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Hang in there!

The pandemic rolls on and so does the campaign of Palestinian solidarity...

Something you can do now – with just a couple of clicks...

Please help circulate this poster on social media. It's an Arabic version of our poster for the campaign to get Kiwisaver providers to divest from all the 112 companies identified by the UN Human Rights Council as complicit in the building and maintenance of illegal Jewish-only settlements on Palestinian land.

Post on Facebook, Twitter etc



Rescheduled meetings 40th anniversary of the 1981 Springbok Tour



The three meetings rescheduled for October in **Nelson**, **Wellington** and **Napier** went very well. A brief report on each meeting is below. The November meetings are as follows.

Auckland: Sunday 14th November, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 4pm. Details of event here.

Whangarei: Tuesday 16th November, 116 Community Centre, 116 Bank St, Whangarei, 6pm. <u>Details</u> of event here.

Kerikeri: Saturday 20th November, 7pm, Turner Centre. <u>Details of event here.</u>

Other meetings will be included in future newsletters.

Or check the PSNA Facebook events page here.

Report on 40th anniversary meetings held in October

Nelson

A great turnout for the meeting with a marvellous supper to finish off. There was excellent discussion from the floor including the suggestion people make contact with https://www.972mag.com/about/ As well as PSNA Chair John Minto, the meeting also heard from Palestinian Saed Al Azza who runs "Saed's Falafel's" on the corner of Bridge and Trafalgar streets in Nelson (be sure to visit for great food when you are in Nelson!)

A big thanks to **Te Tau Ihu Palestine Solidarity Group** for all the organising.

Wellington

An excellent turnout with the meeting in Covid 19 configuration. Alongside PSNA Chair **John Minto** the meeting also heard from former All Black captain **Graham Mourie** who spoke about his refusal to play the Springboks in 1981 and former All Black **Bob Burgess** who also refused to play against racially selected South African teams at considerable personal cost to both. Palestinian activist **Nadia Abu Shanab** drew the links between the generation which fought apartheid in the 1970s and 1980s and the new generation of activists reflected in Black Lives Matter protests.

Napier

An excellent meeting addressed by **Toro Waaka**, former member of Nga Tamatoa (the young warriors) who protested racism and apartheid in the 1960s. It was an entertaining and informative presentation which was well received by the audience.

Ngatai Huata also entertained the meeting with songs and chants from the 1981 Springbok tour protests.



Ngatai Huata entertains at the Napier meeting

Meanwhile outside the Napier meeting 30/40 protestors gathered from Pastor Nigel Woodley's evangelical Christian Church in support for Israel! It's not nice to see good people led astray by Woodley's misinformation and glib repetitions of Israeli propaganda. It's worth noting that Woodley has spent close to \$100,000 in the last few months in full-page advertisements in newspapers throughout Aotearoa New Zealand encouraging people to sign his petition for an Aotearoa New Zealand embassy to be set up in Israel (currently the NZ ambassador in Turkey is accredited to Israel). Despite the massive outlay Woodley's petition has so far gained just 2,185 signatures. That's about \$50 spent per signature!



Pastor Woodley (the wayward shepherd with his misled flock) outside the Napier meeting

Support the campaign to release Palestinian political prisoners in British Jails



FREE DR ISSAM HIJJAWI BASSALAT #FREEISSAMHIJJAWI

PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONER IN BRITISH JAILS

More details here

The 2021 Edward Said Memorial Lecture – a conversation with Noam Chomsky



Online via Zoom on Sunday 7 November 2021.

Registrations are not open yet but we hope to have details in next newsletter.

Award-winning Irish novelist stands up for Palestine

Award-winning Irish novelist Sally Rooney is refusing to allow her new bestseller to be translated into Hebrew unless the company declares its opposition to apartheid in Israel. More details are here.



Sally Rooney with one of her bestsellers

A small but important step for BDS

The Aotearoa New Zealand Methodist Church has divested from Motorola Solutions Inc., one of the 112 companies listed by the United Nations Human Rights Council as complicit in the building of illegal Jewish-only settlements on Palestinian land. Motorola Systems Inc. are providing the Israeli military with surveillance equipment used against Palestinians.

A tweet exposing Israeli "racism in action" against Palestinians @leibowitzadak



Stories from the Web

- 1. Richard Falk on the rebranding of anti-Semitism after the holocaust here
- 2. Israeli media attack journalist who exposed settler violence here
- 3. Gaza's bird man killed by Israeli snipers here
- 4. How apartheid Israel stifles Palestinian education and scientific research here
- 5. Israel will be gone in 20 years here
- 6. Why are Australia and its media so fearful of debate on Israel's treatment of Palestinians here
- 7. Crossword clues and bulling the influence of Australia's pro-Israel lobby revealed here
- 8. Former Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr on the Israel lobby overreach here
- 9. Report on the infamous massacres of Palestinian at Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon here
- 10. Hamas and the dilemmas of representation and curtailment here
- 11. Why Palestinians are divided here
- 12. Labour conference Palestine Motion civil war not over here
- 13. Palestinian factions call to cancel UNRWA-US agreement here

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: <u>Secretary@PSNA.nz</u>
- 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	<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>
- <u>Auckland Peace Action</u>
- Global Peace and Justice Auckland
- <u>Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine</u>
- Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine
- Tamaki Loves Palestine
- <u>Justice for Palestine</u>
- Palestine Human Rights Campaign