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Our first direct appeal for donations - \$10,000 target

Here is our first ever direct appeal for donations.



We should start by saying a huge thank you to all our supporters who send regular monthly pledges or who contribute when they are able. It is your support which keeps PSNA moving forward with campaigning and pressure which is helping shift public opinion here in Aotearoa New Zealand further in favour of Palestinian human rights.

However, with the end of Covid restrictions we have several large expenses coming up – particularly with tours by Palestinian speakers later in the year – details of the first tour will be in the next newsletter.

We aim to raise \$10,000 from this appeal and we hope you will be able to help.

The easiest way to donate is to transfer your donation into our account and then email secretary@PSNA.nz for a receipt. (Please note, as PSNA is not a registered charity, donations are not tax deductible)

Our account name is: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK
Our account number is: 38-9015-0849542-00

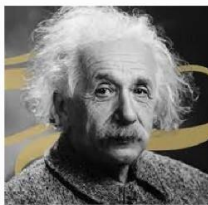
Thank you for considering this appeal. We look forward to hearing from you.

Display posters for Nakba Day

Two newsletters ago we included four posters which are part of a 10-poster exhibition which is being used at various venues around the country in the leadup to the 75th anniversary of NAKBA Day on 15 May (see notice later in this newsletter for more information)

Here are three more posters from the exhibition:

Jewish voices speaking out for Palestinians



Albert Einstein

"The (Israeli) state idea is not according to my heart. I cannot understand why it is needed. It is connected with many difficulties and a narrow-mindedness. I believe it is bad."



Noam Chomsky

"In the Occupied Territories, what Israel is doing is much worse than apartheid. To call it apartheid is a gift to Israel, at least if by "apartheid" you mean South African-style apartheid. What's happening in the Occupied Territories is much worse."



Gabriel Kolko

Leading historian on modern warfare

"The large majority of Israelis are not in the least Jewish in the cultural sense, are scarcely socialist in any sense, and daily life and the way people live is no different in Israel than it is in Chicago or Amsterdam. There is simply no rational reason that justifies the state's creation."



Uri Avnery

Ex-Israeli army officer

Avnery wrote that after an Israeli military victory, "What will be seared into the consciousness of the world will be the image of Israel as a blood-stained monster, ready at any moment to commit war crimes and not prepared to abide by any moral restraints."



Henry Siegman

Rabbi, director of U.S./Middle East Project

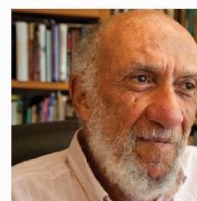
"Israel has crossed the threshold from 'the only democracy in the Middle East' to the only apartheid regime in the Western world."



Miriam Margolyes,

Actor

"The black South Africans asked for our support and now it's the Palestinians who are asking for our support. I hate what Israel is doing over there to the Palestinians. I think that boycotting is a very active and non-violent way of protesting."



Richard Falk

The former UN special rapporteur on human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Falk has called Israeli policies in the Occupied Territories "a crime against humanity." Falk also has compared Israel's treatment of the Palestinians to the Nazi treatment of the Jews. Falk has said, "I think the Palestinians stand out as the most victimized people in the world."



Jewish Voices for Peace

Jewish Voices for Peace is an organisation of American Jews united for a just solution for Palestinians and Israelis.

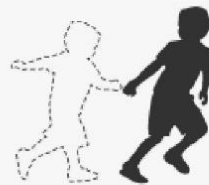
What does Israel do to **Palestinian children** resisting occupation?



24

Children in solitary in 2022

Last updated January 2023



16

Child live ammo fatalities in 2023

Last updated March 2023



168

Child "security" detainees

Last updated September 2020*



What does it mean to grow up under Israeli military occupation?

Learn the facts and stay informed.

(*) This figure reflects the latest data released by the Israel Prison Service.

Figures from: Defence for Children International – Palestine



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What can **we** do to help end **oppression** of **Palestinians?**

- Support Palestinian calls for BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions – against Israel to bring pressure for change – just as we did to fight apartheid in South Africa in the 1970s and 1980s The three aims of BDS are:
 1. End Israel's military occupation
 2. End Israel's apartheid policies towards Palestinians
 3. End Israel's refusal to accept the right of return of Palestinians refugees driven out when Israel was formed
- Demand our government do more to speak out for Palestinians
- Demand our government make Israel accountable for its war crimes against the Palestinian people

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for more information



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Two things you can do now with just a few clicks...

1. Consider making a donation to our \$10,000 appeal – see first item in this newsletter
2. Share one, or all, of the posters above on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, other social media accounts

75th anniversary of the Nakba
International Day of action – Saturday 13 May
Put it in your diary now!



Saturday 13 May is the international day of action marking the 75th anniversary of the Nakba (“catastrophe” in Arabic) which marks the **ethnic cleansing of more than 700,000 Palestinians** from their land and homes by Israeli militias in 1948. The Nakba continues today with ethnic cleansing, house demolitions and land theft across Palestine.

Marches and demonstrations will be held across the world and here in Aotearoa New Zealand, because we are close to the international dateline, we will be **the first country to be taking action.**

Mark this day in your calendar now – details of protest activity around the country will be in the next newsletters leading up to **Saturday 13 May.**

Auckland:

Saturday 6 May - Monthly Rally

- 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Britomart - Look for the flags
- Queens Street Auckland

Saturday 13 May - Nakba 2023 Rally

- 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Britomart
- Queens Street, Auckland

Hamilton

Saturday 13 May - Nakba 2023 event

- Event, Location and time to be confirmed

Napier/Hastings

Saturday 13 May - - Cavalcade of Cars around 4 centers

- Time and location TBD

Palmerston North

Saturday 13 May- Nakba 2023 Rally

- Event planning being considered

New Plymouth

Saturday 13 May - Nakba 3023 Rally

- Event planning being considered

Wellington - [Justice for Palestine](#)

Monday 15 May - Film screening

- Film TBC
- Time TBC
- Light House Cinema
- 29 Wigan Street, Te Aro, Wellington

Tuesday 16 May - Presentation of Petition to MP Golriz Ghahraman

- [petition calling on New Zealand Parliament to recognise Palestinian statehood](#) Please consider signing if you haven't already done so.
- 12:00 noon
- Steps of Parliament

Christchurch details:

Saturday 6 May - Banners and flags at key intersections around the city.

- 10:00 - 12:00 - Prepare messages over morning tea from 10am
- Start at 21 York Street, Waltham, Christchurch
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm . Intersection action
- Email bronwensummers@gmail.com if you can help

Saturday 13 May - Rally and March

- 12:00 noon,
- Bridge of Remembrance
- Cashel Street, Christchurch Central City

Dunedin

Saturday 13 May - Nakba event,

- Event, Location and Time to be confirmed

Go [here](#) to see the list of events, locations and time. Check back often as more centers confirm details of their events.

Map of the ongoing NAKBA



Adalah Justice Project



[Sierra Club sign letter here](#) (Palestinian Adalah petition)

Adalah also has a fundraising drive "to support more Palestinian-led organizing" [here](#)

New Freedom Flotilla boat to Gaza



The New Freedom Flotilla boat, Handala.



Torstein Dahle from Ship to Gaza Norway addresses the dockside supporters during the naming and launching ceremony in Bryggen Harbour, Bergen, Norway on Tuesday.

The full story is on the Kia Ora Gaza website [here](#)

Opinions in the US are all going the wrong way for Israel...

“Say what you will about Benjamin Netanyahu, but there’s no doubt he’s bolstering the anti-Zionist cause. Every week there’s a new group of pro-Israel voices prattling on about the country’s democracy crisis and publicly agonizing over the possibility that Bibi could be doing irreparable damage to its brand.

Let’s start with Democrats. Poll after poll shows that Israel’s reputation is declining among Democratic voters, despite the fact that most Democratic lawmakers are still staunch supporters of the country. Gallup’s [annual poll](#) on U.S. attitudes toward the Middle East found that 56% of Democrats view Israel favorably, down from 63% in 2022. 49% of Democrats said their sympathies lie with Palestinians, while 38% said they sympathize with Israelis. It’s the first time in the history of that poll that Palestinians ended up with more sympathy.

How much is Netanyahu contributing to this shift? It’s obviously difficult to quantify, but a [new study](#) from the Pew Research Center provides some insight. This poll tracks U.S. attitudes toward world leaders. Just 17% of Democrats have confidence in the Prime Minister, compared to 49% of Republicans. Just one out of every ten liberal Democrats have confidence in him. Pew notes that they didn’t poll enough Jewish Americans to report those results separately.

Netanyahu’s reputation might be secure with most members of the GOP, but when expanded across party lines, the numbers are fairly striking. 42% of Americans do not have confidence that Netanyahu will “do the right thing” in world affairs. Just 32% do. The remaining 26% say they have never heard of them. Mainstream media in the U.S. has been covering the country more as a result of the recent protests. If more people learn who he is in the coming months, where do you think they will land?”

“The Palestine Laboratory” – important new book by Antony Loewenstein



This important new book by Australian writer Antony Loewenstein is coming out next month and we hope to have Antony over here promoting his book in the next couple of months. In the meantime here are three internationally-renowned endorsements for the book.

'This is a must-read on a hidden and shocking aspect of the Israeli colonisation of the Palestinians. This book shows clearly that this kind of export is now Israel's most significant contribution to the global violation of human rights.'

Ilan Pappé, author of *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* and *Ten Myths About Israel*

'A triumph of investigative journalism. It exposes the ruthlessness with which Israel exploits the experience gained from the illegal occupation to export all kinds of military hardware as well as the technology of surveillance, espionage, cyber warfare, phone-hacking, and house demolition. It also shines a torch on the dark side of Israel's support for despots around the world. Altogether, a profoundly depressing audit on a country that used to boast of being "a light unto the nations".'

Avi Shlaim, Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and author of *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab world*

'A sad and sordid record of how "the light unto the nations" became the purveyor of the means of violence and brutal repression from Guatemala to Myanmar and wherever else the opportunity arose.'

Noam Chomsky

More details of the book can be read [here](#) and all reviews so far can be found [here](#).

Former Israeli Prime Minister Warns "Messianic Dictatorship" Could Use Nukes in War on Islam

This is a tweet later deleted by former Israeli prime minister, Ehud Barak, who implicitly acknowledges what everyone knows: Israel has nukes. Though he deleted the tweet after either the military censor or someone else directed him to do so, it raises alarm bells.



[He tweeted:](#)

"Though it might sound like fiction to us, in discussions Israelis have held with western sources, the latter fear that if regime change succeeds, Israel will become a messianic dictatorship in the heart of the Middle East, which will have nukes, and whose fanatics seek confrontation with Islam around the Temple Mount. Such western sources are frightened..."

Ken Roth on the antisemitism ploy



Kenneth Roth is an American attorney, human rights activist, and writer. He was the executive director of **Human Rights Watch** from 1993 to 2022.

Roth tweeted:

"Those who follow me on Twitter will see that despite my extensive criticism, I am not called anti-Chinese, anti-Russian, anti-Syrian or anti-Saudi. Only when I criticize Israel am I called antisemitic. That cheap ploy is due to a controversial definition."

The controversial definition is the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of anti-semitism which makes the absurd, racist claim that criticism of Israel is anti-semitic.

What is Zionism? – Jewish Voices for Peace



Jewish Voice for Peace ([JVP](#)) is a proudly anti-Zionist organisation. But many misconceptions exist about Zionism. Here's why we're opposed to it:

Zionism as a movement emerged as a 19th century colonial political ideology that claimed Jewish safety required a Jewish-only nation-state — and that that state should be built in historic Palestine, on land Palestinians had lived on for thousands of years.

The Zionist movement advanced their ideology as a response to centuries of antisemitic persecution against Jews across Europe. Yet the persecution of Palestinians was baked into Zionism from its very beginnings. **Using the strategy of "maximum land, minimum Palestinians," the**

Zionist movement embraced settler-colonialism as a key tactic to force Palestinians off their land.

In 1948 Zionist militias (in what later became the Israeli military) expelled over 780,000 Palestinians from their land and villages to create the modern nation-state of Israel, in what Palestinians call the Nakba, or catastrophe. Beginning with the Absentee Property Law of 1950, the Israeli government has used legislation to formalise and infinitely extend Palestinians' refugee status, confiscating property and offering little hope of return.

Zionism is predicated on the idea that Jews should have more rights than others in a Jewish ethno-state. Contemporary legislation like 2018's Jewish Nation-State Basic Law, which constitutionally enshrines Jewish supremacy, is simply putting the official stamp of approval on Zionism's implicit founding principles.

When we take the principled position as anti-Zionists, we are acting in solidarity with other anti-colonial and anti-imperialist movements. We are acknowledging the Jewish people's long history of oppression, and rejecting Zionism as the answer. We are insisting that our safety is — and always has been — in solidarity and a shared future.

Share our "What is Zionism?" post now! [Facebook](#)

Is your property an "apartheid free zone"?



These are popping up on letterboxes and fences all over the country – to get your "Apartheid free zone" coreflute to stick on your letterbox or your front fence just deposit \$5 in

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and send an email to secretary@PSNA.nz with your address and we'll send you one - or as many as you'd like for your neighbours and friends....

Don't forget to be on the lookout for this man...



The Israeli ambassador Ran Yaakoby is active around the country promoting positive messages about Israel's apartheid system against Palestinians.

We are keen to be there whenever he speaks to protest and call out Israel's racist apartheid policies.

If you find out about any speaking engagements Ran Yaakoby has please let us know by texting 027 4 APARTHEID (0274272784) or email apartheid-israel@psna.nz

Petition to Close the Israeli Embassy

If you haven't signed our petition to close the Israeli embassy yet...

Scan and Sign here



Or Click and Sign here

<https://www.psna.nz/petition>

Important stories from the Web

General

- Roger waters seeks injunction to overturn censorship by Frankfurt [here](#)
- Why the world should take notice as Saudi Arabia joins Chinese alliance [here](#)
- What's behind rising anti-semitism around the world [here](#) (Al Jazeera podcast)
- China ready to broker Israel/Palestine peace talks says foreign minister [here](#)

Palestine

- Abbas arrives in Saudi Arabia coinciding with Hamas visit [here](#)
- Dismantling Abbas rule over the Palestinian judiciary [here](#)
- Amira Hass is still angry [here](#)
- My family survived the Deir Yassin massacre – 75 years later we still demand justice [here](#)
- Palestinian man serves free soup in Ramadan [here](#)

Christians under attack in Jerusalem

- Under Netanyahu violence against Christians is being normalised [here](#)
- Holy-land Christians say attacks rising in far-right Israel [here](#)

United Nations

- UNRWA staff Gaza strike demands remain unmet [here](#)
- UN experts urge international community end forced displacements and annexation of occupied territories [here](#)

Israeli politics

- Meet the proud racist May Golan set to become Israel's consul general in New York [here](#)
- Protests in Israel – clash of competing settler colonial visions [here](#)
- "Israel was our original home and Palestinians happened to live there" [here](#)
- Former Israeli Prime Minister warns messianic dictatorship could use nukes in war on Islam [here](#)
- Ben-Gvir's 'private militia' moves forward, and Palestinians are in the line of fire [here](#)
- Nihilism in Israel – what possible response [here](#)

Israeli brutality

- Israeli attacks on Easter worshippers reflect efforts to expand control over Jerusalem [here](#)
- Israeli settlers attack Palestinians [here](#)
- Labs of oppression [here](#)
- Israeli protests: the clash of competing settler-colonial visions [here](#)

Media

- Get the BBC off RNZ and TVNZ [here](#)

United States

- Columbia University to open learning centre in Israel amid faculty backlash [here](#)
- Bowman, Sanders and 12 reps demand Biden shift policy over Israel's systemic violence against Palestinians [here](#)
- US Military funding to Israel – interactive map [here](#)

Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2023

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
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)

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Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	PSN Bay of Islands	email
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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
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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](#)