

**Enough with the criminalisation of the BDS movement for justice in Palestine!**

**Let's support right to boycott!**

Why this is important:

**The French High Court** has upheld the conviction of activists who called for the boycott of Israeli products

**The British government** is implementing a new set of rules that will make it harder for local councils and other public bodies including universities to make ethical procurement or investment decisions.

**The Israeli Intelligence Minister** Yisrael Katz said at the largest Israeli anti-BDS conference, held on March 28 in Jerusalem, that Israel should engage in “targeted civil eliminations” of BDS "leaders" with the help of Israeli intelligence

**All over the world**, non-violent grassroots activists are under threat!

**Petition:**

Dear Mr Juncker – President of the European Commission

Dear Mrs Astola – Director General of the DG Justice and Consumers of the EC

We, the undersigned citizens of Europe are deeply alarmed by the ongoing attempts by some European governments to criminalise political activism against Israeli violations of international law.

The Israeli Intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz said at the largest Israeli anti-BDS conference, held on March 28 in Jerusalem, that Israel should engage in “targeted civil eliminations” of BDS "leaders" with the help of Israeli intelligence. That was at the very same conference at which EU Ambassador to Israel was participating alongside the settler leaders. It is seriously alarming when government ministers anywhere make such threats against human rights defenders!

We wish to express our outrage at such an incitement and attacks on civil rights and seeking your support in upholding the basic rights for European citizens for a freedom of speech and expression in support for the Palestinian people and/or other people worldwide to defend their fundamental rights.

In addition we'd like to recall the statement from the Swedish foreign ministry re-affirming basic democratic principles by saying that BDS “is a civil society movement” and that “governments should not interfere in civil society organization views”.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) affirms the right to hold opinions without interference and the right to freedom of expression. These rights are interrelated and are the foundation of other rights, including the rights to freedom of assembly and association. Accordingly, the Human Rights Committee has affirmed that the holding of an opinion should not be criminalized.

The European Union have to uphold its legal responsibilities, including by defending against illegitimate attacks against individuals, groups, and institutions involved in BDS movement, and to hold Israel accountable for its violations of international law.

We, the undersigned European citizens strongly believe that your role in the European Commission is of the highest importance in this case. Therefore we call on you to introduce the human rights guidelines guaranteeing freedom of speech and right to boycott and to use all other means you have in your disposal to support European citizens in their struggle to uphold basic human rights.

Your sincerely,

Signed:

1. Transform!Europe – European network for alternative thinking and political dialogue
2. European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP)
  
3. Center for Active Non-Violence – NGO platform, Austria
4. Women in Black (Vienna), Austria
5. Talk Together, Austria
6. Steirische Friedensplattform, Austria
7. BDS Austria
  
8. PTB-PVDA – political party, Belgium
9. Sp.a – political party, Belgium
10. La Centrale Générale-FGTB/De Algemene Centrale-ABVV – trade union, Belgium
11. ACV/CSC Brussels – trade union, Belgium
12. Pax Christi International – international catholic peace movement, Belgium
13. Oxfam Wereldwinkel Mariakerke – NGO, Belgium
14. CNCN-11.11.11 – NGO platform, Belgium
15. www.11.be – NGO, Belgium
16. G3W-M3M – NGO, Belgium
17. GVHV-MPLP – NGO, Belgium
18. Defence for Children – NGO, Belgium
19. FOS socialistische solidariteit – NGO, Belgium
20. Human Rights Center – University of Ghent, Belgium
21. Solidarité Socialiste – NGO, Belgium
22. Progress Lawyers Network, Belgium
23. Union des Progressistes Juifs de Belgique (UPJB), Belgium
24. Forum Nord Sud pour un contrat de génération, Belgium

25. Vredesactie, Belgium
26. Association belgo-palestinienne (ABP), Belgium
27. Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, Belgium
28. Palestina Solidariteit, Belgium
29. Artistes contre le mur, Belgium
30. Les Amis du Monde diplomatique Belgique, Belgium
31. Via Velo Palestina, Belgium
32. Plateforme Watermael-Boitsfort Palestine, Belgium
33. Links Ecologisch Forum, Belgium
34. Intal, Belgium
35. Antwerp for Palestine, Belgium
36. Victoria Deluxe, Belgium
37. Vrede vzw, Belgium
38. Gents ActiePlatform Palestina (GAPP), Belgium
39. Comac, Belgium
40. Plate-forme Charleroi-Palestine, Belgium
41. Käthe Kollwitz Vredesloop, Belgium
  
42. Palestinaorientering, Denmark
  
  
43. Vasemmistonuoret, The Left Youth of Finland, Finland
44. ICAHD Finland
45. Finnish Arab Friendship Society, Finland
46. Finnish Peace Committee – Suomen Rauhanpuolustajat, Finland
47. Women for Peace, Finland
48. Committee of 100 in Finland
49. Physicians for Social Responsibility, Finland
50. Finnish Psychologists for Social Responsibility, Finland
  
  
51. Union syndicale Solidaires – trade union, France
52. Federation syndicale unitaire – trade union federation, France
53. Parti de Gauche - political party, France
54. Parti communiste français (PCF) – political party, France
55. Ensemble ! - political party, France
56. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste (NPA) - political party, France
57. Parti des Indigènes de la République (PIR) – political party, France
58. Mouvement Jeunesse Communiste de France (MJCF), France

59. CCFD-Terre Solidaire (Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development-Terre Solidaire) – NGO, France
60. Association des Universitaires pour le Respect du Droit International en Palestine – AURDIP, France
61. Collectif Palestine71, France
62. Collectif Chalon Palestine, France
63. Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS), France
64. CCIPPP34, France
65. Collectif Judéo Arabe et Citoyen pour la Palestine, France
66. CoordinationBDS37, France
67. French Jewish Union for Peace – UJFP, France
68. BDS France
69. Comité De Vigilance Pour Une Paix Réelle Au Proche-Orient, France
70. Organisation Femmes Egalité, France
71. La Courneuve-Palestine, France
72. Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, MRAP, France
73. Forum Palestine Citoyenneté, France
74. Parti Communiste des Ouvrier de France (PCOF), France
75. Women in Black (Femmes en noir), France
76. AITEC, France
77. Comité Justice et Paix en Palestine et au Proche-Orient du 5°, Paris (CJPP5), France
  
78. DIE LINKE. BAK Gerechter Frieden Nahost (DIE LINKE. Federal Working Group on “Just Peace in the Middle East”), Germany
79. DIE LINKE. Niedersachsen LAG Gerechter Frieden Nahost (DIE LINKE. State Working Group Lower Saxony on “Just Peace in the Middle East”), Germany
80. DIE LINKE. Kreisverband Donnersberg (DIE LINKE. District chapter Donnersberg), Germany
81. Kommunistische Plattform der Partei DIE LINKE Niedersachsen (Communist Platform of the party DIE LINKE in Lower Saxony), Germany
82. LAG Antikapitalistische Linke DIE LINKE.Niedersachsen, Germany
83. Pax Christi - Deutsche Sektion der internationalen katholischen Friedensbewegung (Pax Christi - German section of the international catholic peace movement), Germany
84. Kairos Palästina Solidaritätsnetz Deutschland – NGO Platform, Germany
85. Greenpeace Deutschland – NGO, Germany
86. AK Nahost Berlin, Germany
87. Aktionsbündnis für einen gerechten Frieden in Palästina, Germany
88. Arbeitskreis Nahost-Hagen, Germany
89. BDS Berlin, Germany
90. BDS-Gruppe Bonn, Germany

91. BDS Hamburg, Germany
92. Berlin Academic Boycott, Germany
93. Das Palästina Portal, Germany
94. Deutscher Koordinationskreis Palästina-Israel, Germany
95. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft e.V., Germany
96. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft Bremen e.V., Germany
97. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft NRW Süd, Germany
98. Deutsch-Palästinensischer Frauenverein e.V., Germany
99. Freunde von Sabeel Deutschland, Germany
100. G.H.U.P. e.V., Germany
101. Hochschulgruppe AKtion Gerechter Frieden Nahost Göttingen, Germany
102. Initiative Schule für EineWelt, Germany
103. Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions - Germany (ICAHD)
104. Jüdische Stimme für gerechten Frieden in Nahost e.V., Germany
105. Jüdisch-Palästinensische Dialoggruppe München, Germany
106. Ökumenisches Netz Bayern e.V., Germany
107. Palästina/Nahost-Initiative Heidelberg, Germany
108. Palästina-Forum Nahost Frankfurt/M, Germany
109. Palästinakomitee Stuttgart e.V., Germany
110. Palästinensische Gemeinde Deutschland, Germany
111. Solidarität International – Nürnberg, Germany
112. Stopp Ramstein Region Kaiserslautern, Germany
113. Vitaminepalestine, Germany
  
114. Fiom/CGIL – trade union federation, Italy
115. Ibriq, Italy
116. Salaam Ragazzi dell'Olivo Comitato di Trieste, Italy
117. Un ponte per, Italy
118. BDS Italy, Italy
119. Cultura è Libertà, una campagna per la Palestina, Italy
120. Comitati Pistoieses Per La Palestina, Italy
121. Rete Radié Resch - Udine group, Italy
122. Servizio Civile Internazionale, Italy
123. ARCI, Italy
124. Comitato Di Base nNmuos/Nosigonella(Ct), Italy
125. Palestina Rossa, Italy
126. Fronte Palestina, Italy

127. Attac Italia, Italy
128. Associazione Oltre il Mare, Italy
129. Confederazione Cobas, Italy
130. Ildialogo, Italy
131. U.S. Citizens Against War (Florence), Italy
132. Ulaia Artesud onlus, Italy
133. Casale Podere Rosa, Italy
134. Associazione onlus Pace per Gerusalemme, Italy
135. Forum Palestina, Italy
136. Associazione Stelle cadenti, Artisti Per La Pace, Italy
137. Comitato delle associazioni per la Pace e i Diritti Umani, Italy
138. Collettivo Autonomo Studenti Casteddu, Italy
139. Salaam Ragazzi dell'Olivo-comitato di milano-Onlus (Salaam Children of Olive Tree), Italy
140. Coordinamento Campagna BDS Bologna, Italy
141. Berretti Bianchi Onlus, Italy
142. MAIA onlus, Italy
143. RETE-ECO, Italy
  
144. The Green Party - political party, Ireland
145. People Before Profit Alliance - political party, Ireland
146. Anti-Austerity Alliance - political party, Ireland
147. Workers Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
148. Communist Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
149. Sinn Féin – Political Party, Ireland
150. Irish Congress of Trade Unions – trade union federation, Ireland
151. Trade Union Friends of Palestine – trade union group, Ireland
152. Action from Ireland (Afri) - NGO, Ireland
153. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign - NGO, Ireland
154. Sadaka - the Ireland Palestine Alliance – NGO, Ireland
155. Peace & Neutrality Alliance – NGO, Ireland
156. Academics For Palestine - NGO, Ireland
157. Gaza Action Ireland - NGO, Ireland
158. Grupo Raíces (Grúpa Fréamhacha) Solidarity with Colombia – NGO, Ireland
159. The Ireland Institute - think tank, Ireland
160. Centre for Global Education, Ireland
161. Irish Anti-War Movement, Ireland

162. AFBE asbl, Luxembourg
163. Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient, Luxembourg
164. Union des Femmes Luxembourgeoises, Luxembourg
165. Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, Luxembourg
  
166. Norges Kommunistiske Parti (NKP) / Communist Party of Norway, political party, Norway
167. Rødt / The Red Party – political party, Norway
168. Rød Ungdom (RU) /The Red Youth Party – political party, Norway
169. Senterungdommen / The Centre Party Youth – political party, Norway
170. Sosialistisk Venstreparti (SV) / The Socialist Party – political party, Norway
171. The Norwegian United Federation of Trade Unions – trade union federation, Norway
172. Aftenpostens grafiske klubb / Aftenposten Graphic Workers Union – trade union, Norway
173. EL & IT Forbundet /The Electrician and IT workers union – trade union, Norway
174. Fellesorganisasjonen for barnevernspedagoger, sosionomer og vernepleiere (FO) / The Norwegian Union of Social Educators and Social Workers – trade union, Norway
175. Handel og Kontor i Norge / Norwegian Union of Employees in Commerce and Offices – trade union, Norway
176. Industri Energi/ Norwegian Union of Industry and Energy Workers / - trade union, Norway
177. Norsk Transportarbeiderforbund / Norwegian Transport Workers' Union – trade union, Norway
178. Oslo Grafiske Fagforening /Oslo Graphic Workers Union – trade union, Norway
179. NTL-leaders – trade union, Norway
180. Norwegian Church Aid - humanitarian and ecumenical NGO, Norway
181. Arbeidernes ungdomsfylking (AUF) / Labour Party Youth, Norway
182. KFUK-KFUM Global/ Norwegian YWCA- YMCA Global, Norway
183. LO i Oslo / Labour Organization in Norway - Oslo dept, Norway
184. Norsk Nærings- og Nytelsesmiddelarbeiderforbund Oslo og Akershus (NNN OA) / Norwegian Food and Allied Workers' Union Oslo and Akershus, Norway
185. Norges Handikapforbund (NHF) / The Norwegian Association of Disabled, Norway
186. Norges Kristelige Studentforbund (NKSF) / Student Christian Movement in Norway, Norway
187. Oslo Bygningsarbeiderforening / Construction Workers in Norway, Norway
188. Palestinakomiteen i Norge / Palestinian Committee, Norway
189. Palestine Network, Norway
190. Sosialistisk Ungdom (SU) / The Socialist Youth League, Norway
191. TeoLOgene / Labour Union of theologians, Norway
192. Ungkommunistene i Norge / Youth Communist League, Norway

193. Movimento pelos Direitos do Povo Palestino e pela Paz no Médio Oriente (MPPM), Portugal
194. Kairos - Sabeel Nederland, The Netherlands
195. Stichting Palestina, The Netherlands
196. Women for Peace, The Netherlands
197. Women in Black, the Netherlands
198. DocP, The Netherlands
199. Stichting Groningen-Jabalya, The Netherlands
200. Stichting Palestijnse Vrouwen in Nederland – Foundation of Palestinian Women in the Netherlands
201. Werkgroep Palestina Enschede, The Netherlands
202. BDS Nederland, The Netherlands
203. Netherlands Palestine Committee (NPK), The Netherlands
204. Mobiele Muziek Producties, The Netherlands
205. World Citizens for International Law, The Netherlands
206. Palestine Link, The Netherlands
207. Stop de Bezetting, The Netherlands
208. Een Ander Joods Geluid (A Different Jewish Voice), The Netherlands
209. Palestina Komitee Rotterdam, The Netherlands
210. Humanstisch Vredesberaad, The Netherlands
211. Students for Justice in Palestine – Maastricht, The Netherlands
212. EMCEMO, The Netherlands
213. Netherlands Philippine Solidarity Association, The Netherlands
214. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
215. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Rotterdam, The Netherlands
216. Studenten Voor Rechtvaardigheid In Palestina Nijmegen, The Netherlands
217. Netherlands Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Quakers, The Netherlands
218. Breed Platform Palestina, The Netherlands
219. SAP/Grenzeloos, The Netherlands
220. al-Awda, The Netherlands
221. Palestijnse Gemeenschap in Nederland (Palestinian Community in the Netherlands)
222. Internationale Socialisten, The Netherlands
223. HTIB, The Netherlands
224. DIDF, The Netherlands



- 225. Scottish Friends of Palestine, Scotland
- 226. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Scotland
- 227. Association of Palestinian Community in Scotland, Scotland
- 228. Steadfast Stitch, Scotland
  
- 229. Institut za studije zahodne sahare/Institute for Western Sahara – NGO, Slovenia
- 230. Društvo za človekove pravice in človeku prijazne dejavnosti Humanitas / Society for Human Rights and Supportive Action Humanitas – NGO, Slovenia
- 231. Gibanje za pravice Palestincev BDS Slovenija, Slovenia
  
- 232. Initiative for a Just Peace in the Middle East, Slovakia
  
- 233. The Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden/Palestinagrupperna i Sverige, Sweden
- 234. Action Group at KTH for Boycott of Israel, Sweden
  
- 235. Gesellschaft Schweiz-Palästina / Association Suisse-Palestine / Associazione Svizzera-Palestina / Association Switzerland-Palestine, Switzerland
- 236. BDS-Suisse, Switzerland
- 237. Basler Frauenvereinigung für Frieden und Fortschritt, Switzerland
- 238. Palestine's Children (PalCH), Switzerland
- 239. SolidaritéS, Switzerland
- 240. Gerechtigkeit und Frieden in Palästina, Switzerland
- 241. Amérique Latine RÉSISTANCES, Switzerland
- 242. Theologische Bewegung für Solidarität und Befreiung, Switzerland
- 243. Arbeitskreis Tourismus & Entwicklung, Switzerland
- 244. Free Palestine, Switzerland
- 245. PKZ - Palästinensisches Kulturzentrum Zürich, Switzerland
- 246. Takafol Swiss - Schweizer Gesellschaft gegenseitiger Unterstützung, Switzerland
- 247. Jewish Voice for Democracy and Justice in Israel/Palestina, JVJP, Switzerland
- 248. Collectif Urgence Palestine Vaud, Switzerland
- 249. Palästina-Solidarität Region Basel, Switzerland
- 250. Collectif Action Palestine, Switzerland
- 251. AL Bern, Switzerland
  
- 252. Confederación General del Trabajo CGT Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – trade union federation, Spain

- 253. Confederación General del Trabajo CGT España – trade union federation, Spain
- 254. Podemos – political party, Spain
- 255. Izquierda Unida, political party, Spain
- 256. SORTU, basque political party, Basque country
- 257. Podemos Migraciones Ceuta, Spain

Red Solidaria Contra la Ocupación de Palestina (RESCOP) comprised of:

- 258. Anticapitalistas
- 259. Asociación Al-Quds de Solidaridad con los Pueblos del Mundo Árabe (Málaga)
- 260. Asociación de Amistad Palestina-Granada «Turab»
- 261. Asociación Andaluza por la Solidaridad y la Paz – ASPA
- 262. Asociación Hispano Palestina Jerusalén (Madrid)
- 263. Asociación Palestina Biladi
- 264. Asociación Pau Ara i Sempre
- 265. Asociación Pro-Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
- 266. Asociación Propalestina del Campo de Gibraltar
- 267. Asociación Unadikum
- 268. BDS Alacant
- 269. BDS Catalunya
- 270. BDS Madrid
- 271. BDS País Valencià
- 272. Castelló per Palestina
- 273. Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional (CERAI)
- 274. Coalició Prou Complicitat amb Israel
- 275. Comité de Solidaridad con la Causa Árabe (Madrid, Asturias)
- 276. Comité de Solidaridad con los Pueblos – Interpueblos (Cantabria)
- 277. Comunidad Palestina en Canarias
- 278. Comunitat Palestina de Catalunya
- 279. Comunitat Palestina de València
- 280. Coordinadora de apoyo a Palestina (La Rioja)
- 281. Ecologistas en Acción (Confederal)
- 282. Fundación IEPALA
- 283. Fundación Mundubat
- 284. Grupo de Cooperación Sevilla Palestina
- 285. Izquierda Anticapitalista Revolucionaria (IZAR)
- 286. Komite Internazionalistak (Euskal Herria)
- 287. MEWANDO (Euskadi)
- 288. Movimiento de Jóvenes Palestinos
- 289. Mujeres en Zona de Conflicto – M.Z.C.

290. Mujeres por la Paz – Acción Solidaria con Palestina (Canarias)
291. Pallasos en Rebeldía
292. Paz Ahora
293. Paz con DignidadPlataforma de Solidaridad con Palestina (Sevilla)
294. Plataforma Palestina Ibiza
295. Plataforma Solidaria con Palestina de Valladolid
296. Palestina Toma la Calle, Madrid
297. Red Judía Antisionista Internacional – IJAN
298. Sodepau
299. Sodepaz
300. Sodepaz Balamil
301. Taula per Palestina (Illes Balears)
302. UJCE (Unión de Juventudes Comunistas de España)
  
303. Alternativa Sindical Obrera Canaria ULL SOC\_ULL, Spain
304. Asociación Paz Ahora, Spain
305. BDS Murcia, Spain
306. BOICOT ISRAEL RIOJA, Spain
307. Comisión de Derechos Humanos Hispano Guatemalteca, Spain
308. La Gaviota Árabe Hispana, Spain
309. Hillombé Solidaridad, Spain
310. ISM en el Estado Español, Spain
311. Nación Andaluza, Spain
312. Paraguay Resiste, Madrid, Spain
313. Plataforma Bienvenidas Refugiadas, Spain
314. Plaza de los pueblos 15M, Madrid, Spain
315. Rubí Solidari, Spain
316. Sodepaz Pachakuti, Spain
317. Tierra y Libertad Perú, Spain
318. Asamblea de Parad@s de Canarias Autogestionaria. " APAGA Y Vámonos", Spain
319. CERAI, Spain
320. SOLIDARIDAD CANARIA
321. Rumbo a Gaza, Spain
322. APDHA, Spain
323. Asociación Café Despacio – Las Palmas, Spain
324. Alternativa antimilitarista.Moc Canarias – Las Palmas
325. A. Canaria de economía Alternativa – Las Palmas, Spain
326. BDS Tarragona, Spain

327. Centro Humanista de las Culturas, Spain
328. Comunidad Palestina en Canarias, Spain
329. Plataforma Bolivariana de Canarias, Spain
330. Ayuntamiento de la Villa de Agüimes, Spain
331. Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law – AEDIDH, Spain
332. Acciónenred-Canarias
  
333. Kairos Palestine – NGO platform, UK
334. Hexham Kairos- NGO, UK
335. Kairos Sheffield - NGO, UK
336. British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP), UK
337. Pendle Palestine Twinning Group, UK
338. Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
339. Stop G4S, UK
340. Waltham Forest Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
341. Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods, UK
342. Leicester Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
343. UK-Palestine Mental Health Network, UK
344. The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions UK
345. Amos Trust, UK
346. The Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), UK
347. EuroPal Forum, UK
348. Zaytoun CIC, UK
349. Friends of Sabeel UK, UK
350. Orkney Friends of Palestine, UK
351. Edinburgh Action for Palestine, UK
352. Hereford Palestine Support Group, UK

















