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## Newsletter No 80

Call for the United Nations to investigate and  
dismantle Israeli apartheid



In our last newsletter we asked supporters to send a note to the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister asking the Aotearoa New Zealand government to support a United Nations investigation into Israeli apartheid. If you missed the chance [you can find the letter to send here](#).

We want to follow this up with letter to all MPs informing them of this important Palestinian civil society campaign so...

Three quick things you can do now with just a few  
clicks now...

1. Send the link to [this letter](#) to your local member of parliament asking them to support this appeal to the United Nations. You can find the [email for your local MP here](#).
2. Go to [the link](#) and share the Palestinian letter on Facebook and Twitter etc
3. Go to [this link](#) to send your own message to United Nations officials urging an investigation into Israeli apartheid.

# Final reminder: PSNA National Meeting

## 8/9 October in Christchurch

Final reminder: We are encouraging supporters to come to the PSNA national meeting to be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October in Christchurch at the newly refurbished WEA Building at 59 Gloucester Street, Central Christchurch**. The meeting itself will go from Saturday morning till Sunday lunchtime.

### Airfare costs:

We want all areas around the country to be represented and we can help with airfare costs to make sure this happens. Please get in touch asap and we will see what we can do – email [secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto:secretary@PSNA.nz) or phone/message Neil on 021414161.

### Registrations:

To help with organising catering etc please register your intention to come with Bronwen at [bronwensummers@gmail.com](mailto:bronwensummers@gmail.com)

### Billets:

We are able to provide billets for everyone coming from outside Christchurch. If you need a billet for Friday and / or Saturday nights please also email Bronwen at [bronwensummers@gmail.com](mailto:bronwensummers@gmail.com)

### Agenda:

The details of this are still a work in progress but the latest draft is here:

## Saturday 8 October

- 8.30am MORNING TEA and registration
- 9.15am Mihi: **Maui Stuart**  
Welcome, introductions (**John Minto**)  
**Apoorva Gautam**, Asia Pacific rep from the BDS National Committee (Via Zoom)
- 9.30am Key Speakers:  
**Mai Tamimi**, a Community Worker of Palestinian origin living in Dunedin,  
**Maher Nazal** – PACC (Palestinians in Aotearoa Co-ordinating Committee)  
**Fathi Hassneiah** – Palestine Youth Aotearoa – “the Palestinian struggle at home and abroad” followed by questions/discussion
- 10.30am Report from National Chair PSNA – **John Minto**  
Financial report – **Neil Scott**
- 11.00am **Workshops 1 – Strategies for local organising** (Please choose one)
- Local screenings of films, and organising local actions (**Kathleen Cole**, New Plymouth)
  - BDS international campaigns – Puma (Silver Ferns sponsor), HP and Sodastream (**Neil Scott**)
  - Social media – FB, Twitter, Instagram etc (**Nedina Hohaia, Fred Hayward, Brandon Johnstone**) TBC
  - National speaking tours in 2023 (**John Minto/Don Carson**)
  - Working with the Palestinian community in Aotearoa (**PACC**)

- 1.30pm Plenary
- Reports back from Workshops 1
  - Brief introduction of new campaigns for 2022/23 before discussion in afternoon
    - NZ observer to IHRA (**John Minto**)
    - Close the Embassy campaign (**John Minto**)
    - Proposed UN investigation into Israeli apartheid (**John Minto**)
    - Apartheid-free zones national campaign (**John Minto**)
    - Visiting MP's and emailing MP's (**Neil Scott**)
    - Banners, Palestinian Flags and Boycott stickers are available for regional groups (**Neil Scott**)
- 12.30pm LUNCH (provided on site – koha)
- 1.30pm **Workshop 2 – Organising in local networks** (Please choose one)
- Working with Māori organisations (**John Minto**)
  - Religious groups – Christian, Islamic, Jewish etc (**Steve Liddle/Barbara Menzies/Ahmed Saadeh/Billy Hania/Brian Turner**) (TBC)
  - Trade Unions (**Mike Treen**, Unite Union; **Paul Watson**, First Union) TBC
  - Student organisations (**Mika Gale**)
- 2.15pm Reporting back in plenary
- 3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3.30pm Updates:
- Julie Webb-Pullman** – update on ICC holding Israel to account for war crimes
- Roger Fowler** – Kia Ora Gaza – Update on Medical Aid Appeal for Gaza and flotilla update
- 4.00pm **New campaigns for 2022/23**
- Close the Embassy campaign (**John Minto**)
  - Proposed UN investigation into Israeli apartheid (**John Minto**)
  - Apartheid-free zones national campaign (**John Minto**)
- 5.00pm Updates from Palestine (8am Palestine time)
- **Sami Hurraini** Youth of Sumud on Masafer Yatta struggle against ethnic cleansing.
  - Six Palestinian human rights organisations declared “terrorist” by Israeli regime (TBC)
  - **Manal Shqair** from BNC National Committee and Stop the Wall Campaign
  - **Jeff Halper** from ICAHD (Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions)
- 6.30pm Dinner at 21 York Street (John and Bronwen's home) Locals bring something to share – guests from outside – just bring yourselves!

## Sunday 9 October

- 9.00am Strengths/weaknesses of our campaigning in 2021/22 (**Brandon**)
- Review of National Structure – what can be improved (**Brandon**)
- Election of National Chair and Secretary
  - Appointment of National Committee
- 10.00am Political panel – building support for Palestinian human rights amongst MPs (**Don Carson**)
- Duncan Webb** – (Christchurch Central MP and Chief government whip) Labour Party

All members of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee are invited (**Jenny Salesa (Chair), Gerry Brownlee (Vice Chair), Ingrid Leary, Ibrahim Omer, Golriz Ghahraman, Todd McClay**) (TBC)

11.00am Closing comments (National Chair)  
Farewells

11.15am Close

Hope to welcome many of you to the Garden City in Springtime!

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## Israeli Ambassador should be first on a plane home



**Ran Yaakoby**

*(PSNA Media release on 23 September)*

*With the government [considering expelling](#) the Russian Ambassador over renewed threats to annex areas of Ukraine, PSNA is calling for the government to first apply the same logic to Israel and expel the Israeli Ambassador.*

*“The Israeli Ambassador should be the first one on a plane home”, says PSNA National Chair John Minto. “Israel’s policies of annexing (stealing) Palestinian land, denial of human rights to Palestinians and murdering Palestinians who resist its military occupation are legendary.”*

*In recent years Israel has annexed the Syrian Golan Heights, annexed East Jerusalem and Israeli leaders have repeatedly threatened the annexation of vast areas of Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.*

*“Today, the [latest theft of Palestinian land](#) is underway at Masafer Yatta.”*

*In the meantime, Israel has destroyed the possibility of a Palestinian state (with hundreds of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land) while running a [well-documented apartheid state](#) against Palestinians living under its military occupation”*

*“Our government often talks about the importance of an international rules-based order. We are prepared to back this up with sanctions on Russia but have allowed Israel to breach international law and United Nations resolutions with impunity”*

*“Consistency, not hypocrisy, should guide our foreign policy – let’s get Israeli Ambassador Ran Yaakoby on a plane home and then talk about pressure on Russia.”*

*John Minto*

*National Chair*

*Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa*

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## It’s apartheid! What now...? The fight for justice in Palestine



**Haneen Zoabi**

This webinar will feature prominent speakers including the first female Palestinian Member of the Knesset, **Haneen Zoabi**, Palestinian politician and prominent community activist, **Dr Basel Ghattas**, independent journalist and best-selling author, **Antony Loewenstein**, and APAN Vice-President, **Nasser Mashni**.

**When:** Wednesday, 19th October, 8pm

**Where:** Online

Register for the Webinar [here](#)



## Facebook stands with Israel's racists against Palestinians



This report confirms what has been obvious for a long time – the built-in bias in favour of Israel's racist policies against Palestinians. You can read more in the full release from Euro-Med Monitor [here](#)

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### Important stories from the Web

Palestine in the Elizabeth II era – will Britain atone for its sinful policies [here](#)  
President Mahmoud Abbas's speech to the United Nations General Assembly [here](#)  
Six important reports on Israeli apartheid [here](#)  
11 corrections for Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid's speech to the United Nations [here](#)  
Let's be honest – Zionist Israel is built on a tissue of lies [here](#)  
Israel watches closely as West Bank seethes [here](#)  
Podcast – Palestinian children living under occupation [here](#)  
Dismantling apartheid Israel [here](#)  
AIPAC spent over \$350,000 trying to stop Ilhan Omar from being re-elected [here](#)  
Rashida Tlaib attacked by fellow democrats [here](#)  
Peaceful resistance turns military might into weakness [here](#)  
Marvel studios under attack for promoting Israeli brutality against Palestinians [here](#)  
Israel pressuring Biden to accept terrorist designation for Palestinian NGOs [here](#)

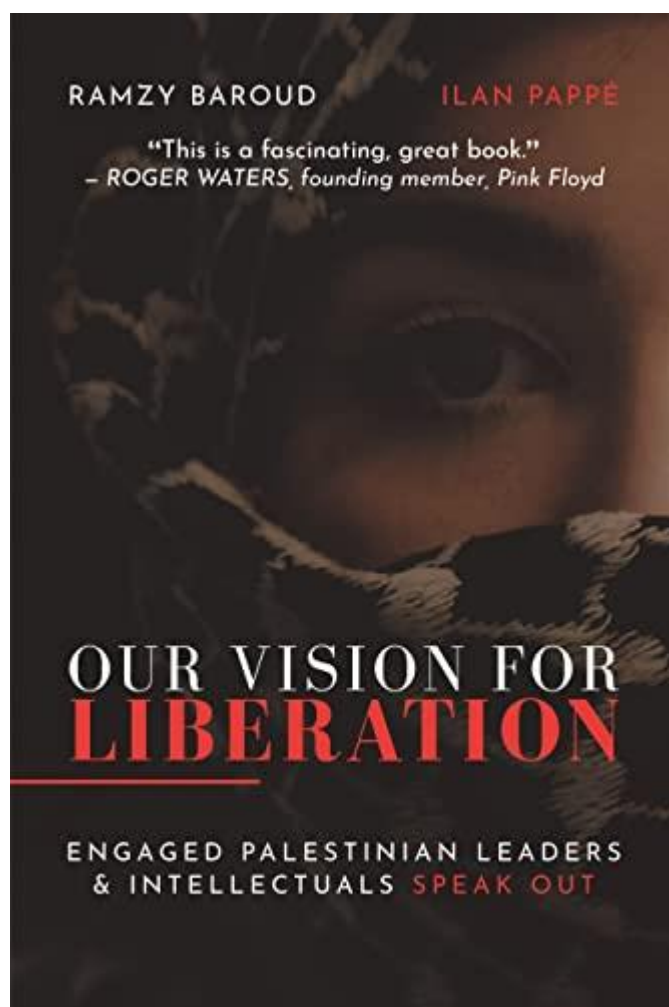
From death to life: 40 years after the Sabra/Shatila massacres [here](#)  
Israeli settlers attack Hafez Hurraini – resisting ethnic cleansing in Masafer Yatta – and break his hands [here](#)  
Israeli occupation forces deploy armed drones in occupied West Bank [here](#)  
Israelis justify killing Shireen Abu Akleh and Biden echoes the same lies [here](#)

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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!

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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 WEA, 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*)



## 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](mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz)

(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)

# 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](#)