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## Newsletter No 67

### Apartheid South Africa – Apartheid Israel

Online - 5am Tuesday 22 March (NZ time)

	<p><b>Apartheid South Africa! Apartheid Israel!</b></p> <p><i>Ticking the boxes of occupation &amp; dispossession</i></p> <p>A conversation with author Rev. Brian Brown</p> <p>March 21 / 12pm EST</p>	<p><b>REGISTER</b></p> <p> Indiana Center for Middle East Peace</p>
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Register [here for this seminar.](#)

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## Register for the Global Rally Against Israeli Apartheid!

3:00 am Sunday 27 March (NZ time)



March 28 to 4 April marks Israel apartheid Week here in Aotearoa New Zealand and 30 March is Palestine Land Day. However with covid restrictions still in force in many parts of the world this online rally gives everyone the chance to show solidarity with Palestinians in the face of the Israel's brutal, racist, apartheid regime.

Register [here](#) for this global rally against Israeli apartheid. It is on at **3:00 am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March here in Aotearoa.**

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## Thank you Rawiri

Speaking in parliament last week on sanctions against Russia Te Pāti Māori co-leader Rawiri Waititi gave the best speech by a long way.



Te Pāti Māori co-leader  
Rawiri Waititi

He said Aotearoa should be consistent in applying sanctions in future and take action against “any imperial power illegally invading a sovereign nation”.

**“Why did our successive New Zealand governments not condemn the illegal US invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, or Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine?** Rather than condemn the United States for their illegal, imperial invasion, we've supported them with troops, with training, with intelligence. This must end.”

Clear, consistent and principled. Thank you Rawiri!

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

Email a quick message to Te Pāti Māori co-leader Rawiri Waititi thanking him. You can write your own note or copy and paste this one...

Rawiri Waititi MP  
Co-Leader Te Pāti Māori

[Rawiri.waititi@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Rawiri.waititi@parliament.govt.nz)

*Kia ora e Rawiri,*

*I was pleased to read your clear principled comments about the double standards of Aotearoa New Zealand applying double standards on human rights where we take BDS*

*(Boycott Divestment and Sanctions action against Russia for its illegal invasion and occupation of Ukraine but refuse to do the same for the people of Palestine or West Papua.*

*Thank you.  
(your name)*

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## **When will the Palestinian and West Papuan flags fly over parliament?**



**The Ukrainian flag flying over the Aotearoa New Zealand parliament this week**

PSNA National Chair asked the question “When will the Palestinian and West Papuan flags fly over parliament?” in a blogpost last week [here](#)

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## **Silencing freedom of speech on Palestine**

Several people missed this marvellous webinar – which was advertised in our last newsletter – and have asked for a link so they can watch it now. The [link is here](#) and is well worth the hour and a half to watch.

# Impact of forced displacement on Palestinian women

Wednesday, 23 March, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm (NY Time)

**Thursday 24 March 3.00am (NZ time)**



(This might be too much of a mission to see live – it's on at 3am NZ time! – but you will be able to use the links below to see it after the event)

The UN Palestinian Rights Committee, will hold the virtual event “Impact of forced displacement on Palestinian women” on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 from 10am to 12pm (New York Time), via WebEx. The event will also be livestreamed on UN Web TV.

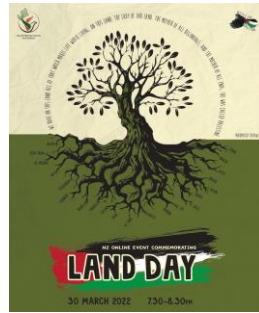
The event will be organized as a panel conversation – moderated by H.E. Neville Gertze, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and Permanent Representative of Namibia – with Palestinian women, civil society representatives and UN officials. Ms. Amy Cohen, Director of International Relations and Advocacy, Ir Amin; Ms. Reem Hamad, resident of Sheikh Jarrah; Ms. Amani Odeh, resident of Silwan; Ms. Sarah Muscroft, Head of Office OCHA-OPT; and Ms. Inas Maggie Khalidi, UN Women Programme Coordinator, Palestine Country Office, will shed light on the impact of displacement through forced evictions and demolitions, especially in East Jerusalem, on Palestinian families and on women in particular. They will also highlight the unique situation of Palestinian women under occupation, their roles and actions to end the occupation while emphasizing ways for the international community to provide support.

Participants will consist of Committee Members/Observers and the panellists. All Member States, intergovernmental and civil society organizations as well as the public and media will be invited to follow the event and pose questions. While participation in the virtual platform will be limited to UN Member and Observer States, panellists, IGOs and CSOs, the general public can send their questions via the Committee [Facebook page](#), [Twitter account](#) or e-mail [dpr-meeting@un.org](mailto:dpr-meeting@un.org) and WhatsApp (+1 646 421 0579).

For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/unispal/>.

# 46th Land Day Commemoration Event NZ

Wednesday, 30 March 2022 from 19:30-20:30



Land Day, on the 30th of March, marks a turning point as the first mass mobilization by Palestinians within Israel against internal colonialism and land theft. This year, we will commemorate the 46th anniversary of Land Day in Aotearoa New Zealand through an online event with speeches, cultural content and poetry, brought to you by Palestinian Youth Aotearoa and Justice for Palestine.

The event details are [here](#).

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## Israel racism and apartheid on display to the world

Jewish Voice for Peace have pointed out the racism, apartheid and hypocrisy in Israeli government welcoming Jewish refugees from Ukraine but refusing, for the past 74 years, to allow Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in Palestine.



The Israeli govt is settling Jewish Ukrainian refugees on land it illegally occupies and prevents 7 million Palestinian refugees from returning to.

Refugees have the right to sanctuary — AND the right to return home.

Pitting refugees against each other is not justice.

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The [twitter link is here](#) – please retweet and share.

All refugees have the right to sanctuary—AND the right to return home.

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## Israeli leaders before the International Criminal Court

### Les dirigeants israéliens devant la Cour Pénale Internationale

Le tournant du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle fut marqué par deux événements contradictoires. Les attentats du 11 septembre 2001, point de départ d'un déclenchement militaire inouï aboutissant à la destruction de pays entiers sous couvert de lutte contre le terrorisme ; mais aussi, passée inaperçue, l'entrée en fonction de la première Cour pénale permanente en charge des crimes de guerre en avril 2002. Une concrétisation de l'aspiration des peuples à davantage de droit et de justice, protestation silencieuse de 60 puis 123 pays face à la stratégie du chaos.

Vingt ans plus tard, tandis que la plus extrême violence continue à s'abattre sur le Proche-Orient, est annoncée une ouverture d'enquête par la procureure de la Cour pénale internationale sur les crimes commis dans l'État de Palestine. Un choc qui fait hurler la partie israélienne et américaine, et en même temps stupéfie les victimes qui ont du mal à y croire. Ainsi le fracas des bombardements couvre depuis des années le cliquetis discret du métronome du droit qui oscille imperturbablement. Les dirigeants israéliens ne sont plus les maîtres de l'horloge.

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Christophe Oberlin, témoin privilégié du terrain palestinien depuis vingt ans, et en même temps familier des rouages de la Cour pénale internationale, retrace ici les offensives sanglantes sur la Bande de Gaza, l'accumulation tranquille des crimes les plus odieux. « Nous savons où va chaque balle », déclare l'Etat-major israélien. Se doute-il que chaque crime, dûment documenté, est rapporté à la Cour pénale internationale ? Un travail inédit, opiniâtre et confidentiel commencé en 2014 qui permet aux victimes palestiniennes et notamment de la Bande de Gaza d'être aujourd'hui partie prenante à l'enquête qui va ouvrir à La Haye.

Christophe  
Oberlin

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Christophe Oberlin's Book

We advertised [this book by Christophe Oberlin](#) in earlier newsletters when it was available in English and French. It is now available in Arabic [at this link](#).

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## Ramadan is just 2 weeks away. Break your fast on ethically sourced Palestinian Medjoul Dates



Don't be tricked into buying Israeli dates from illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land. Ethically sourced dates can be purchased from Preserved Identity [here](#)

# Google – don't punish workers for standing with Palestinians



[Sign the petition at this link.](https://www.google.com/petition/sign-the-petition)

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## Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity 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

- How to avoid police brutality in Israel: Don't be an Arab [here](#)
- Nothing makes liberals abandon their values, or their courage, like mentioning Palestine [here](#)
- Palestine and Ukraine – International expert talks about ICC double standards [here](#)
- Watching Ukraine through Palestinian eyes [here](#)
- The state of Israel above all [here](#)
- European academics applaud sanctions against Russia – call for the same action against Israel [here](#)
- The Sierra Club stands with Palestine for a few hours [here](#)
- Irish MP calls out double standards on Ukraine and Palestine [here](#)

- FIFA's hypocrisy on Palestine and the Ukraine [here](#)
- Australian investment fund bans investment in Elbit Systems Limited [here](#)
- Hypocrisy highlighted in reporting the Russian invasion of Ukraine [here](#)
- The West's hands are as bloody as Putin's [here](#)
- A red card for the sporting world's hypocrites [here](#)
- Mike Pence meets with people linked to anti-Christian terror groups [here](#)
- White House says Ukrainians have the right to resist which congress approves \$4.8 billion in military aid to Israel [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="#">PSN Bay of Islands</a>	email
Whangarei	<a href="#">PSN Whangarei</a>	Facebook
Auckland	<a href="#">PSN 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="#">PSN Palmerston North</a>	email
New Plymouth	<a href="#">PSN Taranaki</a>	Facebook

Whanganui	<a href="mailto:Whanganui@PSNA.nz">Whanganui@PSNA.nz</a>	email
Wellington	<a href="#">PSN Wellington</a>	email
Nelson	<a href="#">Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine</a>	Facebook
Christchurch	<a href="#">PSN Christchurch</a>	Facebook
Dunedin	<a href="#">Dunedin for Justice in Palestine</a>	Facebook
Invercargill	<a href="#">PSN 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](#)