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NAKBA Day – Sunday 15 May – National Day to Rally
for Palestine

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**RALLY FOR
PALESTINE**

May 15 is Nakba Day – this is the day marking the ethnic cleansing of over 750,000 Palestinians from their homes and off their land by Israeli militias in 1948.

For 74 years Israel has refused to allow them to return to their homes and land in Palestine despite dozens of U.N. resolutions requiring them to do so.

The Nakba has continued every day since 1948 as Israel seizes more Palestinian land and creates more Palestinian refugees every day.

SAT 14 MAY

NAPIER / CNR MARINE PR & EMERSON STREET 11 AM

SUN 15 MAY

AUCKLAND / AOTEA SQ 2 PM

NEW PLYMOUTH/ PUKE ARIKI LANDING 2 PM

CHRISTCHURCH / BRIDGE OF REMEMBRANCE 12 PM

MORE INFO

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May 15th marks Nakba Day (“catastrophe” in Arabic) which remembers the ethnic cleansing of up to a million Palestinians from their land and homes by Israeli militias in 1948.

Palestinians continue their struggle for human rights and self-determination 74 years later in 2022 despite on-going theft of their land, bulldozing of their homes and widespread suffering under Israeli military occupation.

To mark this important day Palestine solidarity supporters will be out in public around the country – we will bring full details of events in the next newsletter but those organized so far include:

Auckland: Aotea Square at 2pm. Facebook event page [here](#)

Napier: Saturday 14th May. Corner Marine Parade and Emerson Street 11am. Facebook event page [here](#)

New Plymouth: Puke Ariki Landing 2pm to 3pm. Facebook event page [here](#)

Christchurch: Bridge of Remembrance 12 noon, Facebook event page [here](#)

Dunedin: The Dunedin rally and march was held last weekend. A good turnout with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Photos in the next newsletter.

Check our Facebook page here for details of events in other centres [here](#)

In Wellington Justice for Palestine is holding a Palestinian cultural event at the Thistle Hall in Cuba Street from 1pm to 3pm. Further details on the poster below. Register for attendance [here](#). Facebook event is [here](#)



Get ready for World Kufiya Day – this Wednesday 11 May

Put a selfie of yourself wearing a Kufiya on your social media pages to mark World Kufiya Day on Wednesday this week!

Here is the photo again from Kufiya Day last year in parliament's debating chamber.



This photo from World Kufiya Day in 2021 with New Zealand parliamentarians showing solidarity with Palestine by wearing a kufiya

Two things you can do this week...

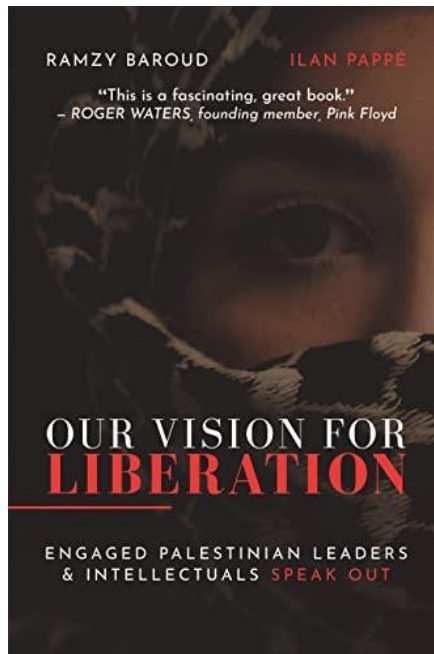
1. Join the public rally to mark Nakba Day (Sunday 15 May) in your closest centre – some events are listed above and you will be able to see further events on [our facebook page](#) [here](#) later this week – keep in touch.
2. Take a photo of yourself tomorrow – Wednesday 11 May – wearing your kufiya and share on social media.

#nowaytotreatachild campaign

Defense for Children International are holding a special on-line premiere for a new short film reporting on Israel's May 2021 military assault on the Gaza Strip. The New Zealand time is **4am on Wednesday 18 May** (for the insomniacs amongst us) More details [here](#)

Our Vision for Liberation

This is an outstanding book which documents what liberation looks like from Palestinian viewpoints.



It is presented by outstanding Palestinian author and activist Ramzy Baroud (who toured Aotearoa New Zealand several years back) and renowned Israeli historian Ilan Pappé. It is a not-to-be-missed publication!

We have purchased 50 copies for PSNA supporters and we are selling these at \$35 per copy to cover our costs. To get your copy simply deposit \$35 in our bank account here:

Account name: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK
Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

And then email secretary@PSNA.nz with your address and we will get your copy in the mail!
Looking forward to hearing from you!

Inside Israeli apartheid



Mondoweiss has produced a superb 20-minute video “Inside Israeli apartheid” which clearly and succinctly explains the apartheid policies of the Israeli regime. The link to the video is [here](#).

Security services nasty smear against Palestinians and the Palestine solidarity movement

Earlier this week we sent this letter to the minister in charge of our security services, Andrew Little. The letter is self-explanatory.

Andrew Little
Minister of Security Services
Parliament Buildings
Wellington
a.little@ministers.govt.nz
Dear Mr Little,

Security services smear against Palestinians and the Palestine solidarity movement

We are writing to request an apology for the nasty smear against Palestinians and the Palestine solidarity movement by a Combined Threat Assessment Group (CTAG) report into the Wellington parliamentary protest.

The report was [released to Newshub](#) through the Official Information Act and looks at how "politically-motivated violent extremists" (PMVEs) could react as a result of the protest clearance at parliament.

The report identifies "pro-Palestinian" protestors – the only national ethnic grouping so identified in this context of potential security threats. This is a nasty repugnant smear on Palestinians and the Palestine solidarity movement.

There was a Palestinian flag being held at one point during the occupation but the Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa has no idea who that person was. We tried to identify them from the livestream but couldn't – if we had we would have told them to put the flag away. For all we know it could have been a deliberate plant.

What we do know is there was an Israeli flag carried at the protest during the clearance of the occupation but somehow it escaped the attention of our security services.



The pro-Israel lobby in New Zealand, with which the security services meet regularly and have a cosy relationship, has been trying for many years to denigrate the Palestine solidarity movement with repugnant smears of anti-semitism and claims of support for terrorism. Now we have the Police, SIS and the National Assessments Bureau doing the pro-Israel lobby's dirty work for it.

Perhaps this is why the Israeli flag was overlooked.

It will possibly come as a surprise to the security services that six Palestinians were killed in the Christchurch mosque attacks on 2019. Following this up with repulsive smears – guilt by association – against Palestinians and pro-Palestinian activists in their assessment of the Wellington occupation is reckless and dangerous. It is a not-so-subtle hint to white supremacists and their fellow travellers that Palestinians and pro-Palestinian activists are their enemy.

As well as pro-Israel supporters, also present at the Wellington protest were National Party supporters, New Zealand First supporters, Labour Party members, pro-Israel supporters and supporters from dozens of other groups. But the security services chose to identify supporters of one vulnerable national ethnic grouping – Palestinians – for special mention in the context of possible PMVE attacks.

If the CTAG report had mentioned “pro-Israel” supporters in this context of possible PMVE attacks the pro-Israel lobby would denounce this as anti-semitism, the Israeli ambassador would demand a meeting with the government and the Prime Minister would issue an apology.

Why should Palestinians and the Palestine solidarity movement expect anything less from our government?

Please respond without unnecessary delay.

Nā,

John Minto

National Chair

Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

In conversation with Michael Lynk



Michael Lynk has just stood down as United National Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestinian Territories. He did a fantastic job in promoting support for Palestinian human rights and in his last report he called out Israel for its apartheid policies against Palestinians.

You can register for the event [here](#).

Important stories from the Web

- Former Israeli Attorney General – “my country is an apartheid regime” [here](#)
- Court overturns French ban on Palestine solidarity groups [here](#)
- Victory for Palestine in French State Council [here](#)
- Israeli authorities unlawfully detaining teen UN says [here](#)
- Subscribe for updates from excellent news site Mondoweiss [here](#)
- Who has the dignity and power [here](#)?
- Damages paid for false claims of anti-semitism [here](#)
- Failure of Israeli propaganda tool ACT.IL [here](#)
- The campaign to De-Palestinise Jerusalem [here](#)
- The storming of Al Aqsa [here](#)
- Apartheid chorus grows [here](#)
- The moment that changed forever my perspective in ANZAC mythology [here](#)
- Palestinian Christians banned from Holy Sepulcher Church [here](#)
- A collective concern for human rights [here](#)
- Israeli court gives approval for eviction of 1000 Palestinians from occupied West Bank [here](#)
- Israel set to approve 4000 more Jewish settler homes in occupied West Bank [here](#)
- Israeli apartheid explained – short video [here](#)

Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2022

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)
16-18 Sep	40 th anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres
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

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: 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

Bay of Islands	PSN Bay of Islands	email
Whangarei	PSN Whangarei	Facebook
Auckland	PSN 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	PSN Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	PSN Taranaki	Facebook
Whanganui	Whanganui@PSNA.nz	email
Wellington	PSN Wellington	email
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSN Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSN 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](#)
- [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](#)