



## Newsletter No 59

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**Apartheid – wrong for South Africans, wrong for Palestinians!**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
1981 Springbok Tour**

John Minto -  
Former National Organiser of Anti-Apartheid Tours (HART) and  
current National Organiser of Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

**Auckland now Online**

Celebrating the fight against South African **Apartheid in 1981**  
... And Stepping up the fight against **Israeli Apartheid in 2021**

Covid has forced us to cancel the northern meetings in Auckland, Whangarei, Rawene and Kerikeri for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour but the Auckland event will now be livestreamed on Zoom on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm. The link to the event is [here](#).

**Something you can do right now – share the event on  
social media.**

The link to the event is [here](#).

Or check the [PSNA Facebook events page here](#).

## Israel scuttles for cover under US apron strings

Israel's outrageous attack on six Palestinian human rights organisations by labelling them "terrorist" has backfired badly around the world, but not with the New Zealand government unfortunately. Under fierce international attack the racist, apartheid state has flown its representatives to Washington to explain the designation and seek cover under US apron strings.

### **The criminalizing of human rights groups is an Israeli attempt at silencing criticism & evading accountability.**



**Protect Palestinian civil society. Protect human rights defenders.  
#StandWithThe6**

Thanks to everyone who wrote to Labour MPs on this issue from our last newsletter. Feedback has been positive. This issue is being considered by the Labour government but only a principled, public response from the government will be acceptable.

The 6 targeted organisations are:

- Addameer for Prisoner Support - Read their [statement](#)
- Al-Haq Organization - Read their [statement](#)
- Bisan Center for Research and Development
- Defense for Children International-Palestine - Read their [statement](#)
- The Union of Agricultural Work Committees
- The Union of Palestinian Women's Committee

We can all help by sharing on social media a series of posters (one of them is above) which you can find in this google drive folder [here](#) – go to the English folder for the posters you can share online.


## Israeli sniper murders 15-year-old Palestinian boy – this week!



Mohammad Amjad Salem Da'das, murdered this week by an Israeli sniper. This is the type of war crime Israel is trying to suppress by designating groups such as Defence for Children International-Palestine, which has publicised Mohammad's killing, as a "terrorist" group. DCI exposes Israeli brutality against Palestinians and Palestinian children in particular. More details [here](#).


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## John Lyons in conversation with Bob Carr – free online event – Thursday 11 November 8.30pm (NZ time)



**Author and Former Middle East Correspondent.**

Award-winning journalist, John Lyons, goes to the heart of how the media reports - or does not report - one of the biggest stories of our time: the conflict in the Middle East.



**Arab Australian Federation Inc.**  
الإتحاد العربي الأسترالي

*John Lyons In Conversation With Bob Carr*

**Venue:** Bryan Brown Theatre  
Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre  
Cnr Rickard & Chapel Road  
Bankstown NSW 2200


**When:** Thursday 11 November 2021

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Contact:** [info@arabfederation.org.au](mailto:info@arabfederation.org.au)

**Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/aaf-nov21>

This is a free ticketed event and you need to book online to be admitted.  
COVID 19 safety rules must be observed.



Bob Carr is the longest serving Premier of New South Wales 1995-2005 as well as former Australian Foreign Minister 2012-2015.

As Foreign Minister he shifted Australian policy on Palestine and successfully managed Australia-China relations as well as our alliance relationship with the United States.

**John Lyons** recently [published a book](#) describing the nasty attacks on Australian media from the pro-Israel lobby. **Bob Carr** is a former Labour Premier for New South Wales and Australian Foreign Minister under Julia Gillard. Bob was a speaker (via Zoom) at our Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa national meeting earlier this year. It will be a great conversation. The link to this event is [here](#).

## **“...out on the edge of darkness there rides a peace train”**

The solidarity convoy of 27 ambulances has finally arrived in the besieged Gaza Strip.



There have been all sorts of holdups but the fleet of ambulances has passed through the Rafah crossing from Egypt into Gaza. The ambulances have been distributed to their allotted health-care providers around the Gaza strip to provide desperately-needed medical assistance for the hard-pressed Palestinian population of Gaza. New Zealanders donated generously and \$35,000 was raised here by Kia Ora Gaza for the “peace train” to assist the Palestinian people of the blockaded Gaza strip. Funding for a further 10 ambulances has been raised and these will be leaving Jordan soon for Gaza. More details are [here](#).

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## **United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

Monday 29 November, 7.30pm to 9pm, online – see poster below – more details with online link will be in next newsletter.



## Three important releases from the United Nations Human Rights Council in the past two weeks



- Israeli Settlement expansion “tramples” on Human Rights law [here](#)
- A new “imaginative and brave” approach needed to end Israeli occupation of Palestine [here](#)
- Condemnation of Israel designation of Palestinian human rights groups as “terrorist” [here](#)

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## Important stories from the Web

1. Social media kit for Palestinian solidarity [here](#)
2. Liberal Zionism and the two-state delusion [here](#)
3. Houston contractor sues in Texas over state BDS ban [here](#)
4. Israel calls the fight for Palestinian rights “terror” and so turns reality on its head [here](#)
5. Ramzy Baroud: West failing to back up its condemnations of Israel with action [here](#)
6. Vermont Episcopalians condemn Israeli apartheid [here](#)
7. Queer film festival for Palestine announces 10-day programme [here](#)
8. Sheikh Jarrah residents reject oppressive agreement with settlers [here](#)
9. Palestinian rights activists hacked by Israeli firm NSO group [here](#)
10. Palestinian NGOs designated as terrorist call for support [here](#)

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## 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](mailto: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*)

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## Merchandise for sale

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



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

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## 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).*

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.PSNA.nz)
- ❖ PSNA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/)
- ❖ PSNA email: [Secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto: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)

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## PSNA Groups

### National Committee

Website	<a href="http://www.PSNA.nz">www.PSNA.nz</a>	
Chair – John Minto	<a href="mailto:Chair@PSNA.nz">Chair@PSNA.nz</a>	
Secretary – Neil Scott	<a href="mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz">Secretary@PSNA.nz</a>	

### Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	<a href="#">PSNA Bay of Islands</a>	email
Whangarei	<a href="#">PSNA Whangarei</a>	Facebook
Auckland	<a href="#">PSNA Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau</a>	Website
Hamilton	<a href="#">Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato</a>	Facebook
Tauranga	<a href="#">Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine</a>	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	<a href="#">Aotearoa Standing with Palestine</a>	Facebook
Palmerston North	<a href="#">PSNA Palmerston North</a>	email
New Plymouth	<a href="#">PSNA New Plymouth</a>	email
Whanganui	<a href="mailto:Whanganui@PSNA.nz">Whanganui@PSNA.nz</a>	email
Wellington	<a href="#">PSNA Wellington</a>	email
Nelson	<a href="#">Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine</a>	Facebook
Christchurch	<a href="#">PSNA Christchurch</a>	Facebook
Dunedin	<a href="#">Dunedin for Justice in Palestine</a>	Facebook
Invercargill	<a href="#">PSNA Invercargill</a>	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](#)