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Medical Aid Appeal for Gaza - \$3,500 raised so far –
we can do better yet!

Can you get family and friends to chip in and donate to this campaign?

We know the medical situation is critical, already degraded from 17 years of Israel's blockade Gaza needs urgent support. The money donated will be spent on the medical priorities set by Gaza's Ministry of Health.



DONATE

FOR MEDICAL AID

There is an urgent need for medical aid for GAZA after Israel bombed the densely populated area last week. Donations are being collected by Kia Ora Gaza for Gaza's medical priorities.

DONATE NOW

Account number: 03-0211-0447718-000

kiaoragaza.wordpress.com



Dr Medhat Abbas from Gaza's Health Ministry joined us on a PSNA national committee meeting last week and explained the crisis in terms of the reduction in power supplies, the abandoning elective surgery to deal with the victims of Israel's attack – over 300 people needing emergency hospital care



Dr Medhat Abbas from Gaza's Ministry of Health

As well as dealing with the hundreds of injured Palestinians from Israel's latest attacks on Gaza the area's health services have to cope with power outages (only 4 hours power each day), closed borders preventing medical supplies getting through and seriously degraded hospital services from 17 years of Israel's inhumane blockade.

We are asking PSNA supporters to donate generously to this fundraising appeal which will provide practical support and relief for Palestinians fighting for freedom.

Account Name: Kia ora Gaza Trust

Account Number: 03-0211-0447718-000

Email: office@kiaoragaza.net with your deposit details so we can send you an e-receipt.

Government response to Israel's orgy of violence against Gaza was late and failed to hold Israel to account



Our government is still looking the other way when Israel launches vicious attacks on Palestinians. Their response to the most recent orgy of violence against Palestinians launched by Israel only came **after** a ceasefire was announced and **after** Israel had killed dozens of Palestinians. It also failed to lay the blame squarely with Israel where it belonged.



New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade @MFAT... · 9 Aug

After a concerning escalation of hostilities, 🇳🇿 welcomes the ceasefire in Gaza & Israel. We are deeply saddened by the civilian loss of life, including Palestinian children. We call on all parties to uphold the ceasefire & ensure protection of civilians per international law.

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What you can do now to help with just a couple of clicks...

Copy and paste this email to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Kia ora Ms Mahuta,

n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz

I was disappointed in the government response to the vicious, unprovoked attack on Gaza which led to the deaths of dozens of Palestinians – including many children.

While the government did acknowledge the Palestinian children killed in this latest violent attack, the tweet did not come till after a ceasefire was announced and was therefore too late to have any impact. It looked like the government was simply “going through the motions”.

Most worryingly the tweet did not identify Israel as responsible for launching this attack on an area Israel occupies in violation of international law. (A “besieged” or “blockaded” area is generally regarded as “occupied” under international law) Your silence on Israel’s culpability makes it difficult for people to understand what is going on.

There was no such delay or ambiguity when Russia invaded Ukraine. The government response was quick and forthright in its condemnation of the invasion. We want to see the same accountability for Israel which the government demands of Russia. The Israeli occupation of Palestine is the longest military occupation in modern history and the government must treat it as such.

Can you give an assurance the government will respond in a more timely and effective way in future to such Israeli aggression?

(Your name)

Stopping ethnic cleansing in Masafer Yatta

Thanks to everyone who came to our local rallies around the country in opposition to ethnic cleansing in Masafer Yatta. Meanwhile we had an excellent online rally with solidarity messages from a wide range of groups around New Zealand.



Sami Hurraini, co-founder of Youth of Sumud (“steadfastness”) who are active resisting the ethnic cleansing of Masafer Yatta.

Local Palestinian student **Rawaa El Hanafy** hosted the event with lifelong Māori activist and Principal of Te Rangi Aniwaniwa School, **Hilda Halkyard-Harawira** doing the mihi.

Overseas speakers were **Sami Hurraini**, co-founder of Youth of Sumud (“steadfastness”) (see picture above), and **Manal Shqair**, International advocacy officer for Stop the Wall Campaign in Colonized Palestine.

Sami talked about the importance of international solidarity and thanked the people of New Zealand for their support. The local people of Masafer Yatta are determined to resist the theft of their land and local groups here pledged their support for the struggle in Masafer Yatta and support for the wider Palestinian struggle.

Local speakers were **Ahmed Saadeh** – Spokesperson for Palestinians in Aotearoa Co-ordinating Committee; **Fathi Hassneiah** – Palestine Youth Aotearoa; **Duncan Webb** – Labour Member of Parliament and Chief Government Whip; **John Minto** – National Chair Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa; **Roger Fowler** – Organiser for Kia Ora Gaza; **Richard Wagstaff** – President of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions; **Brian Turner** – Methodist Church minister; **Janfrie Wakim** – Palestine Human Rights Campaign and **Julie Webb-Pullman** – Human rights activist who is working with Gaza Centre for Human Rights to gather evidence of Israeli war crimes.



Roger Fowler from Kia Ora Gaza

Roger Fowler finished the webinar with his marvellous protest anthem “We are all Palestinians”.



Fathi Hassneiah from Palestine Youth Aotearoa speaks at the Auckland rally to Defend Masafer Yatta



The Christchurch rally featured a new banner we will almost certainly need to use again...



New Plymouth activists rally for Masafer Yatta

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

Remember PSNA National Meeting – 8/9 October in Christchurch

Our national meeting will be on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th 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

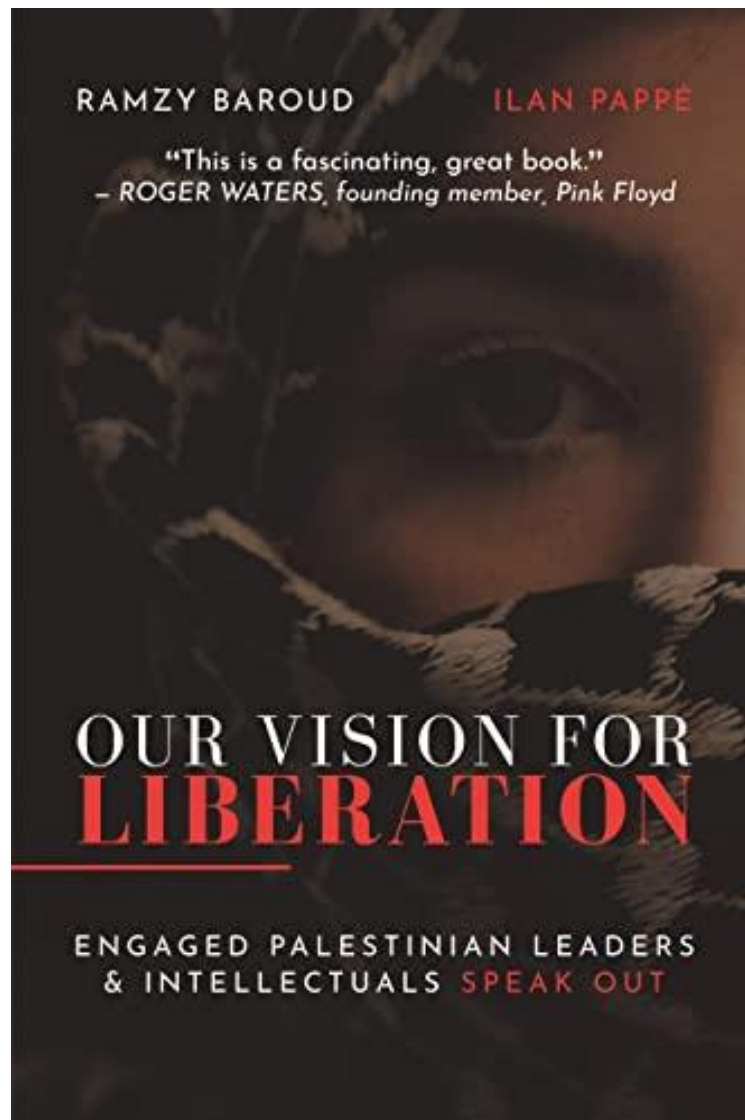
If you don't need a billet please email Bronwen anyway to let her know you are coming. This will make the organisation of lunch easier.

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

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 with your address and we will get your copy in the mail!
Looking forward to hearing from you!

Important stories from the Web

- 16-year-old Palestinian killed by Israeli settler fire witnesses claim [here](#)
- BDS gives strength to our struggle – donate [here](#)
- Israel kills three resistance fighters in Nablus – one teen in Hebron [here](#)
- Twitter locks account of Palestine Chronicles Editor Dr Ramsy Baroud [here](#)
- Global call to end US military “aid” and weapons sales to Israel [here](#)
- West is enabling an orgy of violence against Palestinians [here](#)
- Join the global call to President Biden and US congress to end all military “aid” and weapons sales to the Israeli occupation forces [here](#)
- The aftermath in Gaza [here](#)
- Israel heads further right with 30-40 percent of young supporting fascistic Jewish Party [here](#)
- Israel’s Gaza bombing death images [here](#)
- Israeli military alert after Khalil Awawdeh back to hospital [here](#)
- Khalil Awawdeh in highly critical condition [here](#)
- Why Israel hates the Palestinians so much [here](#)
- On the train to freedom – Salah Hammourui writes from prison [here](#)
- Israel’s friends struggle to justify unprovoked attack that killed 16 children [here](#)
- Israel normalizing terror one dawn at a time [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	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 th 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

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](#)