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# Newsletter No 53 – A lockdown newsletter

Hopefully the lockdown will be lifted shortly and we will be able to resume John Minto's national speaking tour to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1981 Springbok rugby tour and step up the campaign to fight Israel's apartheid policies towards Palestinians.

The Timaru meeting has had to be cancelled and we aim to hold it in late September after the tour has finished.

For this newsletter we are pausing with the advertising and promotion of our national tour meetings until the Covid 19 situation becomes clearer. In the meantime, this newsletter has a couple of longer articles to read while you are in lockdown but before you do that we want you to do

# Something right now – with just a few clicks...

Israel is continuing its murderous brutality against any Palestinian resistance to the theft of Palestinian land and in the last few weeks has murdered more than two dozen Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and in the last few days has murdered four Palestinian men in Jenin.

The details are here: <a href="https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/300384384/four-palestinians-killed-in-shootout-with-israeli-forces">https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/300384384/four-palestinians-killed-in-shootout-with-israeli-forces</a>

Israel blames Palestinians for the killings and as usual the Israeli version of the events dominates the media reporting while the 54-year Israeli military occupation of historic Palestine – the longest military occupation in modern history – and the daily theft of more Palestinian land gets barely a mention.

### n.mahuta@parliament.govt.nz

Kia ora Ms Mahuta,

In the past few weeks more than two dozen Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli Defence Force in its 54-year long brutal military occupation of historic Palestine and four Palestinian men have been killed in Jenin in the last few days.

Theft of Palestinian land and the brutality with which Israel's occupation is enforced are illegal under international law and yet you continue your silence – nine months so far – which amounts to complicity with these Israeli crimes.

When will you speak out for Palestinians? Or are you too afraid to face a false smear of anti-Semitism from the pro-Israel lobby?

Please respond urgently.

(Your name)

### When Covid allows, PSNA Chair John Minto will continue his tour...



120 people attended the Christchurch meeting to mark the  $40^{th}$  anniversary of the 1981 Springbok tour and to step up the fight against Israeli apartheid against Palestinians.

## One year in, Palestine Action is hitting drone maker Elbit hard

(We are including this article by Asa Winstanley from the UK in full in this newsletter because its an important read – The Aotearoa New Zealand government has so far refused to rule out possible purchases from Elbit Systems which is the focus of this story on the Electronic Intifada – the link is here)



London Palestine Action protesters at UAV Engines in Lichfield, Staffordshire, last August

<u>A new short film</u> by Real Media follows the group <u>Palestine Action</u> over the past year. Palestine Action was founded a year ago by activists in the UK to focus on taking direct action against Israeli arms manufacturer <u>Elbit Systems</u>.

Elbit is Israel's largest private arms manufacturer. It <u>makes the vast majority</u> of Israel's drone fleet and, as the film explains, markets its weapons as "combat proven" – tested on Palestinians. The company has <u>10 factories and offices</u> in Britain, which the group has been targeting.

I am one of several people in the film giving context and analysis. I argue that, with persistence, Palestine Action could ultimately be successful in its goal of expelling Elbit from the UK.

Activists have carried out <u>sit-ins and sabotage</u> against Elbit premises, shutting factories down, smashing windows, damaging equipment, graffitiing and splashing walls with red paint to symbolize Palestinian blood.

According to the film, Palestine Action have carried out more than 70 actions against Elbit in their first year, including 20 high-profile occupations of sites and factories.

According to police estimates, the group's actions have cost Elbit and complicit companies more than \$22 million and more than 100 days of weapons manufacturing, the film says.

#### A day in court?

Yet despite an estimated 100 arrests and <u>systematic repression</u> by the British police and government, not a single trial has taken place and some activists who destroyed machinery have not even been charged.

A <u>trial set for May</u> was pushed back for more than a year. The trial date had happened to coincide with the most recent major Israeli bombing campaign in the Gaza Strip. Activists suspect the delay was an attempt by the police to stack the trial against them.

They are eager for the case to come to court.



MERCURY PRESS. 01/02/21. Oldham, UK.

(Pictured: Activists from Palestine Action and Extinction Rebellion have occupied the entrance to Elbit Ferranti in Oldham, protesting against the arms dealers business with the Ministry of Defence.)

Like many other direct action campaigners, Palestine Action's legal strategy is to argue in open court that Elbit's business activities are illegal under international law, since their weapons are used to help Israel carry out war crimes against Palestinians.

Their non-violent direct actions against the company are therefore proportionate and lawful and not in fact "criminal damage," they argue.

A similar case <u>collapsed in January last year</u> when prosecutors dropped it after Elbit declined to make disclosures about its activities in the UK.

Elbit is not so keen to go to court, as it doesn't want its activities being exposed to scrutiny, activists say.

#### Skyrocketing campaign

During the bombing in May, British sympathy with Palestine Action skyrocketed and local people began spontaneously forming protests in solidarity with activists as they were taking action on Elbit factory rooftops.

Founder <u>Huda Ammori</u> says in the film that at one point, they were getting three new volunteers join them every minute.

UK government repression of Palestine Action has included home raids, confiscation of devices and passports and even threats to use draconian anti-terror laws against the group.

Soon after Palestine Action was founded in August last year, British foreign minister Dominic Raab was meeting with Israeli ministers in Jerusalem.

Orit Farkash-Hacohen, then "Strategic Affairs" minister, complained that the "campaign against Israel has become widespread throughout Europe and the world, including in England... Only last weekend, the offices of an Israeli security company were vandalized, for the fourth time in the last month."

She was making a reference to interventions such as <u>Palestine Action's first ever direct action</u>, against Elbit's London office.

According to Israeli media, "Raab replied he and the British government were committed to stopping such events."

Using a <u>dirty tricks campaign</u> and "black ops," the <u>Ministry of Strategic Affairs</u> was a semi-covert Israeli agency dedicated to fighting the BDS movement, the Palestinian-led global campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

After years of its activities being <u>embarrassingly exposed</u>, the new Israeli coalition government <u>closed the ministry down last month</u>.

But the prime minister's office announced that the ministry's work would continue with "the transfer of their areas of activity to various government ministries."

### A Palestinian voice in Palmerston North - Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab

Here is our second longer read in this newsletter. At the Palmerston North meeting on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour Katrina delivered this impassioned yet gracious speech about the strength of the Palestinian people under Israeli racism, apartheid and brutal oppression.



Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab

Kia ora tatou katoa, wa as salamu alaykum,

The history of modern Palestine is simple and uncomplicated. Britain gifted a Middle Eastern country to European Jews to create a homeland based on religious and cultural criteria. The majority of the colonizers had no ties with Palestine and the Middle East and had never been there before. Palestine, a country that was thousands of years old and that was inhabited by an indigenous population, did not give their consent to their land and lives being stolen.

Because Palestinians populated the areas the Jewish Europeans wanted, the 'complication' of an already inhabited area was resolved through violence. Thousands of Palestinians, including members of my own family, were murdered, raped and beaten and were forcefully and illegally expelled. Recently arrived Jewish settler families stole our homes, still full of our possessions (our furniture, clothes, money and with food still warm on the table).

Israel has repeated this violent and illegal method hundreds of times over the last 70 years. Most recently on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 3 weeks ago when they bulldozed and cleared a Palestinian village of Khirbet Humsa in the Jordan Valley and also last month in Silwan, East Jerusalem.

Such scenes are reminiscent of another history that has underpinned the Palestinian catastrophe.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> 1938 German Nazis organized their massacre of a particular ethnic group, called 'the night of the broken glass'.

The destruction, abuse, murder and theft from the Jewish people took place in front of ordinary Germans who were told to move away from and shut their windows.

The silent majority in Germany can be compared to the silent majority in Israel today as well as the tactics used by Israel against Palestinians.

When Churches and Mosques are torched, and families are burned to death the majority keeps silent.

When children, women and men are sniped and killed going about their business, the children while walking to school, the majority keeps silent.

Every year when 700 Palestinian children as young as 10 years old are wrongly 'accused' of stone throwing and are pulled from their beds at night, beaten and tortured in Israeli jails and kept there for years or killed, the majority keep silent.

When we are suffocated, segregated, starved and beaten, the majority keep silent.

When our homes and land is stolen, when Israeli soccer fans shout 'death to the Arabs' at every soccer match, the majority in Israel, keep silent.

In WW2, one walked the streets of German cities past signs that proclaimed "Don't buy from Jews!" In Jerusalem today you will walk past signs that say "Jewish workmanship," "Don't buy from Arabs" or "Death to the Arabs." Take a tour to Israel, and you can only use an Israeli tour bus that will not let you near Arab areas in the old city, less you buy from them or talk to them.

In relation to Germany's actions, a sentence engraved on a sign at the entrance to Yad Vashem Israel's Holocaust centers permanent exhibition reads: "A country is not only what it does but also what it tolerates."

Apart from remembering the Holocaust and honouring the 'gentiles' that helped, the center "aims to research the phenomenon of genocide to avoid such events in the future".

"A country is not only what it does but also what it tolerates."

And as Israeli writer Ilana Hammerman states in her 2015 article: <u>Germany and the Jews, Israel</u> and the Palestinians. One Must Compare

"No conflict has ever justified one nation's permanent military and civilian control over millions of people of another nation, the denial of their human and civil rights, the expropriation of their land, the demolition of their houses, the trying of hundreds of thousands of them in military courts and the incarceration of them in detention camps and prisons. This control, which was a covert ideology for many years, is now the product of an overt, official, nationalist and racist ideology."

Israel has deliberately subjected an entire human community to life-endangering conditions of utmost cruelty, which threatens our very existence and survival.

Without doubt, the Nazi holocaust represented an evil unparalleled in our history as human beings.

This Holocaust history is continually presented through film, books, exhibitions, museums and artefacts seven decades after the end of the war so its lessons remain engraved in our souls.

Israel and the Jewish people and the world community believe it is important to keep this memory alive and devote many hours to depict the horrors of Nazi Germany rule.

Israel demands the world to remember its peoples past, yet at the same time that it lunges for this history it tries to withhold and deny Palestinians theirs.

Anne Frank wrote in disgust about how the Nazis planned to "cleanse Utrecht of Jews as if they were cockroaches."

In a committee of Israeli parliament in 1983, General Rafael Eitan boasted that in the West Bank "All the Arabs will be able to do is scuttle around like drugged cockroaches in a bottle."

Rabbi Yaacov Perin wrote in the New York Times Feb. 28th 1994, "One million Arabs is not worth a Jewish fingernail."

Natafli Bennett, Israel's new Prime minister stated "I've killed lots of Arabs in my life- and there's no problem with that."

I wonder how Anne Frank, frequently held up by Israel as a positive reminder of their past would feel about the similar behavior of Israel today?

There are many who believe it is a violation of the Holocaust memory to compare it to any other experience of collective suffering. However, because of the continuous neglect in recognizing Israel's behavior toward the Palestinians we need to link the Jewish experience of Nazism to the Palestinian experience of Israeli apartheid and genocide. It is our responsibility to petition the governments of the world and international public opinion to prevent the current genocide and inhumane treatment of Palestinians before we see a repeat of mass tragedy.

Some of our most influential countries however, actively encourage and support Israel to continue its Apartheid and genocide.

The welfare of the Jewish people after WW2 should not allow for the human rights abuses, the discriminatory policy and unacceptable conduct of the Israeli Government and its people against Palestinians. We had nothing to do with WW2, the Holocaust or the discrimination against Jews.

Palestinians have endured attempts by Israel and the Jewish lobby to obliterate and violate our history over the last 70 years.

This attempt to silence us has extended across every part of our lives as Palestinians, our history, our culture, our food, the names of our cities and villages, our language, our people, our films, our sports teams. They even bomb our ancient archaeological sites.

Israel also uses the rhetoric of anti-Semitism to try and thwart anyone who dares seek or speak the truth or question their bloodstained hands and double standards.

Historical denialism is falsification or distortion of history. Israel has lied to manipulate public opinion about our Palestinian history for the advancement of their dishonest interpretation of history in order to transfer war guilt, demonize their enemy and provide the illusion that Palestinian historical facts are untrue. They constantly attempt to invalidate actual past accounts, reframe explanations and public perceptions of the 1948 Nakba till the present day.

This is because history brings back to life a past and a place; it highlights and examines it. History evaluates how societies and countries have behaved. To talk about our history puts Israel and the atrocities it has committed in the spotlight. But Israel has successfully, for many years, deceived the reader, the listener, and the viewer.

But, it is now time to speak our truth and allow Palestine to reveal and cradle its own history.

Our history is living and is not specific to 70 years ago, but it continues as we speak. Since WW2 however, our narrative has been written by Israel's violent and bloodied hand. Israel's theft, rape, murder, its lies, attempted cover ups, its prejudice, its racism, its colonialism, and endless experimentation with Palestinian despair is laid bare for all to see.

Historical memory is the key to self-identity.

Palestinian cultural tradition is thousands of years old and exists outside of the bounds of religion. We are an agricultural people with extensive ties to our land. Our land is treasured and valued, we know every rock, blade of grass, how the wind blows what the skies and clouds mean.

We are a people of community and peace. We did not invite war into our world. Our culture is concerned with our ancestors, with honour, hospitality, generosity and the pride of not only being Palestinian but also from where in Palestine we herald, whether it be Jaffa, Haifa, Jerusalem or Hebron.

A woman's dress, the style of cut, colour and tatreez, (intricate cross stitch) and embroidery patterns will tell you where she is from. Some patterns are thousands of years old, passed down from family or village.

Our crops are also a part of our heritage, our oranges from Jaffa were famous in Europe, our olives, a representation of our culture today, are the best you can get as is our Olive oil. Gaza was a famous beautiful trading port, before it became a prison.

And for the record, due to Israel's cultural appropriation of our food and language, Palestinian couscous, (Maftoul), existed thousands of years before political Zionism and its hope of a Jewish state was established in the late 1800's. 'Ben Gurions rice' (Israeli couscous) was created in the late 1950's. Israeli couscous is actually tiny balls of pasta called pearl couscous.... from Italy.

Despite Israeli attempts to undermine us, we are a highly educated people, with women working and achieving as much as our men. We are a people made up of Arabs, Armenians, Canaanites, Greeks, Romans, and nomadic Bedouins.

We are a family-orientated culture, and our family is open to you. Once you are invited in, you become a part of our family. I have never met a foreign traveller who has not remarked how amazing, hospitable and warm the Palestinians are, despite being warned by Israel not to visit Palestine because we are dangerous savages.

Food is an essential part of our culture. Despite Israel's attempt to appropriate while at the same time eradicate it, we remain some of the best cooks in history with the most delicious recipes!

Children are honoured in our culture, as is the union of two adults in marriage where celebrations can last over many days.

I follow our historic cultural art of storytelling. As a storyteller, our traditions captivated audiences with stories full of wisdom and wit.

Being Palestinian does not mean being Christian or Muslim, I have nothing against either religion or my family and dear friends that identify with these beliefs. But over the years Palestinians have been increasingly identified as a religious group, much like Israel. We are not. We are Palestinian because of our shared cultural glory and our ancestors and land being an intricate part of who we are.

It does not matter what religion you are, Muslim, Christian, Pagan, Buddhist, or Atheist. Being Palestinian is not about your religious identification, but about our special culture and our beautiful land.

I look out around me with love and awe at all the women in this room, Palestinian and those from other diverse backgrounds and marvel in our feminine wisdom and strength. And with Palestinian eyes I see our people, our quiet peaceful resilience and our strength, which, over the last 70 years, is an historical miracle!

To the youth of today, we are so lucky to have you, thank you for coming and being here.

To our Palestinian Diaspora youth, you don't know how important you are to our struggle. You have the chance to breathe, unlike your brothers and sisters in Palestine who are forced into daily suppression. You are the future; keep our culture and its beauty alive. Show the world how to behave after one has been oppressed and suppressed.

Be proud of where you have come from, a culture that holds family, hospitality and generosity as pillars of our community.

Honour, privacy and respect are our foundations.

Although our children have been forced by Israel to experience and see war, do not become like Israel who forces its children into war, to become part of a violent, racist and macabre army and grow with this poison in their veins. We have no army, and while that remains we need to hold fast to our community and welcoming spirit and encourage it to live in peace.

We need to gift our children with a legacy of peace and love, not violence and hatred. Don't build walls, exclude and breathe apartheid or separateness, but invite inclusion and preserve our hearts and doors as open and free.

The atrocities we have endured and are still enduring should never define us. We need to learn from our oppressors who have perpetuated their history by inflicting the wrongdoing, death and destruction they have faced on another. We need to retain our humanity, where they have lost theirs; we need to remain united and peaceful, while they remain divided and violent; we need to remember our culture and the beauty of who we are regardless of where we were born or from where we come, while they distinguish themselves geographically into a system of division.

How will you keep our culture alive? Will you cross-stitch, story-tell, write poetry, play the Oud, the flute, Rababah, or drum? Will you cook, grow olives, or dance our Dabke?

Apartheid is about segregation, discrimination and destruction. Being Palestinian is about becoming stronger and more culturally aware especially with Israel's attempts to annihilate the Palestinian people. Don't segregate yourself from who you are as a Palestinian, especially our youth. Be proud of who you are.

We don't want to hurt anyone else or inflict the awful experience we have had on another, nor do we want to be recognized as being more important than another culture in a hierarchy of races. But we do want to be treated with the same respect and opportunities as everybody else.

This means, we would like our basic human rights. We would like to end the apartheid. We would like recognition of our history and the wrongs that have occurred to us. We would like to have our own museums, films, books and exhibitions about the 1948 Nakba and our 70-year imprisonment. And we would like financial remuneration and recognition and apology from Israel for all that it has stolen and violated.

And so, it is high time to speak our truth and history and once again draw the world's attention to Israel's crimes, especially its apartheid regime against Palestinians and its double standards. As Israel cries out for security and for past acknowledgement of the way in which its people were treated and abused, we can point to its brutal oppression and persecution of the Palestinians over the last 70 years. The International community needs to acknowledge Israel as an apartheid state, just as they did South Africa. We have waited a long time for you to acknowledge their wrongdoing and award Israel the status it deserves -that of a pariah state.

# The filthy, racist lies of the Israeli Defence Force

In another recent killing of a Palestinian youth the Israeli Defence Force claimed the youth was planning a knife attack on its soldiers and posted a photo of the knife they said was to be used. However, the lie has been exposed with the same photo used in a similar fabricated story in 2018.



# Haaretz Editorial - Israel Must Recognize Theft of Palestinian Property

(Our third longer read in this Covid 19 newsletter is this editorial from the Israeli paper Haaretz two days ago. The link is <u>here</u> but it is behind a paywall)



Residents wait to receive food aid distributed by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) at the besieged al-Yarmouk camp, south of Damascus in 2014. Israel's harsh diplomatic protest against the approval of a Polish law preventing Jews from receiving restitution for property that was stolen from them during the Holocaust and the Communist era in Poland, is logical and necessary. The law is another step in a series of attempts by the Polish authorities in recent years to reshape the historical narrative. This includes the wholesale shirking of responsibility for crimes committed by Poles, too, during World War II, and pointing the accusing finger solely against the Germans.

Polish President Andrzej Duda <u>said the law</u> "will put an end to an era of legal chaos" and "the uncertainty of millions of Poles and the disrespect of the basic rights of the country's citizens."

In response, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid <u>recalled Israel's chargé d'affaires in Poland</u>, Tal Ben-Ari Yaalon. She will remain in Israel indefinitely for consultations, while the designated new ambassador to Poland will remain in Israel for now. In addition, the Foreign Ministry said it would recommend that Poland's ambassador to Israel prolong his vacation in his home country.

In addition to protecting the property rights of Holocaust survivors and their descendants living in Israel today, Israel plays an important symbolic role in the struggle over the memory of the Holocaust. Under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, historic principles were frequently set aside in favour of forging alliances with anti-liberal governments in European Union member states such as Poland and Hungary.

This was the case during the legislation of a Polish law that threatened to criminalize anyone who claimed that Poles also took part in Nazi crimes. Netanyahu chose not to confront the Poles and even signed a problematic historic declaration with them – all in order to recruit another European vote against the Palestinians. Lapid's decision to change this policy is correct in principle. Israel cannot agree to the theft of Jewish property in Poland.

Nonetheless, Lapid and the rest of the cabinet members would do well to recognize that Poland is not alone in opposing restitution. Israel also stole property from many innocent Palestinians who were forced to flee in 1948, and since then their homes and land have been expropriated without compensation through the Absentee Property Law. The events of World War II and Israel's War of Independence are of course not identical, but the result – innocent victims losing all their property, which was given to other people without any compensation – exists here too.

The right to property is fundamental to Western liberal culture. This is the proper way to treat the victims of any war: Recognize the theft, and if restitution is impossible then pay reparations. Israel, too, should act in this manner and recognized the theft of Palestinian property during war. Failure to do so at the same time that it – justifiably – rebukes the Poles, is sheer hypocrisy.

The above article is Haaretz's lead editorial, as published in the Hebrew and English newspapers in Israel.

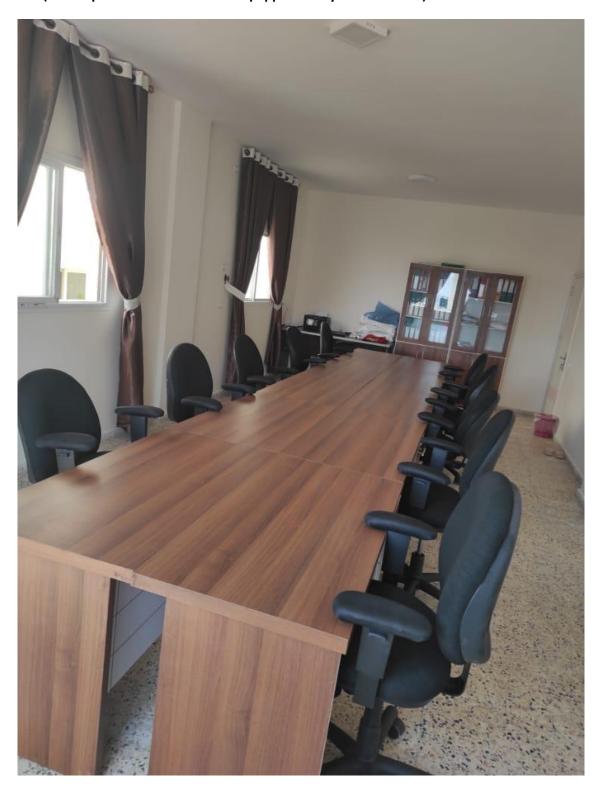
# Congratulations to all our supporters – we have raised over \$12,000 in our appeal for the Gaza Centre for Human Rights which was targeted and destroyed by Israel in its recent attack on Gaza

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. The money sent from Aotearoa New Zealand is being used to refurbish and get the essentials in place so the work of documenting Israeli war crimes continues. So far more than 2,000 complaints have gone to the International Criminal Court which has opened an investigation into War Crimes. 2,000 more complaints wait to be documented and sent to the International Criminal Court.

Before: (a direct hit on the Gaza Centre for Human Rights from an Israeli missile)



After: (in new premises furnished and equipped with your donations)



More equipment is still needed so donations are still welcome.

Account name: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK

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

# Close the Israeli embassy

Remember our campaign to close the Israeli embassy in Wellington.

1) **Sign the petition** to close the Israeli embassy. <u>The petition is on-line here</u> and is in English and Arabic or use the QR code here.



2) Share the petition on social media – the FB event link is 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.

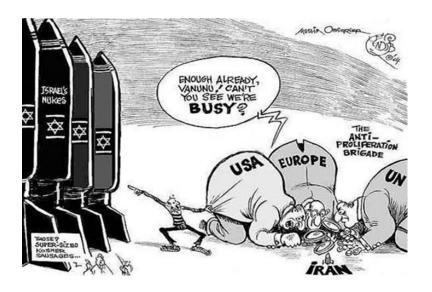
They can read and sign on to the statement at this link.

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

Justifying murder and mayhem in the Israeli Defense Force

Israel's nuclear weapons and the hypocrisy of the Western Worlds





# 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: <a href="mailto:admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net">admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net</a>

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**

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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	<u>Dunedin for Justice in Palestine</u>	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
- <u>Letters for Palestine</u>
- Auckland Peace Action
- Global Peace and Justice Auckland
- Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine
- Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine
- <u>Tamaki Loves Palestine</u>
- Wellington Palestine
- Palestine Human Rights Campaign