearoa.



It was a celebration of Palestinian culture and included Dabka dancing and a Palestinian meal. You can follow this group on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to keep in touch with their activities.

Trolls and Shills are paid by Israel to tell lies and spread misinformation

If you were wondering what the word shill means here it is:

Shill: "an accomplice of a confidence trickster or swindler who poses as a genuine customer to entice or encourage others"

It's an accurate description for the tens of thousands of Israelis who are paid to spread lies about Palestine and Palestinians and to attack anyone calling for BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) action to require Israel to abide by international law and United Nations resolutions.

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We've all seen these shills and trolls on social media and the good thing is it shows the growing desperation in Israel to try to defend its racism, apartheid and brutality against Palestinians. The colonial, settler state is under greater pressure than ever as its narrative is falling apart across the globe.

As usual Israel is fighting back with lies and false smears of anti-semitism. Here is a [story giving an up-to-date account of their activities](#).

Censorship at Scientific American

And here is more about Israel's attempts to stifle the voices of Palestinians. The story is headed "Scientific American retracted pro-Palestine article without any actual errors".



A Palestinian child, wounded by Israeli air strikes, is treated in Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza.

Read about it in [this article from The Intercept](#).

And yet more Israeli attempts to stifle criticism of its policies...

And here is a third example of Israeli attempts at censorship – in this case it failed.

It's a message to the Twitter account of BDS Australia.

Hello,

Twitter is required by German law to provide notice to users who are reported by people from Germany via the Network Enforcement Act reporting flow.

We have received a complaint regarding your account, @BDS_Australia, for the following content:

Tweet ID: 1410605362911215616

Tweet Text: Water theft - water apartheid. #ICC4Israel [url]

We have investigated the reported content and have found that it is not subject to removal under the Twitter Rules (<https://support.twitter.com/articles/18311>) or German law. Accordingly, we have not taken any action as a result of this specific report.

Sincerely,

Twitter

On the positive side of the beautiful game

Here is a photo of the Palestina Football Team in Chile who have replaced the number 1 on their shirts with a map of historic Palestine!

Israel furious as the Palestina football team in Chile swaps the number one on their shirts with the map of Palestine



Israel arrests Palestinian rights lawyer after anti-Abbas protest

Abuse of human rights comes second nature to the Israeli regime as they try to stifle opposition to Israeli policies as well as defend the Palestinian Authority which does Israel's security work in the occupied Palestinian Territories.



[The full story is here.](#)

Israel stalls Palestinian elections

There is a desperate need for Palestinian elections - the last election was in 2006 when Hamas was elected to power in Gaza while a coalition of Palestinian groups were elected in the West Bank.

Elections were announced earlier this year and were due to be held from late May. However Israel is refusing to allow Palestinians living in occupied East Jerusalem – 150,000 Palestinian voters – to vote so the elections are on hold.

Israel is worried Palestinian voters will elect new leaders and a strong new direction rather than the old Palestinian Authority figures Israel knows it can manipulate. The US and the EU refuse to intervene because they too want a compliant Palestinian leadership rather than a new positive direction.

No response yet from Andrew Little

We are waiting for a response from the Minister for the Response to the 2015 Terror Attack, Andrew Little, as to why Juliet Moses, apologist for anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism, was allowed to speak at a counter-terrorism hui in Christchurch. Moses' her nasty comments trying to link Palestinian solidarity protests with terrorism sparked a walkout. We will keep you posted on this.

A poster with a blue background. On the left is a photo of Juliet Moses speaking. To the right is a quote in white text: "there can only be peace when the Arabs start to love their children more than they hate us". Below the quote is the name 'Former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir'. At the bottom, in white text, it says 'Juliet Moses is an apologist for repugnant anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism'. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says 'Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa' and 'www.PSNA.nz'. There is also some small text at the top left of the poster mentioning 'When Juliet Moses was asked to challenge disgusting anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism from her fellow New Zealand Jewish Council member David Cunin who approvingly quotes former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir...'.

When Juliet Moses was asked to challenge disgusting anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism from her fellow New Zealand Jewish Council member David Cunin who approvingly quotes former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir...

"there can only be peace when the Arabs start to love their children more than they hate us"

Former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir

Juliet Moses replied...

"The NZ Jewish Council considers your complaint to have no validity. We will not enter into any further correspondence about it"

Juliet Moses is an apologist for repugnant anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism

Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa www.PSNA.nz

Over \$9,000 raised so far in our appeal for the Gaza Centre for Human Rights whose offices were targeted and destroyed by Israel

We have now collected over NZ\$9,000 for this appeal. The money has been warmly welcomed and has been received in Gaza. The Centre is getting itself back on its feet again in its role of collecting evidence for war crimes prosecutions from the latest Israeli outrages.

Donations are still welcome.

Account name: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-02 (Please put GCHR in the reference)



Ambulances Appeal for Gaza – please donate if you can



After the savage 11-day heavy bombardment of Gaza, the killing of 256 Palestinians, including 66 children there is a desperate need for medical supplies to Gaza. Kia Ora Gaza are co-ordinating the fundraising here in New Zealand. They have raised over NZ\$30,000 so far.

Please donate now with a direct payment to their bank account: Kia Ora Gaza Trust, 03-0211-0447718-000, Westpac Bank. Afterwards, email office@kiaoragaza.net with your deposit details so they can send you an e-receipt.

More details are [here on the Kia Ora Gaza website](#)

Close the Israeli embassy

Remember our campaign to close the Israeli embassy in Wellington.

[The petition is on-line here](#) in English and Arabic or use the QR code here.



Solidarity with Palestine by Artists, Cultural Workers and Scholars of Aotearoa New Zealand

Remember to please help circulate this statement of solidarity with Palestine. It is aimed particularly at Artists, Cultural Workers and Scholars.

They can read and [sign on to the statement at this link](#).

This has been organised by **Dr Rand T Hazou**, Senior Lecturer in Theatre, School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Massey University.

Stories from the Web

Israeli Army [Fatally Shoots Palestinian Man in Occupied West Bank](#)

We need a [genuine Palestine Solidarity Movement](#)

Palestinians [continue to protest the killing of Nizar Banat despite PA crackdown](#)

The [Zionist Assault on Judaism](#)



How can New Zealanders help the Palestinian people?

Move your Kiwisaver funds to one of these providers:

- AmanahNZ KiwiSaver Limited
- Generate Investment Limited
- Milford Funds Limited
- NZ Anglican Church Pension Board
- Pathfinder Asset Management
- Pie Funds Management Ltd

These are the only six Kiwisaver providers with no investments in the 112 companies listed by the United Nations Human Rights Council as complicit in the construction and maintenance of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land.

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK AOTEAROA
www.PSNA.nz

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	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
Whanganui	Whanganui@PSNA.nz	email
Wellington	PSNA Wellington	email
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSNA Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSNA 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
- Wellington Palestine
- [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)