

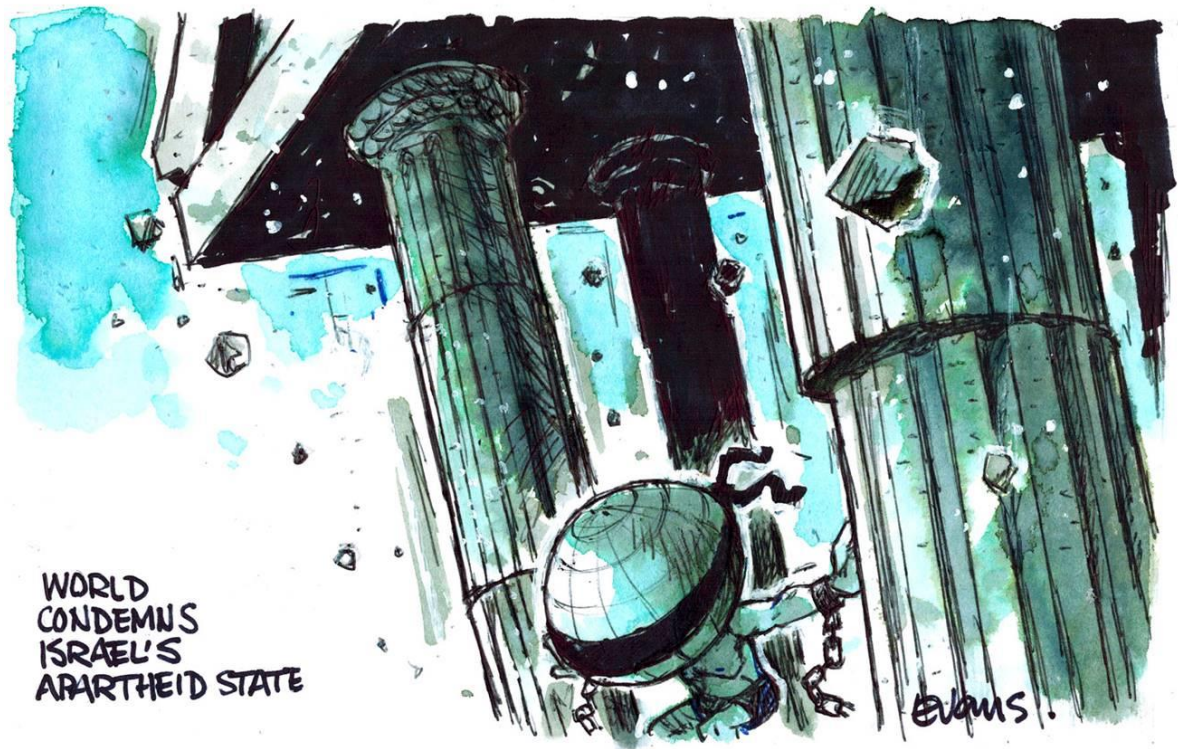


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## Newsletter No 64

Welcome to the important news that after a four-year investigation [Amnesty International has released a 280-page report declaring Israel as an “apartheid state”](#).



In doing so AI has joined other human rights organisations such as B'Tselem which, this time last year, released a report calling Israel [“A regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This is apartheid”](#) and the Nobel-Peace-Prize-winning US-based organisation Human Rights Watch which in April 2021 released a 213-page report detailing how Israeli policies [constitute crimes of apartheid and persecution](#).

Palestinians and South Africans, who both know firsthand the realities of apartheid, have for many years condemned Israeli policies as apartheid. The late South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu famously said regarding Israeli policies the world should “Call it apartheid and boycott!”

It’s taken a while but nonetheless it’s an important breakthrough to have the largest and most respected international human rights group finally calling out Israel for its apartheid policies towards Palestinians.

The reaction internationally has been warmly supportive but the Israeli leadership has reacted hysterically and predictably labelled Amnesty International with the false smear of anti-semitism.

[PSNA has welcomed the Amnesty decision](#) and [called on the government to cancel its involvement with the proposed Agritech New Zealand summit](#).

**Other important reactions to Amnesty’s report are here:**

1. Amnesty’s report is [here](#)
2. Amnesty International petition following up on its declaration of Israel as an apartheid state [here](#)
3. Why Israel fully deserves its place as a pariah state [here](#)
4. Walls crumbling – Jonathan Cook [here](#)
5. Electronic Intifada - What makes Amnesty’s report different [here](#)
6. Can Israel stop the world from saying apartheid [here](#)
7. Israeli apartheid – the US view [here](#)
8. Democracy Now on Amnesty report [here](#)
9. Amnesty’s apartheid label for Israel the right call [here](#)
10. Amnesty’s apartheid Israel report shifts the conversation [here](#)

## **Three actions you can take now, with just a few clicks, in support of the Amnesty International report**

1. Share [the link](#) to the report on your social media pages
2. Send this email to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Primary Industries

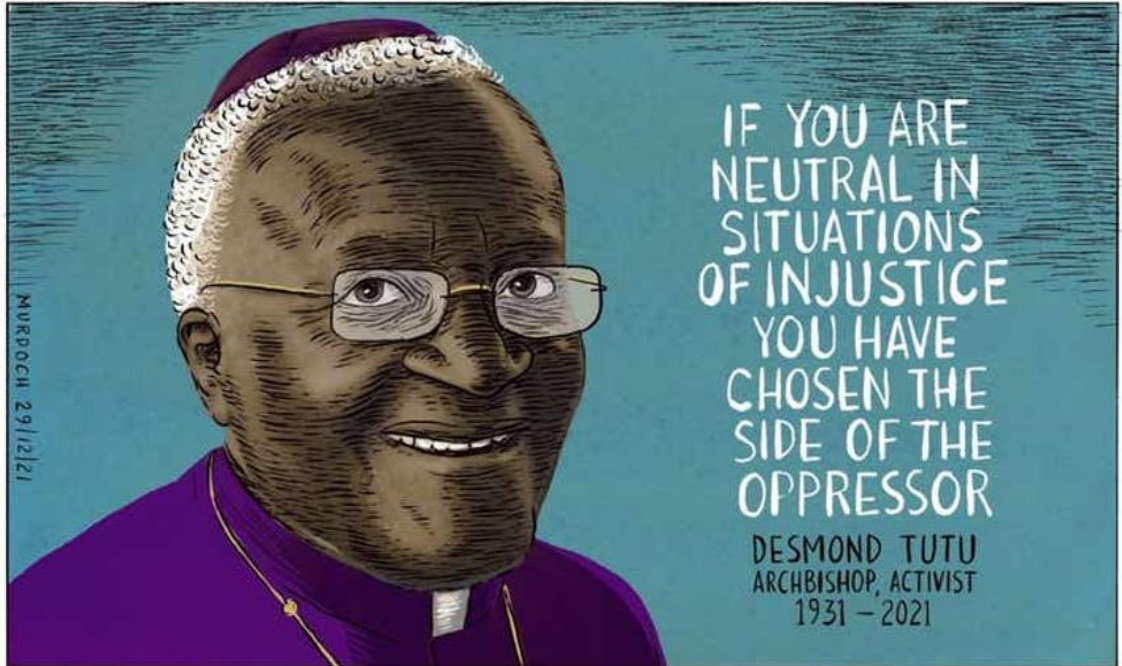
*Nanaia Mahuta*  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs*  
[n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz)

*Damien O’Connor*  
*Minister of Agriculture*  
[d.oconnor@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:d.oconnor@ministers.govt.nz)

*Kia ora Ms Mahuta and Mr O’Connor,*

***Why would Aotearoa New Zealand get in bed with a racist, apartheid state which oppresses Palestinians?***

*In light of the Amnesty International report released last week confirming Israel is a racist apartheid state which brutally oppresses Palestinians, I insist the government pull out of the online event next week [Israel and New Zealand: Embracing Agri-technologies through partnership](#), at which the Chief Science Advisor to the Ministry of Primary Industries, John Roche, is scheduled to speak.*



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*Don't turn your back on Palestinians – don't remain silent – speak up and act! Now!*

*We have in the past played a significant role in condemning the apartheid practices of our sporting and trading partners. Let us continue this strong tradition with Israel's well documented apartheid practices.*

*Please respond urgently – this event is due to take place next week.*

*Nā,  
(Your name)*

3. Send this email to the Chief Executives of Agritech New Zealand and NZ Tech  
Brendan O'Connell  
Chief Executive  
Agritech New Zealand  
[brendan.oconnell@agritech.org.nz](mailto:brendan.oconnell@agritech.org.nz)

Graeme Muller  
Chief Executive  
NZ Tech  
[Graeme.muller@agritech.org.nz](mailto:Graeme.muller@agritech.org.nz)

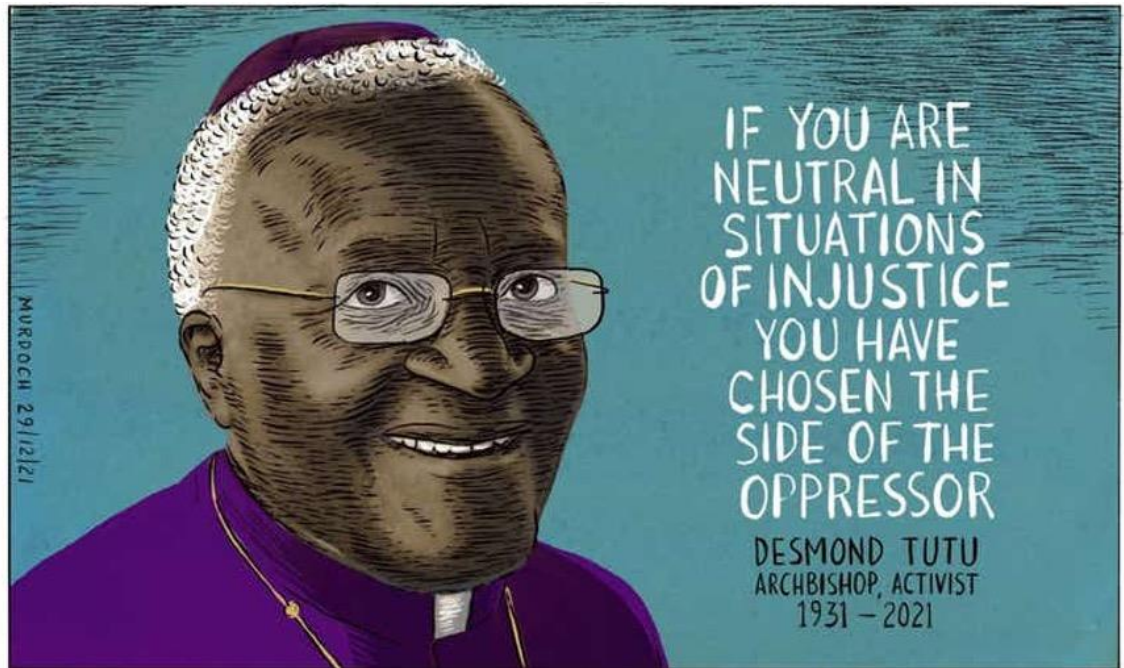
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## Sport, politics, apartheid and brutality



The cyclist Alaa al-Dali in Rafah, Palestine. Photograph: Suhaib Salem/Reuter

*“And so for Israel sport serves a dual function: both positive reinforcement and tool of repression. In March 2018, a promising Palestinian cyclist called Alaa al-Dali [attended a march in Gaza with his bike, wearing cycling kit](#), to protest against Israel’s refusal to allow him to travel abroad for international competition. [According to a United Nations report](#), he was shot by an Israeli sniper in the leg, which then had to be amputated after his request to leave Gaza for treatment was denied by Israeli authorities. He now competes as a para-cyclist”*

More details on this story are [here](#).

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## Haere rā e Walter



**Walter Muller, at left, at one of the monthly Auckland rallies**

Many of you, in Auckland especially, will remember Walter Muller who was staunch member of PHRC (Palestine Human Rights Campaign) for the past 30 years.

For the first 15 years of the monthly rallies initiated after the second intifada in 2000 Walter did not miss one rally and for many of them bringing all the necessary banners, signs etc as well.

He was a superb drummer and protest marches were often accompanied by his splendid drumming.

We mourn his death, inspired by his commitment and deep knowledge of the Palestinians prolonged struggle for justice and send our sympathy to his family, especially his cherished Violet.

Te mamae me te pouri nui e ngau kino nei

Love and sympathy to Walter’s family from the Palestine Solidarity Movement.



## The politics of Persecution



**MLN** MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION FROM NAKBA

**LIVE WEBINAR**

# THE POLITICS OF PERSECUTION

Middle East Christians in an Age of Empire

**22 JAN '22 SAT**

The webinar link: <https://bit.ly/3pZg3S3>  
Passcode: Palestine  
Webinar ID: 815 2916 7225

**SPEAKER**



PROF. MITRI RAHEB

**COMMENTATORS**



Dr. Chandra Muzaffar



Prof. Ilan Pappé



Dr. Joseph Camilleri

**MODERATOR**

Palestine	1030 AM	Thailand	330 PM	New Zealand	930 PM
Malaysia	430 PM	Korea/Japan	530 PM	Australia	730 PM
India/Sri Lanka	200 PM	S Africa	1030 AM		
Taiwan	430 PM	United Kingdom	830 AM		

In case you missed this excellent on-line forum organised by the MLN (Movement for Liberation from the Nakba) earlier this month the link to the video is [here](#) and it is also on Facebook at this link [here](#).

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## End travel bans against Palestinian journalists



**Call on Israel to end travel bans against Palestinian journalists.**

**RSF** REPORTERS SANS FRONTIÈRES

**Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor**

**#LET MAJDOLEEN OUT**

In its never-ending war to suppress Palestinian voices Israel frequently bans Palestinian journalists from traveling overseas. More details are at [this link here](#)

## False Smears of anti-Semitism exposed

The hysterical reaction from Israel's political leaders to the Amnesty International report is a reminder of the false smears of anti-Semitism which is the ONLY defence the Israeli regime has to deflect criticism of its racist, apartheid policies against Palestinians which are plain for the world to see.

A serious danger is that these false smears of anti-Semitism from the pro-Israel lobby detract from the threat of real anti-Semitism in anti-Jewish attitudes and prejudices which remain entrenched in some sectors of European countries in particular.

The following links show where false smears of anti-Semitism are being called out around the world:

- Emma Watson and responses
  - <https://mondoweiss.net/2022/01/absurd-antisemitism-charge-against-emma-watson-has-exposed-witchhunt-strategy-of-israel-supporters/>
  - [SUT JHALLY – ROGER WATERS](#)
  - <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/why-on-earth-is-citing-me-antisemitic-asks-jewish-blogger-robert-a-h-cohen/>
  - <https://www.972mag.com/edition/emma-watson-antisemitism-danon/>
- Alternative Jewish Voices calling it out:
  - <https://ajv.org.nz/2022/01/09/first-antisemitism-now-the-holocaust/>
  - <https://ajv.org.nz/2021/12/28/blame-palestine-and-the-greens/>
  - [https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=12203054](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12203054)
- Other examples from around the world:
  - <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/writingfromtheedge/2018/07/the-jewish-establishments-war-against-corbyn-risks-bringing-real-antisemitism-to-britain/>
  - <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/nora-barrows-friedman/major-canadian-academic-group-rejects-israel-lobbys-anti-semitism>
  - <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/david-cronin/why-eu-anti-semitism-chief-smearing-solidarity>
  - <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/john-bercow-i-ve-experienced-antisemitism-myself-jeremy-corbyn-labour-has-a-big-issue-to-address-1.492857>
  - <https://www.richardsilverstein.com/2019/04/27/new-york-times-caves-to-anti-semitism-police-censors-cartoon/>
  - <https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/06/04/on-equating-bds-with-anti-semitism-a-letter-to-the-members-of-the-german-government/>
  - <https://www.rt.com/op-ed/463911-freedom-metoo-zizek-anti-semitism/>
  - <https://972mag.com/antisemitism-israel-jews-ihra/142622/>
  - <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/a-british-jew-not-afraid-of-corbyn-but-of-the-weaponisation-of-antisemitism/>
  - <https://mondoweiss.net/2019/12/britains-chief-rabbi-is-helping-to-stoke-antisemitism/>
  - <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/dec/13/antisemitism-executive-order-trump-chilling-effect>
  - <https://kiaoragaza.wordpress.com/2020/01/08/embracing-palestine-how-to-combat-israels-misuse-of-anti-semitism/>
  - <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/02/05/the-holocaust-the-bbc-and-antisemitism-smears/>
  - <https://mondoweiss.net/2020/02/my-lifes-work-as-an-anti-racist-and-anti-zionist-activist-makes-me-an-antite-according-to-labour/>
  - <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20200414-labours-anti-semitism-crises-fuelled-by-right-wing-faction-to-undermine-corbyn-says-new-report/>

- <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114200033/new-zealand-jewish-council-accuses-green-party-mp-of-antisemitism>
- <https://1.org.nz/grotesque-reckless-use-of-genocide-by-nz-mps/>
- <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/rob-berg-it-is-anti-semitic-to-oppose-israels-right-to-exist/XYU56AXQUBYE7RKQAZKTC74P2Q/>
- <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/david-cronin/eu-anti-semitism-chief-has-no-mandate-parrot-israels-lies>
- <https://electronicintifada.net/content/bogus-anti-semitism-report-sank-jeremy-corbyn/31026>

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## Dates for Palestine Solidarity in 2022

Israel apartheid week has been added to the dates for likely local and national Palestine solidarity activity this year.

28 Mar – 4 Apr	Israel Apartheid Week
30 Mar	Land Day Palestine
5 Apr	Palestinian Childs Day
9 Apr	Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120 Palestinian men, women and children massacred
17 Apr	Palestinian Prisoners Day
11 May	World Kufiya Day
15 May	Nakba Day – marking the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Palestine in 1948
5 Jun	Naksa Day - Start of 1967 War - Land Grab – Invasion of Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria - 5 June 1967 – 10 June 1967
20 Jun	Attack on Gaza - 6–21 May 2021 (2 weeks and 1 day)
28 Sep	Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005
2 Nov	Balfour Declaration
29 Nov	United Nations - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
8 Dec	"First Intifada - 8 Dec 1987 – 13 Sept 1993

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## Important stories from the Web

1. Important background on Israel's cyberwarfare campaigning [here](#)
2. The battle for the world's most powerful cyberweapon [here](#)
3. Repositioning Israel's cyberwarfare campaigning for US interests [here](#)
4. What are Palestinian organisations waiting for [here](#)
5. Devastating environmental effects of Israel's settler colonialism in occupied West Bank [here](#)
6. Palestine in 1920 – the other side of the Palestinian story [here](#)
7. Palestinian should unite to oppose upcoming PCC meeting [here](#)
8. Why is the Palestinian Authority cracking down on opposition [here](#)
9. Palestinians demand answers to PS shooting at student protest [here](#)
10. B'Tselem – 2021 the deadliest year for Palestinians since 2014 [here](#)
11. Israel targets Palestinians in Israel [here](#)
12. Five ways Israeli law discriminates against Palestinians [here](#)
13. Ill-Fates and Phosphate: Complicity in the Occupation of Western Sahara [here](#)
14. Jerusalem Christians: 'We shrunk from 20% to 2% of population due to Israeli violence' [here](#)
15. Hungarian journalist targeted with Israeli spyware to sue state [here](#)



16. Calling the Sydney Festival boycott censorship is a disingenuous attempt by those in power to silence Palestinians [here](#)
17. Peter Slezak – Boycott of Sydney Festival is not about censorship [here](#)
18. In support of Rev J Herbert Nelson in his courageous stance on 21<sup>st</sup> century slavery [here](#)
19. Ongoing resistance in the Naqab with Riya Al Sanah [here](#)
20. Sportswashing is associated with certain countries – why not Israel? [here](#)
21. Saving seeds, counting cows: work of a terror group? [here](#)
22. How Israel's Facebook law plans to control all Palestinian content online [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>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064134091562">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064134091562</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](#)