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## Newsletter No 76

# Online rally in solidarity with Masafer Yatta

See video of Israeli ethnic cleansing at Masafer Yatta and its impacts [here](#)



Join the online rally this **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm** (NZ time) at the [zoom link here](#).

Speakers include **Sami Hurraini**, co-founder of Youth of Sumud (“steadfastness”) and **Manal Shqair**, International advocacy officer-Stop the Wall Campaign in Colonized Palestine.

We will also have messages of solidarity from a wide range of groups from Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Background:**

This is our third newsletter to feature the struggle of Palestinians in Masafer Yatta against Israeli plans to ethnically cleanse the area. 20 Bedouin villages and over 1200 people are under threat as Israel continues its colonization of Palestine.

The Israeli authorities have issued orders to demolish almost all homes on the grounds that they were built without permits – which are almost impossible to obtain.

Amnesty International is calling for the Israeli authorities to immediately halt their plans to forcibly evict Palestinians in Masafer Yatta. Heba Morayef, our Middle East and North Africa Director, says:

**“going ahead with this large-scale expulsion would amount to an act of forcible transfer, which is a war crime and crime against humanity.”**

**“Instead of demolishing homes, the Israeli authorities should dismantle discriminatory planning and building policies that have put Bedouin citizens in the absurd situation of being labelled trespassers on their own lands.”**

Further videos which background Israel’s racist ethnic cleansing at Masafer Yatta are [here](#) and [here](#)

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## **Three additional things you can do now to help defend Masafer Yatta**

### **1. Attend your local rally this weekend to defend Masafer Yatta**

**Auckland:** Saturday 6 August, 2pm, Aotea Square. Facebook event [here](#)

**New Plymouth:** Saturday 6 August, 12 noon, Puke Ariki landing. Facebook event [here](#)

**Napier:** Saturday 30 July, 11am at intersection Tennyson Street and Marine Parade, Napier. Facebook event [here](#)

**Nelson:** Saturday 6 August at the Nelson Market, 10am to 12 noon. Facebook event [here](#)

**Christchurch:** Saturday 6 August, 12 noon, Bridge of Remembrance, Cashel Street. Facebook event [here](#)

### **2. If you haven’t already done so - send a brief message of**

**support** to the people of Masafer Yatta. These messages will be translated into Arabic and forwarded to the people under threat of ethnic cleansing. Email your message of support to [manal@stopthewall.org](mailto:manal@stopthewall.org)

### **3. If you haven’t already done so - send a note to your local**

**Member of Parliament** inviting them on the zoom call and asking them to send a message of support to the people of Masafer Yatta.

Write your own message or you could send this message:

*(MP name)*

Use this template [Firstname.lastname@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Firstname.lastname@parliament.govt.nz) or [go here](#) to find your MP’s email address.

*Kia ora (MP name),*

*Israel has begun ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Masfer Yatta in occupied Palestine. This is the largest ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in over 50 years. It is a grave violation of international law and United Nations resolutions. Aotearoa New Zealand has a responsibility to take action NOW in support of these people who are living under the longest military occupation in modern human history.*

*As my political representative I am asking you to*

- *Send a message of support to the people of Masafer Yatta at this email address [manal@stopthewall.org](mailto:manal@stopthewall.org)*
- *Join the online rally in support of Masafer Yatta on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. The zoom link is here <https://zoom.us/j/8176053789>*
- *Request the Minister of Foreign Affairs speak out now and demand Israel stop this theft of Palestinian land.*

*Please respond as soon as possible.*

*(your name)*

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## No Tech for Apartheid



Watch the brilliant video here when activists disrupt Amazon meeting protesting Amazon's empowering Israeli apartheid [here](#)

No tech for Apartheid is an international campaign targeting the support big tech companies such as Amazon and Google give to Israel to help it run its apartheid oppression against Palestinians. The campaign is focused in North America. More information is [here](#) and you can tweet the campaign information [here](#)

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## Together Against Apartheid

Independent Jewish Voices Canada has developed this international campaign to call out Israel's apartheid system against Palestinians, backed up by the racist state's inhuman brutality.

You can send this to family and friends.

More information is [here](#), a YouTube video is [here](#) and the pledge is [here](#)

## Remember PSNA National Meeting – 8/9 October in Christchurch

Our national meeting will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October in Christchurch at WEA – 59 Gloucester Street, Central Christchurch. The meeting itself will go from Saturday morning till Sunday lunchtime.

We are keen to have a great turnout from around the whole country, **please make sure cost is not a barrier to any region or centre being represented** – we are happy to pay airfares etc to make sure this can happen. All we ask is that people book as early as possible to keep the airfare cost down. Just book your fares and send the receipt to Neil and we will get it paid pronto.

We will be able to provide billets for people coming in from outside Christchurch for both the Friday and Saturday nights. Bronwen will co-ordinate these requests so just email her at [bronwensummers@gmail.com](mailto:bronwensummers@gmail.com)

**If you don't need a billet please email Bronwen anyway to let her know you are coming. This will make the organisation of lunch easier.**

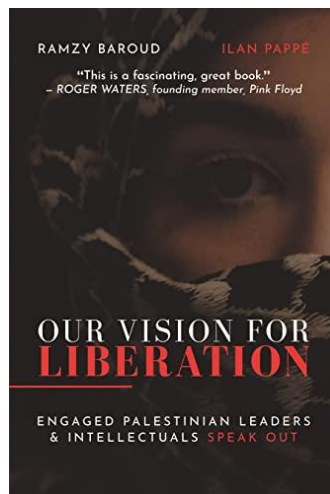
Looking forward to seeing you all in springtime in the Garden City!

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## Our Vision for Liberation

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

A book review by Christchurch-based Lois Griffiths is [here](#)



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](mailto:secretary@PSNA.nz) with your address and we will get your copy in the mail!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

## Important stories from the Web

- New Zealand Catholic Bishop's statement on Palestinian suffering [here](#)
- Professor Laleh Khalili is gratuitously wrong about Iran's support [here](#)
- Human Rights group says lobbyists misrepresented relationship between NSO Group and Israel [here](#)
- UN experts launch new guidance for businesses working in conflict-affected regions [here](#)
- Environmental normalization in Palestine – podcast [here](#)
- Podcast: Environmental normalisation in Palestine [here](#)
- Israeli military drills in Masafer Yatta turn Palestinian villages into a shooting range [here](#)
- Understanding Israel's apartheid – Amnesty International video [here](#)
- Google-Israel artificial intelligence project Nimbus [here](#)
- Biden's Middle East Tour: Israel, energy and Israel [here](#)
- Settlements Palestinians Territories and Jerusalem [here](#)
- Repeat shooting at unarmed civilians destroys US claim that Shireen Abu Akleh's killing was unintentional [here](#)
- Israeli forces kill two Palestinians in massive Nablus raid [here](#)
- Israeli Supreme Court rules citizens can be stripped of status for breach of loyalty [here](#)
- Biden signs Palestinian death certificate [here](#)
- UN failing to protect Palestinian children [here](#)
- Palestinian Americans demand US government provide equal protection from Israeli violations [here](#)
- Using indigeneity in the struggle for Palestinian liberation [here](#)
- No Fair Play in apartheid Israel – Take action on football clubs [here](#)
- Church leaders decry Biden's visit as a missed opportunity [here](#)
- In April, our partners protested outside AXA's AGM and held a short play imagining AXA announces their divestment from Israeli apartheid! [Watch the video here.](#)
- Biden's Middle East visit an orgy of cynicism, hypocrisy and erasures [here](#) (Richard Falk piece)
- Biden signed on to Netanyahu's vision of crushing Palestinian hopes [here](#)
- Israeli settlers launch mass outpost construction operation [here](#)
- To Palestine with Love – remembering Gareth Mogan's trip to Palestine [here](#)
- Biden-Lapid joint declaration takes aim at BDS [here](#)
- Palestinian universities are once again under attack [here](#)

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## 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	Nakba 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 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres
28 Sep	Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005

8/9 October –	PSNA National Meeting in Christchurch
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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## 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](#)