

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.

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

91. BDS-Gruppe Bonn, Germany
92. BDS Hamburg, Germany
93. Berlin Academic Boycott, Germany
94. Das Palästina Portal, Germany
95. Deutscher Koordinationskreis Palästina-Israel, Germany
96. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft e.V., Germany
97. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft Bremen e.V., Germany
98. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft NRW Süd, Germany
99. Deutsch-Palästinensischer Frauenverein e.V., Germany
100. Freunde von Sabeel Deutschland, Germany
101. G.H.U.P. e.V., Germany
102. Hochschulgruppe AKtion Gerechter Frieden Nahost Göttingen, Germany
103. Initiative Schule für EineWelt, Germany
104. Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions - Germany (ICAHD)
105. Jüdische Stimme für gerechten Frieden in Nahost e.V., Germany
106. Jüdisch-Palästinensische Dialoggruppe München, Germany
107. Ökumenisches Netz Bayern e.V., Germany
108. Palästina/Nahost-Initiative Heidelberg, Germany
109. Palästina-Forum Nahost Frankfurt/M, Germany
110. Palästinakomitee Stuttgart e.V., Germany
111. Palästinensische Gemeinde Deutschland, Germany
112. Solidarität International – Nürnberg, Germany
113. Stopp Ramstein Region Kaiserslautern, Germany
114. Vitaminepalestine, Germany

115. Fiom/CGIL – trade union federation, Italy
116. Ibriq, Italy
117. Salaam Ragazzi dell'Olivo Comitato di Trieste, Italy
118. Un ponte per, Italy
119. BDS Italy, Italy
120. Cultura è Libertà, una campagna per la Palestina, Italy
121. Comitati Pistoieses Per La Palestina, Italy
122. Rete Radié Resch - Udine group, Italy
123. Servizio Civile Internazionale, Italy
124. ARCI, Italy
125. Comitato Di Base nNmuos/Nosigonella(Ct), Italy
126. Palestina Rossa, Italy

127. Fronte Palestina, Italy
128. Attac Italia, Italy
129. Associazione Oltre il Mare, Italy
130. Confederazione Cobas, Italy
131. Ildialogo, Italy
132. U.S. Citizens Against War (Florence), Italy
133. Ulaia Artesud onlus, Italy
134. Casale Podere Rosa, Italy
135. Associazione onlus Pace per Gerusalemme, Italy
136. Forum Palestina, Italy
137. Associazione Stelle cadenti, Artisti Per La Pace, Italy
138. Comitato delle associazioni per la Pace e i Diritti Umani, Italy
139. Collettivo Autonomo Studenti Casteddu, Italy
140. Salaam Ragazzi dell'Olivo-comitato di milano-Onlus (Salaam Children of Olive Tree), Italy
141. Coordinamento Campagna BDS Bologna, Italy
142. Berretti Bianchi Onlus, Italy
143. MAIA onlus, Italy
144. RETE-ECO, Italy

145. The Green Party - political party, Ireland
146. People Before Profit Alliance - political party, Ireland
147. Anti-Austerity Alliance - political party, Ireland
148. Workers Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
149. Communist Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
150. Sinn Féin – Political Party, Ireland
151. Irish Congress of Trade Unions – trade union federation, Ireland
152. Trade Union Friends of Palestine – trade union group, Ireland
153. Action from Ireland (Afri) - NGO, Ireland
154. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign - NGO, Ireland
155. Sadaka - the Ireland Palestine Alliance – NGO, Ireland
156. Peace & Neutrality Alliance – NGO, Ireland
157. Academics For Palestine - NGO, Ireland
158. Gaza Action Ireland - NGO, Ireland
159. Grupo Raíces (Grúpa Fréamhacha) Solidarity with Colombia – NGO, Ireland
160. The Ireland Institute - think tank, Ireland
161. Centre for Global Education, Ireland
162. Irish Anti-War Movement, Ireland

163. AFBE asbl, Luxembourg
164. Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient, Luxembourg
165. Union des Femmes Luxembourgeoises, Luxembourg
166. Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, Luxembourg

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

194. Movimento pelos Direitos do Povo Palestino e pela Paz no Médio Oriente (MPPM), Portugal

195. Kairos - Sabeel Nederland, The Netherlands

196. Stichting Palestina, The Netherlands

197. Women for Peace, The Netherlands

198. Women in Black, the Netherlands

199. DocP, The Netherlands

200. Stichting Groningen-Jabalya, The Netherlands

201. Stichting Palestijnse Vrouwen in Nederland – Foundation of Palestinian Women in the Netherlands

202. Werkgroep Palestina Enschede, The Netherlands

203. BDS Nederland, The Netherlands

204. Netherlands Palestine Committee (NPK), The Netherlands

205. Mobiele Muziek Producties, The Netherlands

206. World Citizens for International Law, The Netherlands

207. Palestine Link, The Netherlands

208. Stop de Bezetting, The Netherlands

209. Een Ander Joods Geluid (A Different Jewish Voice), The Netherlands

210. Palestina Komitee Rotterdam, The Netherlands

211. Humanistisch Vredesberaad, The Netherlands

212. Students for Justice in Palestine – Maastricht, The Netherlands

213. EMCEMO, The Netherlands

214. Netherlands Philippine Solidarity Association, The Netherlands

215. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Amsterdam, The Netherlands

216. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Rotterdam, The Netherlands

217. Studenten Voor Rechtvaardigheid In Palestina Nijmegen, The Netherlands

218. Netherlands Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Quakers, The Netherlands

219. Breed Platform Palestina, The Netherlands

220. SAP/Grenzeloos, The Netherlands

221. al-Awda, The Netherlands

222. Palestijnse Gemeenschap in Nederland (Palestinian Community in the Netherlands)

223. Internationale Socialisten, The Netherlands

224. HTIB, The Netherlands

225. DIDF, The Netherlands

226. Scottish Friends of Palestine, Scotland

227. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Scotland

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

- 257. Izquierda Unida, political party, Spain
- 258. SORTU, basque political party, Basque country
- 259. Podemos Migraciones Ceuta, Spain

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

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

294. Paz Ahora
295. Paz con Dignidad Plataforma de Solidaridad con Palestina (Sevilla)
296. Plataforma Palestina Ibiza
297. Plataforma Solidaria con Palestina de Valladolid
298. Palestina Toma la Calle, Madrid
299. Red Judía Antisionista Internacional – IJAN
300. Sodepau
301. Sodepaz
302. Sodepaz Balamil
303. Taula per Palestina (Illes Balears)
304. UJCE (Unión de Juventudes Comunistas de España)

305. Alternativa Sindical Obrera Canaria ULL SOC_ULL, Spain
306. Asociación Paz Ahora, Spain
307. BDS Murcia, Spain
308. BOICOT ISRAEL RIOJA, Spain
309. Comisión de Derechos Humanos Hispano Guatemalteca, Spain
310. La Gaviota Árabe Hispana, Spain
311. Hillombé Solidaridad, Spain
312. ISM en el Estado Español, Spain
313. Nación Andaluza, Spain
314. Paraguay Resiste, Madrid, Spain
315. Plataforma Bienvenidas Refugiadas, Spain
316. Plaza de los pueblos 15M, Madrid, Spain
317. Rubí Solidari, Spain
318. Sodepaz Pachakuti, Spain
319. Tierra y Libertad Perú, Spain
320. Asamblea de Parad@s de Canarias Autogestionaria. " APAGA Y Vámonos", Spain
321. CERAI, Spain
322. SOLIDARIDAD CANARIA
323. Rumbo a Gaza, Spain
324. APDHA, Spain
325. Asociación Café Despacio – Las Palmas, Spain
326. Alternativa antimilitarista. Moc Canarias – Las Palmas
327. A. Canaria de economía Alternativa – Las Palmas, Spain
328. BDS Tarragona, Spain
329. Centro Humanista de las Culturas, Spain
330. Comunidad Palestina en Canarias, Spain

331. Plataforma Bolivariana de Canarias, Spain
332. Ayuntamiento de la Villa de Agüimes, Spain
333. Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law – AEDIDH, Spain
334. Acciónenred-Canarias

335. Kairos Palestine – NGO platform, UK
336. Hexham Kairos- NGO, UK
337. Kairos Sheffield - NGO, UK
338. British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP), UK
339. Pendle Palestine Twinning Group, UK
340. Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
341. Stop G4S, UK
342. Waltham Forest Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
343. Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods, UK
344. Leicester Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK
345. UK-Palestine Mental Health Network, UK
346. The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions UK
347. Amos Trust, UK
348. The Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), UK
349. EuroPal Forum, UK
350. Zaytoun CIC, UK
351. Friends of Sabeel UK, UK
352. Orkney Friends of Palestine, UK
353. Edinburgh Action for Palestine, UK
354. Hereford Palestine Support Group, UK