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Details are finalised for the public meetings for Antony Loewenstein's tour to Aotearoa New Zealand this month.

PSNA is delighted to be hosting Antony with the PACC (Palestinians in Aotearoa Co-ordinating Committee) He has done a number of high-profile media interviews already which will appear before he arrives here and this will help ensure his message gets to a wider audience.



His latest book is "The Palestine Laboratory: How Israel Exports The Technology Of Occupation Around The World", released in 2023. Published by Verso in the US + UK and Scribe in Australia + New Zealand, the book is a global investigation into Israel's endless occupation which gives the Jewish state invaluable experience in controlling an 'enemy' population, the Palestinians. It's here that they have perfected the architecture of control, using the occupied Palestinian territories as a testing ground for weaponry and surveillance technology that they then export around the world. The book is endorsed by Noam Chomsky, Ilan Pappe, Avi Shlaim, Gideon Levy, Eyal Weizman and others.

His other books include <u>My Israel Question</u>, <u>The Blogging Revolution</u>, <u>Disaster Capitalism: Making A</u> <u>Killing Out Of Catastrophe</u> and <u>Pills</u>, <u>Powder and Smoke: Inside the Bloody War on Drugs</u>.

His films include <u>Disaster Capitalism</u> and the Al Jazeera English films <u>West Africa's Opioid Crisis</u> and <u>Under the Cover of Covid</u>.

A recent opinion piece written by Antony was published in the Sydney Morning Herald here <u>https://www.smh.com.au/national/the-may-13-edition-20230405-p5cygt.html</u>

(More background on Antony's book later in this newsletter)

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

You can help promote Antony's meeting by posting a link to the FB events listed below onto your own FB and other social media accounts. Circulate to family and friends and encourage them to come along to your closest meeting to hear Antony and buy a copy of his new book – signed in person of course!

If you are not quite sure how to do this. Just right click on the poster and select "copy". Then right click on your social media page and click "paste".

The event pages for Antony's tour are here:

Monday 17th July in Christchurch

- Public meeting 7pm
- Knox Centre, Cnr Bealey Avenue & Victoria street, Christchurch (books for sale)
- https://www.facebook.com/events/813719740268177/

Tuesday 18th July in Wellington

- Public meeting 7pm
- St Andrews on the Terrace, 30 The Terrace (books for sale)
- https://www.facebook.com/events/644521054258279/

Wednesday 19th July in Hawkes Bay

- Public meeting 8pm
- Greenmeadows Community Hall, 83 Tait Drive, Napier (books for sale)
- https://www.facebook.com/events/6474977775923813/

Thursday 20th July in Auckland

- Public Meeting 7pm
- The Fickling Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road (books for sale)
- https://www.facebook.com/events/285795137317711/

Women's Football World Cup has two PUMA-sponsored teams

The Women's Football World Cup – from July 20 to August 20 – is being hosted by Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Unfortunately, two of the women's teams competing – Switzerland and Morocco – are sponsored by PUMA and because it is being held in Australian and New Zealand, these two host teams are also enjoying huge sponsorship from PUMA.



PACBI (Palestine Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel) spells out the issues here:

PUMA continues to lie, saying it has nothing to do with Israeli apartheid.

But PUMA continues to partner with the Israel Football Association, which governs and advocates for maintaining teams in illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land. Israeli settlements are illegal land grabs forcing Palestinians from their homes.

BDS campaigns have forced major corporations, like G4S, that are complicit in Israeli apartheid and a litany of human rights abuses around the world to end ties with Israeli apartheid.

What's stopping self-proclaimed "progressive" PUMA from following suit?

The boycott campaign is growing. Last month there were protests inside, outside and online during PUMA's shareholders meeting. PUMA's CEO was so rattled he said "BDS" by mistake as he was talking about the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) in front of 200 shareholders at PUMA's 75th anniversary AGM!

But we need to grow the campaign more.

Just as Banksy has done, let's use the power of cats on social media for Palestinian rights!

More information about the PUMA campaign here



We are writing to all four teams, Switzerland, Morocco, Australia and New Zealand asking them to reject sponsorship from these collaborators in Palestinian oppression – PUMA.

Palestine Film Festival on Waiheke Island



All movies are held at:

- Waiheke Island Community Cinema
- 127-129 Ocean View Road,
- Oneroa, Auckland 1081
- Tickets are \$10.00 at the door

Please check the <u>PSNA Facebook events page</u> for full information.

Saturday July 29 - 7:30 pm

From Balfour to Banksy, 72 mins dir. Martin Buckley, 2020 Facebook Event with details

<u>Sunday July 30 - 5:00 pm</u>

Gaza Fights for Freedom, 84 mins dir. Abby Martin, 2019 Facebook Event with details

Monday July 31 - 7:30 pm

Farha, 92 mins dir. Darrin J. Sallam, 2021 Facebook Event with details

Tuesday August 1 - 5:00pm Tantura, 94 mins dir. Alon Schwarz, 2022

Facebook Event with details

Wednesday August 2 - 7.30 pm

Walled Off - The Other Side of Oslo dir. Vin Arfuso, 2023, prods Anwar Hadid, Kweku Mandela, Roger Waters, 90 mins <u>Facebook Event with details</u>

Thursday August 3 - 7:30 pm Mayor, 83 mins Dir. David Osit, 2020 and Seven Jewish Children: a play for Gaza, 20 mins by Caryl Churchill, Waiheke production Facebook Event with details

If you would like to be involved in helping with these events, Please contact Liz on 021 1752218

Wellington City Council votes for sister city relationship with Ramallah in Palestine



PSNA has sent our congratulations to Justice for Palestine in Wellington who successfully lobbied for Wellington City Council to adopt a sister-city relationship with Ramallah in the occupied West Bank of Palestine. More details here:

https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/wellington/132436582/wellington-city-council-votes-for-a-sistercity-in-palestine

Palestine MPs file formal complaint to ICC to end unlawful blockade of Gaza



Press Release 26 June 2023 - Gaza

Palestine MPs File Formal Complaint to ICC to End Unlawful Israeli Blockade Upon Gaza

Members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (MPs) in Gaza have assigned French Advocate, Maitre Gilles Devers, to file and pursue a legal case at the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the unlawful blockade imposed on Gaza for over than 17 years by the Israeli Occupation.

In this regard, Palestinian parliamentarians emphasize the following:

- This step aims to file a complaint to the ICC in The Hague to put an end to the prolonged blockade upon 2.2 million people suffering extreme living conditions and to hold Israel legally accountable for such illegal and unjustified measures that collectively punish people of Gaza.
- The blockade on Gaza should be fully lifted in line with Security Council Resolution 1860 and provided appropriate compensation to the Palestinian victims, estimated by specialists at least 25 billion dollars, based on the United Nations trade and Development Report, which indicated that the direct economic losses as a result of the blockade amounted to 16.7 billion dollars from 2007 to 2008.
- For years, Israeli occupation continues to implement apartheid unlawful policies and crimes against Palestinians with impunity, according to rights organizations including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. These policies left most people unable to have access to food, water, essential services such as healthcare and education for more than decade.
- The Israeli aggressions against Gaza Strip resulted in the killing of thousands of innocent civilians, the destruction of tens of thousands of houses, residential towers, public facilities, infrastructure, factories, commercial establishments, and agricultural lands.
- Demanding the International Criminal Court to take practical steps to condemn Israeli leaders for the blockade crime upon Gaza that constitutes war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- Calling for neutralized policy in dealing with our just cause and call for the enforcement
 of principles, law and regulations of the Court.
- The International Criminal Court bears the responsibility of ensuring justice for the Palestinian people which can be achieved by condemning the Israeli Occupation leaders for their war crimes and immediate lift of the blockade on Gaza which is against the fundamental principles of the Rome Statute and all international and humanitarian agreements and laws.
- The Palestinian Legislative Council is ready to fully cooperate with any committee established by the ICC in order to ensure justice and to end the blockade on Gaza.

PSNA responds to Pastor Nigel Woodley

PSNA Chair John Minto responded to another full-page advertisement in Wellington's The Post newspaper last week from Pastor Nigel Woodley of Hastings. Woodley looked like he had swallowed whole an Israeli propaganda manual.

We welcome letters to the editor, which should be sent to letters@thepost.co.nz or PO Box 1297, Wel-lington 6040. They should include the writer's full name, home address and contact phone number; should not exceed 200 words, and be enumber; letters that are discriminations, we will reject or edit letters that are discrimination or country of origin, gender; sexuality;religion or disability. Letters may be edited for clarity.

The Post is subject to the NZ Media Council. Complaints must be directed to editor@thepost. co.nz. If the complainant is unsatisfied with the sponse, the complaint may be referred to the Media Council, PO Box 10879, Wellington, 6143 or info@mediacouncil.org.nz. Further details at presscouncil.org.nz

to my local Post Shop in Paraparaumu. It was addressed correctly as per usual. The recipient in Waikanae received it exactly two weeks to the day later. I could have walked there faster.

Then, Courier Post dropped a parcel in my letterbox that wasn't for me. Fair enough, it had my postcode, but the town name was different. I took it to my local postal agency, and the person behind the counter checked online. Sure enough, there was the same street address in a different town

We decided (I thought) to change the postcode and send it on its way, only for it to turn up in my letterbox three days It to turn up in my retterious unree days later. (Admittedly, that's better than two weeks, but still ...). Fortunately, the return address was on the back so I drove up to Otaihanga and handed it over. Took all of Up minutes 10 minutes. Sue Mercer, Paraparaumu

Israel's future

Re Pastor Woodley's full-page advertisement attacking Palestinians as "not ready for statehood" (June 24), of course Palestinians will not recognise Israel as a Jewish state because it isn't. Israel is a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multicultural state. Twenty per cent of Israeli citizens are Palestinian Muslims Christians and atheists but are subject to a whole raft of laws which discriminate against them because they are not Jews

These policies have been called out by Palestinians and all credible international human rights organisations, like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, for several years. Meanwhile in the occupied West Bank

of Palestine Israel is continuing to build hundreds of Jewish-only settlements criss crossed with roads which Palestinians are specifically banned from using.

A land area resembling Swiss cheese can never be a viable, independent Palestinian state. The United Nations Security Council, in a motion (UNSC 2334) sponsored by New Zealand under the John Key National government, says this settlement building constitutes a "flagrant violation" of international law and has "no legal validity" Despite this, Israel continues to take

more Palestinian land to build on because countries like New Zealand fail to put accountabilities in place as we have for other countries, such as Russia for its ille-

gal invasion and occupation of Ukraine. Israel's illegal settlement building means a "two-state" solution is now impossible. so a single democratic state, where all people have equal rights irrespective of ethnicity or religion, under a democratic constitution is the best way forward, as it as for South Africa John Minto, national chair, Palestine Solidarity Network Actearoa [abridged]

It is people

The tertiary "business model" reinforces the sanctity of the market which has led to, among other things, significant marketing spend for "bums on seats" and branding. If we are willing to spend \$8 billion to

\$28b on Lake Onslow pump storage as a tangible investment, how can we all change the narrative to see education as

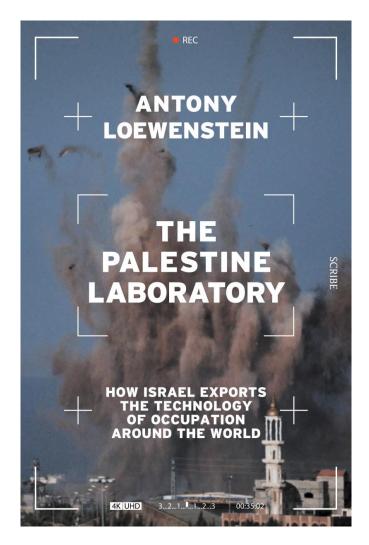
UN Updates database on companies helping build and maintain illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land

Meanwhile the UN has just updated its database of companies complicit in illegal Israeli settlements. The updated database itself is here in a pdf.

Minister of Foreign Affairs tweets



Background on Antony Loewenstein's new book



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 Pappe, 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 <u>here</u> and all reviews so far can be found <u>here</u>.

Give a Little page to fundraise for PSNA

To broaden our fundraising base we have set up a "Give a Little" page with a target of \$5,000 for a month. Please make a donation yourself or pass on the QR code below to family and friends who may be able to help.



Or

Transfer your donation directly into our account and then email secretary@PSNA.nz for a receipt.

Our account name is: Our account number is:

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK 38-9015-0849542-00

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 <u>apartheid-Israel@PSNA.nz</u> or text 027 4 APARTHEID or 027427278.



Israeli ambassador Ran Yaakoby

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

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

and send an email to <u>secretary@PSNA.nz</u> 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

- Australia, Canada, UK deeply concerned over Israeli settlements here
- The challenge to Israel and its lobby <u>here</u>
- PSNA Chair John Minto interview on Auckland student radio bFM here
- Clashes are the wrong word for Israel-Palestine violence <u>here</u> (Video)
- Financial Times called on countries to threaten boycotts of products produced in illegal Israeli settlements <u>here</u>
- Podcast: M. Muhannad Ayyash joins host Yara Hawari to discuss liberal Zionism and the dominant role it plays in Zionist ideology <u>here</u>
- Ban ki Moon and Mary Robinson find evidence of apartheid in Israel-Palestine here
- Anticipating Israel's counter attack make the one democratic state solution mainstream again <u>here</u>
- UK bill would outlaw schools and other public bodies from boycotting Israel <u>here</u>
- Why are they trying to cancel Roger Waters <u>here</u> (Video)
- Return to peaceful and armed struggle <u>here</u>
- Victorian Labor gives Anthony Albanese deadline to recognise Palestine here
- Australian Labour Party factions pull punches on AUKUS but back Palestine here
- Fresh pressure on Albanese govt to recognise Palestine here
- Albanese government must recognise Palestine this term: Victorian Labor Conference here
- Australian Greens say Israel perpetrates the crime of apartheid here
- Australian Greens Palestine resolution <u>here</u>

Israel

- Israel murders five Palestinians in disastrous Jenin raid four Israeli soldiers killed in retaliation <u>here</u>
- Israel Druze confrontation with the state is deeper than anger at wind farm here
- The shocking truth behind the Baghdad bombings of 1950 and 1951 here
- Israel's Christians horrified by hate crimes in Jerusalem here
- Israel approves plans for thousands of illegal settlement homes <u>here</u>
- Israel kills three Palestinians in West Bank drone strike here
- Young Jews talk of change of heart <u>here</u>

Israeli brutality

- Nowhere in Palestine is free: West Bank villagers defenceless against rising settler violence here
- Jewish Power lawmaker threatens to blow up summer camp for Palestinian and Israeli children <u>here</u>
- Will we see a major Israeli assault in the occupied West Bank here
- Israel's control challenged by Hezbollah in north, restive West Bank here
- Deaths and injuries as Israeli occupation forces raid Jenin <u>here</u>

Palestine

- Two key developments in the Palestinian Authority here
- UNRWA Commissioner-General Calls for Sustainability of the Agency's Services to Millions of Palestine Refugees at Advisory Commission Meeting in Beirut <u>here</u>
- Return to peaceful and armed struggle <u>here</u>
- Al Shabaka's later annual report is <u>here</u>
- Israel increasingly fears West Bank chaos and the rise of Hamas here

UN

- Israel tells the UN we will not stop building in the West Bank here
- UN chief encourages Israel to kill more Palestinian children here
- UN slams Israel's use of advanced military weaponry in Jenin here

US

• ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt says its anti-semitic when people tweet "Free Palestine" at him <u>here</u>

Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2023

28 Mar – 4 Apr 30 Mar	Israel Apartheid Week 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: <u>Palestine Human Rights Campaign</u>

(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 <u>Secretary@PSNA.nz</u> 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: <u>www.PSNA.nz</u>
 - PSNA Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/</u>
 - PSNA email: <u>Secretary@PSNA.nz</u>
- 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	<u> PSN Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau</u>	Website
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato	Facebook
Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine	Facebook
Hawkes Bay	<u>PSNA-Hawkes Bay – Page</u>	Facebook
	PSNA-Hawkes Bay - Group	Facebook
Palmerston North	PSN Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	<u>PSN Taranaki</u>	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
- <u>Kia Ora Gaza</u>

- Letters for Palestine
- <u>Auckland Peace Action</u>
- Global Peace and Justice Auckland
- <u>Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine</u>
- <u>Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine</u>
- <u>Tamaki Loves Palestine</u>
- Justice for Palestine
- Palestine Human Rights Campaign