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Nasser Mashni tour of Aotearoa New Zealand



We are looking forward to Nasser's tour taking place next week!

Nasser is the current President of the Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, having served for the past 6 years as a committee member, Treasurer and Vice President.

Nasser is the son of a Palestinian refugee, resettled in Australia. He is a co-founder of Australians For Palestine and a founding board member of Olive Kids – The Australian Foundation for Palestinian Children.

Nasser has been a guest on various government and commercial TV and radio networks and written for a number of news outlets. He produces a weekly radio show and podcast called *Palestine Remembered* that is broadcast on Australia's Community Network stations.

With his father's legacy in mind, Nasser is determined to continue the struggle for justice and a free Palestine.

Public Meetings for Nasser Mashni tour:

Monday May 29 Dunedin:

6.30pm, Dunedin Community House, Alex McMillan Room, 301 Moray Place, Dunedin. Facebook Event here <https://www.facebook.com/events/905322327207242/>

Tuesday May 30 Christchurch: (two meetings)

University of Canterbury

12.00noon, 90 Ilam Road

Bentley's - Haere-roa, 2nd floor

Hosted by Muslim student group

Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/702373791653303>

Central City Christchurch

7pm, Transitional Cathedral

234 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1678080992646518>

Wednesday May 31 Wellington: (two meetings)

Victoria University

12.15pm, Student Union Building (SU217)

Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1207559446619408>

Central City Wellington

7pm St Andrews on the Terrace

30 The Terrace, Wellington

Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/212524114886936>

Thursday June 1 Hamilton

5.30pm, Go Eco, 188 Commerce Street, Hamilton

Event here: <https://fb.me/e/Z8JCi17j>

Friday June 2 Auckland

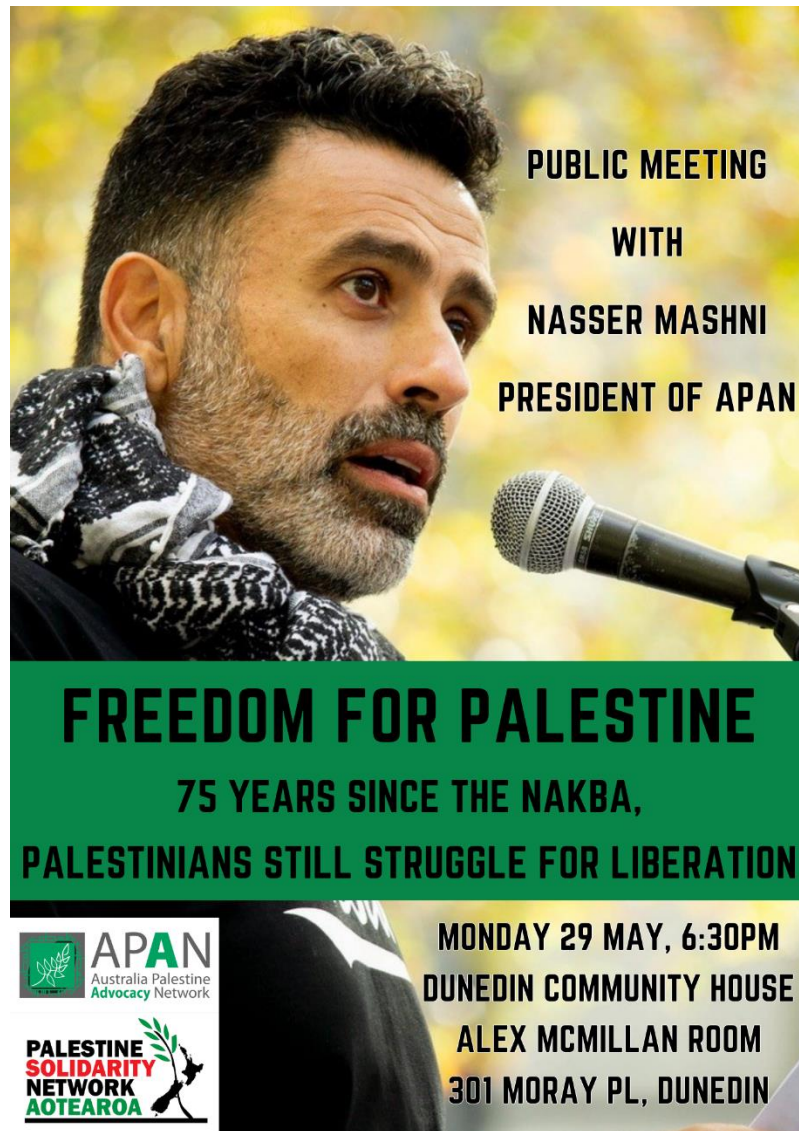
6.30pm, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

Councillors Drive, Mt Albert, Auckland

Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1136680291057690/>

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

1. Help to publicise the public meeting for Nasser in your center (or the closest one to where you live!) Go to the link above for the meeting and share it on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media accounts.
2. Email 10 friends/family and send them the link to the local meeting and encourage them to come!



Poster for Nasser's first meeting in Dunedin

Nakba pictures from around the country

Nakba Day events took place around the country on Saturday 13th May and Monday 15th May. Here are a few pictures which caught our eye.

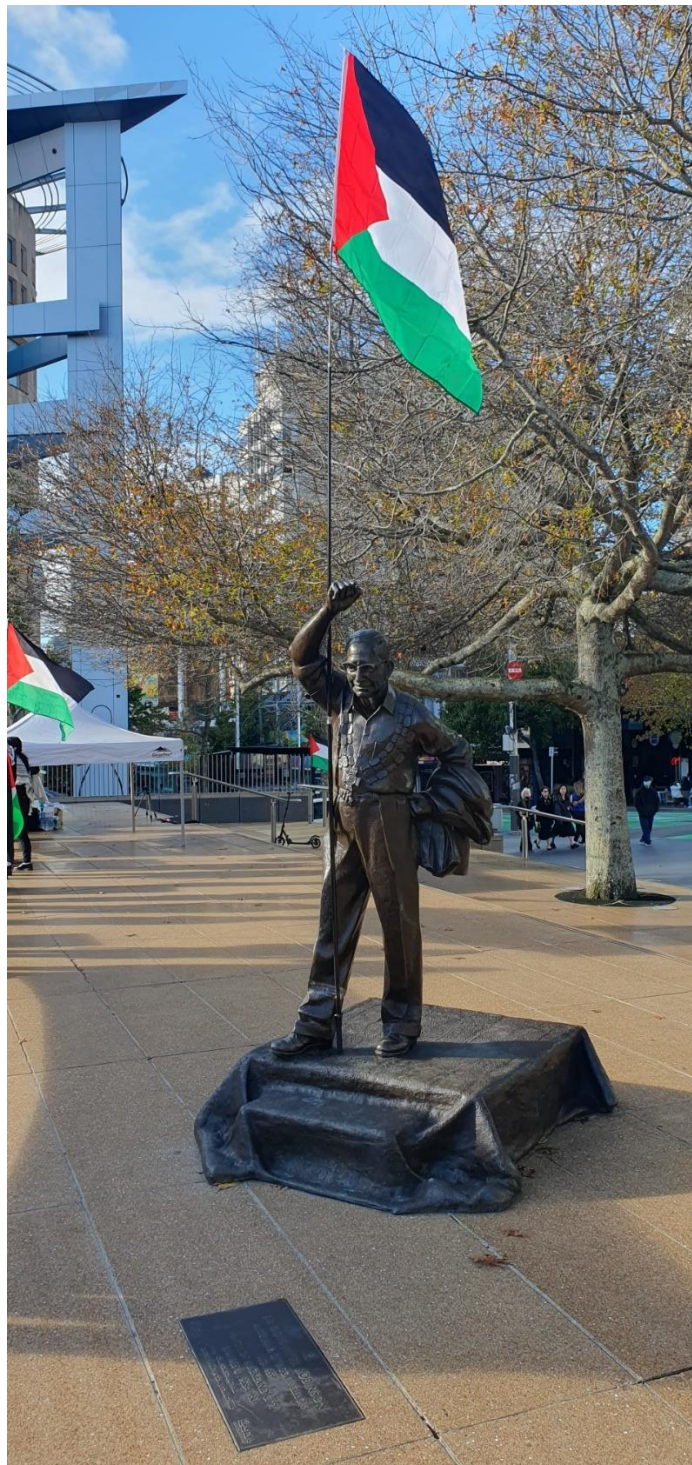


Auckland



Palestinian-Kiwi children at the Nakba Day rally in Auckland's Aotea Square on Saturday... celebrating 75 years of resilience and steadfastness. Image: David Robie/Asia Pacific Report

Auckland



Auckland – former Auckland mayor Dove Myer Robinson raises the flag!



Hawkes Bay cavalcade gets ready to go



Hawkes Bay



And in the most unlikely places... (Hawkes Bay again)



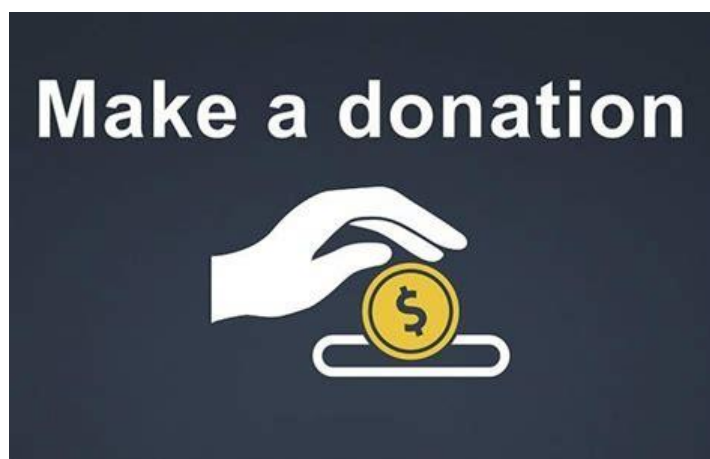
Hawkes Bay Thank you!



Wellington – the full story with video is [here](#).

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

Thanks so much to everyone who made a donation towards this appeal in the last newsletter – it was very gratifying to receive the donations which often had words of thanks and encouragement. Thank You. We have over \$4000 now towards this target – if you haven't made a donation yet please do so if you can – details below.



The easiest way to donate is to transfer your donation into our account and then email secretary@PSNA.nz for a receipt.

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.

A thank you from Palestine

Thank- you letter

On behalf of Palestinian people, we would like to express our deepest thanks for your relentless efforts to support the Palestinian people, and for holding activities to raise awareness about what is happening in occupied Palestine, especially the Israeli violations of Palestinians human rights and international law.

This shows your humanity. And we want to assure you that your solidarity means a lot to us. A new challenge facing Palestinians is the Israeli Flag March on Thursday, so your continued efforts are enormously appreciated.



This is PUMA – new website reveals the true face of PUMA (send them a message - see below)



PUMA's AGM is May 24th - SEND THEM A MESSAGE

BDS Australia joins the international #BoycottPuma campaign now in the week before Puma's 2023 AGM to increase our pressure on Puma to end its complicity with Israeli apartheid and end all sponsorship of Israeli football teams on occupied Palestinian lands. [Click here](#)

Palestinian Christians: Online launch of document on ongoing forcible displacement and dispossession of Palestinian Christians (Thursday 25th May, 9am New Zealand time)

PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS

Ongoing forcible displacement and dispossession

BADIL Resource Center and Kairos Palestine invite you to the launch of the joint document on the situation of Palestinian Christians, their ongoing displacement, dispossession and denial of self-determination.



Saif Kassis
Legal Advocacy - BADIL



Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac
Theologian and Pastor - Kairos

With guest speakers:



Prof. Nur Masalha
Writer, Historian and Academic



Francesca Albanese
UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the oPt



18:00 CET



24 May 2023



9am 25 May New Zealand time - to join the event, please register [here](#).

The minister tweets again...



Nanaia Mahuta  @NanaiaMahuta · 21h

Aotearoa NZ is dismayed at violence in Israel and Gaza, and is gravely concerned by the loss of civilian life in Gaza, including children, following Israeli air strikes. We call for de-escalation and upholding of international humanitarian law. See more:



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mfat.govt.nz
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Aotearoa New Zealand is dismayed at the ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza. We call for de-...

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Deputy leader of the Australian Greens – Senator Meheen Faruqi delivers great speech in Australian parliament



The link to Mehreen Faruqi's speech is [here](#)

Watch out for this man promoting racism and apartheid

Here he is – the Israeli ambassador – watch out for him around Aotearoa New Zealand – if you hear of any planned appearances or speaking engagements please contact us urgently: Email apartheid-Israel@PSNA.nz or text 027 4 APARTHEID or 027427278.



Israeli ambassador Ran Yaakoby

“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](#).

And here is the link to an excellent article in the Sydney Morning Herald earlier this month by Antony Loewenstein – <https://www.smh.com.au/national/the-may-13-edition-20230405-p5cygt.html>

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” corflute to stick on your letterbox or your front fence just deposit \$5 in

Account Name: Palestine Solidarity Network
Account Number: 38 9015 0849542 00

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....

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:

- In State Repression and Its Justification, India and Israel Have Much in Common [here](#)
- Petition calling for New Zealand to recognize Palestine as a state delivered to parliament [here](#)

Nakba:

- The Nakba at 75: Palestinians struggle to get recognition for their catastrophe [here](#)
- The people of “the camp” [here](#)
- 75 years of Palestinian statelessness but also persistence [here](#)
- Palestine History doesn't start with the Nakba [here](#)
- Nakba denial is at the heart of pro-Israel lobbying [here](#)
- The Palestinian catastrophe Al Nakba and Australia's responsibility [here](#)
- The Nakba began 75 years ago and is ongoing: It's time to end it [here](#)
- The Nakba was not an event [here](#)
- End the 'Memoricide': Planting for Nakba Day [here](#)
- The violence in colonisation of Palestine and Aotearoa [here](#)
- Nakba at 75: Israel's state-building project is unravelling – from within [here](#)

US:

- Kevin McCarthy blocks Nakba event from happening in capitol – says he will honour Israel instead [here](#)
- Jewish leaders object to Michigan School talks by Palestinian activist [here](#)
- Israel and US officials push to have Nakba events stopped [here](#)
- Historic bill would stop New York from subsidizing illegal Israeli settlements [here](#)

Israel:

- Liberal Israeli icon calls to raze Gaza neighbourhoods [here](#)
- Israel treats Palestinian territories like colonies says UN rapporteur [here](#)
- On anniversary of Shireen Abu Akleh's death new report details Israel's history of killing reporters with impunity [here](#)
- US release security coordinator report on Shireen Abu Akleh murder and acknowledge FBI investigation [here](#)
- Far-right minister Itamar Ben Gvir says Israel in charge on visit to Jerusalem holy site [here](#)
- Israel's real crisis of democracy is that it's not a democracy [here](#)
- Jerusalem: Palestinians assaulted as Israeli ministers join divisive 'flag march' [here](#)
- Israeli Video Calls for Jewish Racial-Blood Purity, Expelling Palestinians “by Force” [here](#)
- The annual flag march is a sign of Israeli weakness and colonial insecurity [here](#)
- US press distorts or ignores violent Jewish supremacist flag march in Jerusalem [here](#)

Palestine:

- Mistahi: Great song celebrating the Palestinian resistance [here](#)
- Gaza: Israel's killing of Palestinian children leaves classmates in shock [here](#)
- To assassinate resistance leaders Israel kills entire families in Gaza [here](#)
- Names and faces of 13 Palestinians killed in Gaza [here](#)
- Palestinian flag march tells occupation Gaza will not be defeated [here](#)
- West Bank shocking restrictions imposed on foreign entry [here](#)
- A just and democratic society that benefits all: that's what Palestinians are fighting for [here](#)
- Shireen Abu Akleh's killing made clear that Israel's war on Palestinian journalists is part of its war on Palestine [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.pсна.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
Hawkes Bay	PSNA-Hawkes Bay – Page PSNA-Hawkes Bay - Group	Facebook 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](#)