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Last week 7-year-old Rayyan Yaser Suleiman died of heart failure after being chased by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. The report is [here](#).



After school on Thursday, Rayyan and his brothers were returning to their home in the village of Taqoua, east of Bethlehem, when Israeli soldiers began chasing them.

The boys were wanted for questioning over stone-throwing, but the chase, which went on for about three kilometres, ended with a heart attack for the frightened child after soldiers came to his home.

“When the soldiers arrived at the house, they started knocking on the door violently and

shouting, demanding that Rayyan be handed over,” Yasser Suleiman, the boy’s father, told Middle East Eye.

“I opened the door and started explaining to them that Rayyan is a child no more than seven years old, but they insisted that I bring him to them,” he said.

Meanwhile, Rayyan, who had made it home, shook in fear as he listened to the soldiers. He ran quickly towards the back door of the house. When his father went to get him, he found him lying on the ground, unconscious.

A medical autopsy confirmed that Rayyan suffered a shock that led to his sudden heart attack. His family said that an otherwise healthy child was scared to death by Israeli soldiers.

Rayyan’s death is a small symbol of what life is like for Palestinian children and their families living under Israel’s brutal military occupation. (The BBC and other news outlets would typically describe Rayyan as a “Palestinian militant” – a label they would never give to a Ukrainian child throwing stones at Russian occupation soldiers)

It is also an example of the escalating Israeli oppression of Palestinians over recent months. We are not helpless – please act now.

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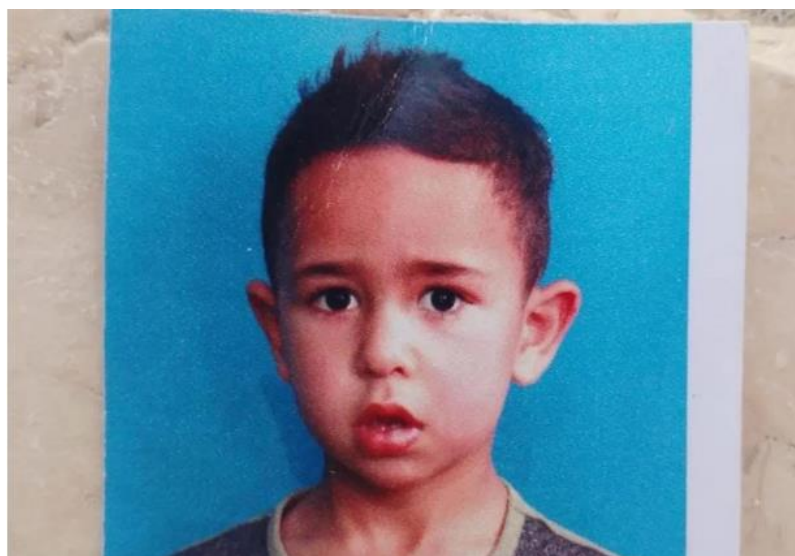
Something you can do now with just a few clicks...

Send this letter to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and send a copy to your local MP.

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Kia ora Ms Ardern kōrua ko Ms Mahuta,

Israel has stepped up its brutal oppression of Palestinians in the last few months. This is symbolized in the situation of 7-year-old Rayyan Yaser Suleiman who died of heart failure after being chased by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. The report of his death is [here](#).



- According to the United Nations, over the past three months in the Occupied West Bank alone, Israeli occupation forces have invaded Palestinian urban areas and refugee camps, killing more than 29 Palestinians including at least a dozen children, while 1,813 Palestinians, including 27 women and 194 children, have been injured. 1206 injuries were due to tear gas while 202 were injured by live ammunition. More than a dozen Palestinians have been killed over the past week in these raids.
- Israel has dramatically expanded its “administrative detention” whereby Palestinians are held indefinitely without charge or trial, for years on end. They are not permitted to see the evidence against them, if such evidence exists. The number on administrative detention has now reached 800 – 20% of the total Palestinian prisoner population.
- The Israeli police and army have even begun to arrest former prisoners, those who have been released after serving sentences, holding them without charge or trial as a “preventative measure”.
- Reports of Israeli torture of prisoners, mistreatment, isolation, overcrowding, and deliberate medical neglect are well documented by human rights groups. These problems have been exacerbated by Israel’s latest round of brutality.
- Israel’s ethnic cleansing of Palestinians continues with the latest abuses occurring at Masafer Yatta in the South Hebron Hills. Here there are eight Palestinian villages under immediate threat with the occupation army backing up Israeli settlers in direct violent attacks on Palestinian farmers and their families. The government has spoken out in defense of Masafer Yatta but it must speak out **consistently**.
- Israel has stepped up attacks on the six Palestinian civil society organisations it designated as “terrorist” last year – a designation not recognized by anyone outside Israel. These attacks include harassment of staff, seizure of equipment and records and stripping offices of records, computers and equipment.
- The purpose of declaring these groups “terrorist” was to silence and isolate the groups, evade accountability for Israeli war crimes and human rights violations and to pressure donors to defund the organisations”.
- The establishment of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land is also escalating along with associated violent attacks on Palestinian farmers and residents, by Israeli settlers, backed up by the Israeli military, killing of Palestinian farmers along with destruction of Palestinian farm equipment and property. These attacks have grown more common with the onset of the olive harvest season.

Further details of this Israeli apartheid behaviour can be found in the latest United Nations Bulletin report on Palestinian rights [here](#) and the recent statement from the Palestinian Return Centre to the UN [here](#)

Aotearoa New Zealand’s government must take action against Israel for its racist policies and brutal oppression, it’s ethnic cleansing and land annexations, its murderous brutality and abuses of Palestinian human rights. We have called out similar abuses by Russia. We must do the same for Israel.

Palestinians are suffering under the longest military occupation in modern history and deserve the government’s wholehearted support. Hypocrisy should never be the guiding principle of foreign policy.

Please respond quickly. The situation we have described here needs immediate action and urgent intervention from Aotearoa New Zealand.

Looking the other way is not an option.

Nā,

(Your name)

PSNA National Meeting last weekend - 8/9 October in Christchurch



Some of the delegates at the PSNA National meeting in Christchurch last weekend

The meeting was a great success. Through workshops and plenary discussions we have developed several new initiatives and strengthened our approach in existing campaigns. We had delegates from Gore to Auckland, New Plymouth to Napier!

We had excellent input via Zoom from Palestine – Milena Ansari from Addameer, Manal Shqair from Stop the Wall and Sami Hurraini from Masafer Yatta in particular.

A few of the most important developments from the meeting are:

- Strengthening the campaign to get the Aotearoa New Zealand government to sign on to a UN investigation into Israeli apartheid and to reinstitute the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid.
- Pressure on our government to keep speaking out about ethnic cleansing at Masafer Yatta and abuses of Palestinian human rights
- Beginning a campaign against Israel's "administrative detention" policies
- Planning to get a trade union delegation from NZ to visit Gaza and the Occupied West Bank and get a Palestinian trade representative to NZ
- Beginning an "apartheid-free zone" campaign where supporters put an A5 corflute sign on their letterboxes declaring their property to be an "apartheid free zone" and calling for a "boycott of Israeli apartheid". This will grow into a campaign where we approach city councils etc to declare themselves to be "apartheid free zones"
- We have a new bumper sticker!



The Annual David Wakim Memorial Lecture

is on later this week. David Wakim was a stalwart of the Palestine solidarity movement – see more details on the poster below.

Nau mai! Haere mai! Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand invites you to the

DAVID WAKIM MEMORIAL LECTURE 2022 Protecting Democracy in an Online World

Anjum Rahman is the Project Lead of the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tahono, an organisation working on creating a stronger sense of belonging through connections and collaboration. She is a chartered accountant with over 25 years' experience, and a Trustee of Trust Waikato, a major funder in the Waikato Region.

She is a member of international committees dealing with issues of terrorist and violent extremist content online, being a co-chair of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network and a member of the Independent Advisory Committee of the Global Internet Forum for Countering Terrorism.

She was a founding member and media spokesperson of the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand, a leading voice before and after the Christchurch Mosque attacks. She is a founding member and was a long-time trustee of Shama, Ethnic Women's Trust, a member of the Waikato Interfaith Council, and a trustee of Hamilton's community access broadcaster, Free FM.

Anjum Rahman



WHAT: David Wakim Memorial Lecture 2022

WHEN: Thursday, 13 October 2022

WHERE: Jubilee Hall, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell

(Car parking available via Titoki Street. Wheelchair accessible)

TIME: 7-8.30pm

The David Wakim Memorial Lecture is hosted annually by Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand, an independent section of the international Pax Christi peace movement founded in France at the end of World War 2. Pax Christi is committed to working with peace for all, everywhere. To that end, Pax Christi Aotearoa is actively involved in: honouring the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, interfaith dialogue, peace education, human rights and restorative justice. David Wakim, who died in 2005, was the first national president of Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand.



www.paxchristiaotearoa.nz

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, 10pm New Zealand (8:00 pm Sydney)

Where: Online

Register for the Webinar [here](#)

Investigating Aotearoa New Zealand trade with Israel

We are looking for a keen researcher...

New Zealand has significant trade with Israel – see the tables below – and we want to drill down and get the names of companies involved with this trade. e.g Searching to find the most likely NZ companies which trade with Israel (based on the information below). We want the email address and any other details of the companies so that we can contact them. We will use the information to encourage these companies to end their trade relationships with Israel.

If you can help please email: bronwensummers@gmail.com

Israel Exports to New Zealand	Value	Year	New Zealand Exports to Israel	Value	Year
Electrical, electronic equipment	\$14.18M	2021	Aluminum	\$6.05M	2021
Plastics	\$13.02M	2021	Pharmaceutical products	\$4.40M	2021
Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers	\$9.32M	2021	Edible fruits, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	\$3.37M	2021
Miscellaneous chemical products	\$6.87M	2021	Optical, photo, technical, medical apparatus	\$3.27M	2021
Optical, photo, technical, medical apparatus	\$4.52M	2021	Electrical, electronic equipment	\$2.90M	2021
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	\$2.89M	2021	Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers	\$1.65M	2021
Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	\$2.46M	2021	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	\$1.53M	2021
Articles of iron or steel	\$2.16M	2021	Aircraft, spacecraft	\$1.43M	2021
Furniture, lighting signs, prefabricated buildings	\$2.04M	2021	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, aquatic invertebrates	\$1.10M	2021
Knitted or crocheted fabric	\$1.87M	2021	Plastics	\$94.44K	2021
Tools, implements, cutlery of base metal	\$1.71M	2021	Sugars and sugar confectionery	\$409.54K	2021
Miscellaneous edible preparations	\$1.51M	2021	Miscellaneous chemical products	\$367.20K	2021
Pearls, precious stones, metals, coins	\$571K	2021	Paper and paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board	\$237.84K	2021
Organic chemicals	\$454K	2021	Rubbers	\$286.82K	2021
Pharmaceutical products	\$375K	2021	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	\$256.48K	2021
Rubbers	\$356K	2021	Organic chemicals	\$201.18K	2021
Essential oils, perfumes, cosmetics, toiletries	\$349K	2021	Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder	\$115.11K	2021
Vegetable, fruit, nut food preparations	\$344K	2021	Other products, eggs, honey, edible products	\$110.62K	2021
Lac, gums, resins	\$307K	2021	Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers	\$92.31K	2021
Fertilizers	\$296K	2021	Essential oils, perfumes, cosmetics, toiletries	\$91.60K	2021
Sugars and sugar confectionery	\$247K	2021	Articles of iron or steel	\$85.37K	2021
Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing	\$236K	2021	Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing	\$85.01K	2021
Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products	\$211K	2021	Vehicles other than railway, tramway	\$54.96K	2021
Miscellaneous articles of base metal	\$176K	2021	Miscellaneous edible preparations	\$45.05K	2021
Tanning, dyeing extracts, tannins, derivatives, pigments	\$168K	2021	Furniture, lighting signs, prefabricated buildings	\$37.18K	2021
Toys, games, sports requisites	\$153K	2021	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	\$31.07K	2021
Vehicles other than railway, tramway	\$121K	2021	Oil seed, oleaginous fruits, grain, seed, fruits	\$29.31K	2021
Oil seed, oleaginous fruits, grain, seed, fruits	\$101K	2021	Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes	\$27.46K	2021
Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products	\$95K	2021	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	\$22.16K	2021
Articles of apparel, knitted or crocheted	\$76K	2021	Railways, tramway locomotives, rolling stock, equip	\$21.91K	2021
Footwear, gaiters and the like	\$69K	2021	Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products	\$17.62K	2021
Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling pastes	\$59K	2021	Wadding, felt, nonwovens, yarns, twine, cordage	\$14.91K	2021
Clocks and watches	\$48K	2021	Toys, games, sports requisites	\$13.94K	2021
Articles of apparel, not knitted or crocheted	\$47K	2021	Articles of apparel, knitted or crocheted	\$13.53K	2021
Articles of leather, animal gut, harness, travel goods	\$42K	2021	Articles of apparel, not knitted or crocheted	\$12.85K	2021
Printed books, newspapers, pictures	\$40K	2021	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	\$11.84K	2021
Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes	\$32K	2021	Wool, animal hair, horsehair yarn and fabric	\$10.23K	2021
Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	\$27K	2021	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and lea	\$10.10K	2021
Iron and steel	\$24K	2021	Tools, implements, cutlery of base metal	\$9.38K	2021
Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	\$20K	2021	Articles of leather, animal gut, harness, travel goods	\$7.33K	2021
Musical instruments, parts and accessories	\$14K	2021	Soaps, lubricants, waxes, candles, modelling past	\$6.43K	2021
Aircraft, spacecraft	\$10K	2021	Ships, boats, and other floating structures	\$5.91K	2021
Paper and paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board	\$10K	2021	Fertilizers	\$5.86K	2021
Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers	\$10K	2021	Headgear and	\$4.63K	2021
Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products	\$9K	2021	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal	\$4.62K	2021
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	\$7K	2021	Commodities not specified according to kind	\$3.18K	2021
Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal	\$6K	2021	Printed books, newspapers, pictures	\$3.54K	2021
Wadding, felt, nonwovens, yarns, twine, cordage	\$6K	2021	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products	\$589	2021
Ceramic products	\$5K	2021	Footwear, gaiters and the like	\$391	2021
Glass and glassware	\$3K	2021	Pearls, precious stones, metals, coins	\$108	2021
Aluminum	\$3K	2021	Glass and glassware	\$47	2021
Coffee, tea, mate and spices	\$2K	2021	Copper	\$21	2021
Meat and edible meat offal	\$2K	2021			
Headgear and	\$1,000	2021			

Palestine Solidarity Conference in Australia



REGISTER TODAY

If you are going to be in Australia over the new years you might be interested in what will be an excellent conference for Palestine solidarity. PSNA will be represented but the more people from Aotearoa New Zealand who can attend the better! More details are [here](#).

UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

A PDF of the latest report of this important United Nations Committee is [here](#)

United Nations - Investigate and dismantle Israeli apartheid



In a previous 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](#). Every communication to the government on this counts.

Important stories from the Web



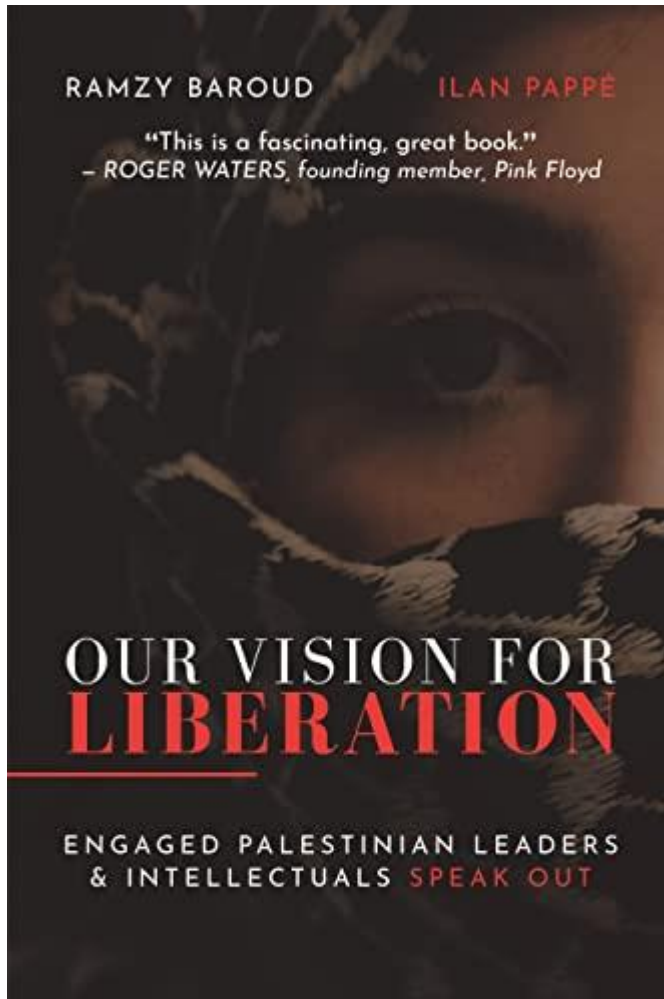
Mourners attend the funeral of 17-year-old Palestinian Mahdi Ladadweh on 8 October 2022, who was killed by Israeli forces near Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. More details [here](#)

- APAN Study tours to Palestine – express interest [here](#)
- US government walks back calls for investigation of 7-year-old's death [here](#)
- US Court Rules Hezbollah Must Pay \$111 Million for Actions in 2006 War [here](#)
- How Israel practices apartheid [here](#)
- British apology sought for atrocities and crimes against Palestine [here](#)
- The “anti-semitism” campaign to undermine Jeremy Corbyn [here](#) (Al Jazeera investigation)
- Yair Lapid and the two-state fraud [here](#)
- 30 Palestinian prisoners launch hunger strike [here](#)
- Palestine in the Elizabethan era: Will Britain atone for its sinful policies [here](#)
- National Press Club to honour Shireen Abu Akleh [here](#)
- Big win at the Sydney festival [here](#)
- Open letter to American Jewish intellectuals [here](#)
- Decolonising the Palestinian imagination [here](#)
- Stop trade with illegal Israeli settlements [here](#)
- Anti-boycott laws are a dystopian nightmare [here](#)
- The case of Hafez Huraini is a perfect example of Israeli apartheid [here](#)
- To all who care about humanity and the planet's future [here](#)
- Israel begins unlawful trial of the heroes of Freedom Tunnel [here](#)
- Bilboa prison break: Triumph of the will to freedom [here](#)
- Israel kills four Palestinians in Jenin as “Break the Wave” onslaught continues [here](#)
- Israeli forces and settlers attack mosques in occupied West Bank since start of year [here](#)
- 7-year-old Palestinian boy dies in Occupied West Bank [here](#)
- “It’s time you report the truth” (Western media coverage of Middle East) - [here](#)
- Chemist Warehouse “makes Aliyah” with Israel [here](#)
- Mondoweiss’s monthly poetry selection [here](#)
- Claims of anti-semitism for using the #freepalestine hashtag [here](#)

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!

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 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

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	
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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](#)