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## Newsletter No 82

### A truly impressive 2min video:

Irish rep. Clare Daly at the European parliament - <https://youtu.be/4KAUaRR2GAs>



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### Immigration New Zealand enlists cyber-mercenaries banned from Facebook to covertly collect data

**COBWEB technologies**

Knitting the Possibilities

Cobweb Technologies is an Israeli internet surveillance company implicated in abuses of privacy rights, targeting of journalists, activists, opposition politicians and government officials around the world. A real bad egg.

It's no surprise the company was started by members of the Israeli Defence Force which has been implicated in widespread abuses in surveillance of Palestinians, the most surveilled population in the world.

However, [Radio New Zealand revealed earlier this month](#) that the Aotearoa New Zealand Immigration Ministry is using Cobweb Technologies for internet surveillance, despite Cobweb's history of abusing human rights.

Meta, the owner of Facebook and multiple other social media platforms, kicked Cobweb Technologies and six other surveillance companies [off all their platforms last year](#) after a months-long investigation into the activities of what they describe as "cyber mercenaries".

Meta's [report says](#):

*"Given the severity of their violations, we have banned them from our services... We also alerted around 50,000 people who we believe were targeted by these malicious activities worldwide..."*

*"Our investigation identified customers in Bangladesh, Hong Kong, the United States, New Zealand, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Poland, and other countries. In addition to targeting related to law enforcement activities, we also observed frequent targeting of activists, opposition politicians and government officials in Hong Kong and Mexico"*

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

Email the letter here to the Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Immigration.

[m.wood@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:m.wood@ministers.govt.nz)

Kia ora Mr Wood,

### ***End all dealings with Cobweb Technologies***

*We are urging you to immediately end the Immigration Ministry's contract with Cobweb Technologies – an Israeli internet surveillance company implicated in abuses of privacy rights, targeting of journalists, activists, opposition politicians and government officials around the world.*

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*The government's position hypocritical.*

*Please immediately cancel all contracts with Cobweb Technologies.*

*(Your name)*

## Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967



Francesca Albanese

This is the first report by Italian international law expert, Francesca Albanese, appointed earlier this year as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967. She has taken over the role from Michael Lynk. The report speaks out clearly on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, in the context of the settler-colonial features of the prolonged Israeli occupation. Her full report is in pdf form [here](#).

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## Br Peter Bray to tour Aotearoa next year – making marvelous videos in the meantime!



Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Taranaki-raised Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa New Zealand early next year, but meanwhile, he is making videos on the subject for a Kiwi audience.

The special series of videos is called Greetings from Bethlehem. It is being made for the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC) -Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa.

His first video, [Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Place; Palestinians in the Holy Land](#), can be viewed on YouTube now.

Br Peter says the videos follow the New Zealand bishops [publishing a statement on the long-standing Palestine issue in July](#).

The NZCBC will announce details as soon as they are available of when and where Br Peter will speak during his early-2023 New Zealand visit. Meanwhile, we invite you to watch, enjoy and absorb this first of Br Peter's special videos from the Holy Land.

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## “Building a Kiwi community in Israel”

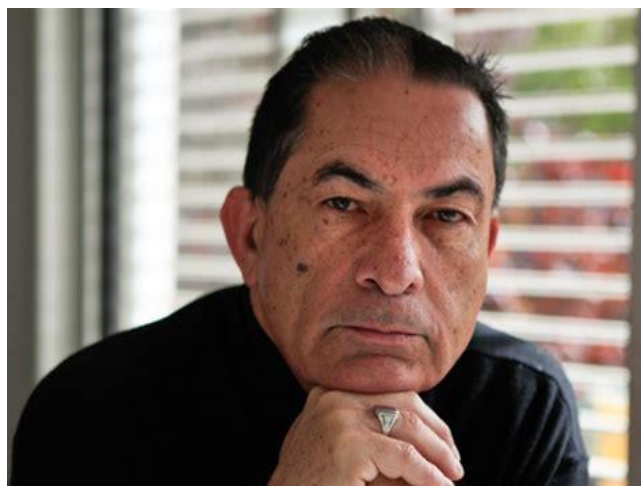


As we have reported regularly through the newsletter, the Aotearoa New Zealand government is donkey deep in support for the racist, apartheid state of Israel. Here is another example through a group called Kea who support [“building a kiwi community in Israel”](#). Reading this article is a reminder of the glossy publications pushed by South Africa's apartheid regime last century where black South Africans were invisible. Palestinians don't rate a mention and Kea is happy to keep it that way.

Shamefully, three Aotearoa New Zealand government organisations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and NZ Trade and Enterprise are “partners” with Kea.

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## Gideon Levy speaks on “The Way Forward” Saturday 12 November



World-renowned Israeli journalist Gideon Levy will speak on the next MLN (Movement for the Liberation from Nakba) online forum on Saturday 12 November in the evening – put it in your diary now. More details with links will be in the next newsletter.

Renowned Israeli historian **Professor Ilan Pappé** will participate as a respondent.



## Six Palestinian boys killed so far in October alone



Message from [Defence for Children Palestine](#):

Israeli forces have escalated their violence toward Palestinians in the occupied West Bank in recent days: In the month of October alone, Israeli forces have killed six Palestinian boys with live ammunition. From Jerusalem to Hebron to Jenin, Israeli forces are targeting Palestinian children with excessive force and no one is being held accountable.

The boys—Fayez, Adel, Mahdi, Mahmoud, Osama, and Mahmoud—range in age from 12 to 17. The youngest, a seventh-grader named [Mahmoud Samoudi](#), died on October 10 after Israeli forces shot him in the stomach with live ammunition in late September, tearing through his colon, kidneys, and bladder.

By routinely resorting to intentional lethal force in situations not justified under international law, Israeli forces have created an environment where no Palestinian child is safe.

Share these boys' names and faces on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) now and tag your elected officials to call for accountability. World leaders cannot look away as Israeli forces continue to target and kill Palestinian children with impunity.

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## Donald Trump: “American Jews don’t appreciate me enough”

*“U.S. Jews have to get their act together and appreciate what they have in Israel — before it is too late!” he declared on his site Truth Social. “No President has done more for Israel than I have. Somewhat surprisingly, however, our wonderful Evangelicals are far more appreciative of this than the people of the Jewish faith, especially those living in the U.S.”*

A recent tweet from Donald Trump openly conflates Judaism and Zionism. Judaism is the Jewish faith while Zionism is the political ideology followed by the racist Israeli regime with its apartheid policies against Palestinians. Trump is being anti-semitic here but don’t hold your breath waiting for the pro-Israel lobby calling him out. They are too busy spreading their own false smears of anti-semitism against Palestinian solidarity activists.

## 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](mailto:bronwensummers@gmail.com)

Israel Exports to New Zealand	Value	Year	New Zealand Exports to Israel	Value	Year
Electrical, electronic equipment	\$14.19M	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	\$4.62M	2021	Electrical, electronic equipment	\$1.90M	2021
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar mate	\$2.89M	2021	Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers	\$1.65M	2021
Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isoto	\$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, aquatics invertebra	\$1.13M	2021
Knitted or crocheted fabric	\$1.87M	2021	Plastics	\$904.44K	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	\$297.84K	2021
Organic chemicals	\$454K	2021	Rubbers	\$286.92K	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, toileteries	\$349K	2021	Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder	\$113.11K	2021
Vegetable, fruit, nut food preparations	\$344K	2021	Dairy products, eggs, honey, edible products	\$93.62K	2021
Lac, gums, resins	\$307K	2021	Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers	\$92.31K	2021
Fertilizers	\$296K	2021	Essential oils, perfumes, cosmetics, toileteries	\$91.60K	2021
Sugars and sugar confectionery	\$247K	2021	Articles of iron or steel	\$65.37K	2021
Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing	\$216K	2021	Other made textile articles, sets, worn clothing	\$65.01K	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	\$133K	2021	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	\$31.07K	2021
Vehicles other than railway, tramway	\$121K	2021	Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruits	\$29.31K	2021
Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruits	\$101K	2021	Albuminoids, modified starches, glues, enzymes	\$27.46K	2021
Cereal, flour, starch, milk preparations and products	\$85K	2021	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	\$22.16K	2021
Articles of apparel, knit or crocheted	\$76K	2021	Railway, tramway locomotives, rolling stock, equ	\$21.91K	2021
Footwear, gaiters and the like,	\$69K	2021	Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage product	\$17.82K	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 knit or crocheted	\$47K	2021	Articles of apparel, knit or crocheted	\$13.33K	2021
Articles of leather, animal gut, harness, travel good	\$42K	2021	Articles of apparel, not knit or crocheted	\$12.65K	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	\$9.36K	2021
Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	\$20K	2021	Articles of leather, animal gut, harness, travel good	\$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	\$4.83K	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	\$934	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			

## Three events organised by the Australian Friends of Palestine Association

### 1. Edward Said Memorial Lecture



Cost AUS \$10. Book [here](#)

### 2. Palestine Solidarity Conference in Australia



**REGISTER TODAY**

Cost AUS \$50 to \$150. Register [here](#).

### 3. Study Tours to Palestine in July 2023

- Express interest [here](#).

## United Nations! Investigate and dismantle Israeli apartheid!



In previous newsletters 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.

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### Important stories from the Web

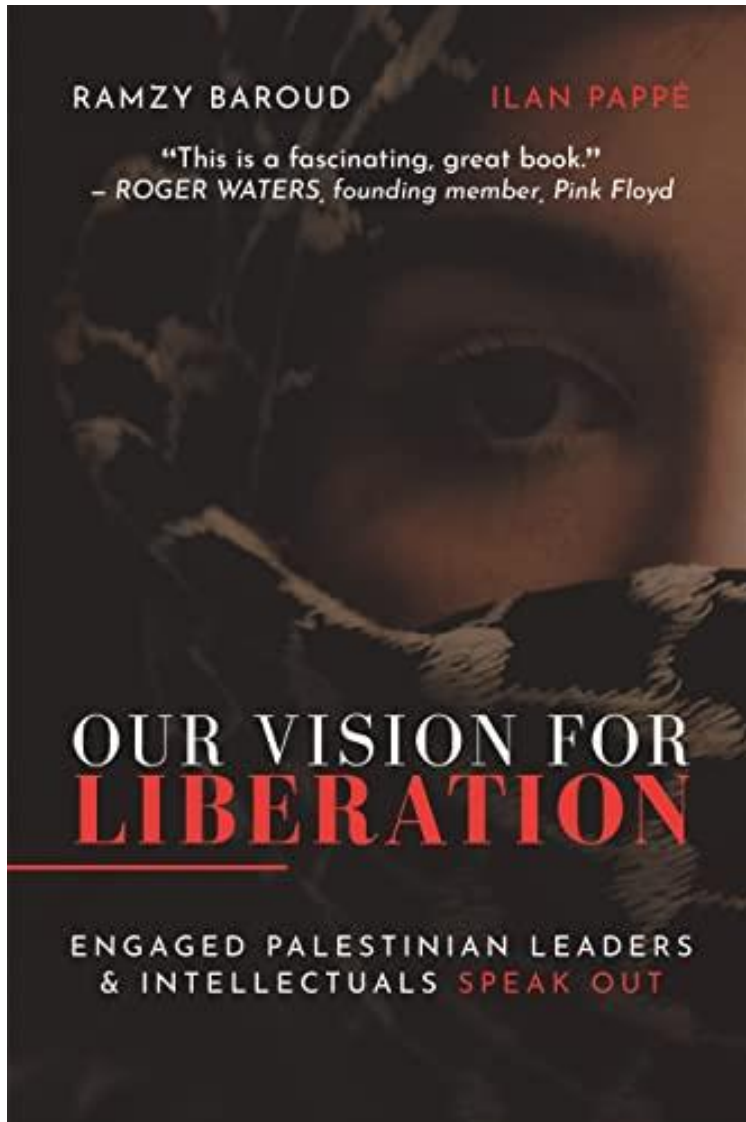
- What is happening in the occupied West Bank right now is a full breakdown [here](#)
- The question of violence [here](#)
- Restrictions on foreign travel into occupied West Bank take effect despite criticisms [here](#)
- Australia quietly drops recognition of West Jerusalem as capital of Israel [here](#)
- UK embassy in Israel: Full letter from Muslim leaders in Jerusalem to King Charles III [here](#)
- Why Israel fears Fathi Khazem – the latest symbol of Palestinian resistance [here](#)
- Meta: Let Palestine speak! [here](#)
- Jerusalem refugee camp under siege as Israel hunts shooter [here](#)
- British apology sought for atrocities and crimes against Palestine [here](#)
- Siemens and Chevron: Stop fueling apartheid and climate disaster [here](#)
- An Asia Pacific statement of faith communities on Israel as an apartheid state [here](#)
- 24 hours of hell as Israeli settler gangs terrorize Palestinian town under Israeli army protection [here](#)
- Netanyahu used golf metaphor to turn Trump against Palestinians, book says [here](#)
- Anti-Palestinianism makes the weaponization of anti-semitism possible [here](#)
- Palestinian factions sign reconciliation agreement in Algeria [here](#)
- The battle over the Middle East's ultimate prize – Jerusalem [here](#)
- Israeli occupation is illegal under international law: UN Commission [here](#)
- Surging racist Ben Gvir is potential kingmaker in Israeli election [here](#)
- Interview with Philip Weiss of Mondoweiss website [here](#)
- Historians reveal Israel's use of poison against Palestinians [here](#)
- Malaysia arrests Mossad spy network and frees a Palestinian [here](#)
- Defend Aotearoa New Zealand's fragile democracy by tackling disinformation says advocate [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](mailto: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 <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*)

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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>

# 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)

## 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="#">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](#)