

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 socialiste 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. Kairos Palästina Solidaritätsnetz Deutschland – NGO Platform, Germany
85. AK Nahost Berlin, Germany
86. Aktionsbündnis für einen gerechten Frieden in Palästina, Germany
87. Arbeitskreis Nahost-Hagen, Germany
88. BDS Berlin, Germany
89. BDS-Gruppe Bonn, Germany
90. BDS Hamburg, Germany
91. Berlin Academic Boycott, Germany

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

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

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

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

161. AFBE asbl, Luxembourg
162. Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient, Luxembourg

163. Union des Femmes Luxembourgeoises, Luxembourg
164. Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, Luxembourg
165. Norges Kommunistiske Parti (NKP) / Communist Party of Norway, political party, Norway
166. Rødt / The Red Party – political party, Norway
167. Rød Ungdom (RU) / The Red Youth Party – political party, Norway
168. Senterungdommen / The Centre Party Youth – political party, Norway
169. Sosialistisk Venstreparti (SV) / The Socialist Party – political party, Norway
170. The Norwegian United Federation of Trade Unions – trade union federation, Norway
171. Aftenpostens grafiske klubb / Aftenposten Graphic Workers Union – trade union, Norway
172. EL & IT Forbundet / The Electrician and IT workers union – trade union, Norway
173. Fellesorganisasjonen for barnevernspedagoger, sosionomer og vernepleiere (FO) / The Norwegian Union of Social Educators and Social Workers – trade union, Norway
174. Handel og Kontor i Norge / Norwegian Union of Employees in Commerce and Offices – trade union, Norway
175. Industri Energi/ Norwegian Union of Industry and Energy Workers / - trade union, Norway
176. Norsk Transportarbeiderforbund / Norwegian Transport Workers' Union – trade union, Norway
177. Oslo Grafiske Fagforening / Oslo Graphic Workers Union – trade union, Norway
178. NTL-leaders – trade union, Norway
179. Norwegian Church Aid - humanitarian and ecumenical NGO, Norway
180. Arbeidernes ungdomsfylking (AUF) / Labour Party Youth, Norway
181. KFUK-KFUM Global/ Norwegian YWCA- YMCA Global, Norway
182. LO i Oslo / Labour Organization in Norway - Oslo dept, Norway
183. Norsk Nærings- og Nytelsesmiddelarbeiderforbund Oslo og Akershus (NNN OA) / Norwegian Food and Allied Workers' Union Oslo and Akershus, Norway
184. Norges Handikapforbund (NHF) / The Norwegian Association of Disabled, Norway
185. Norges Kristelige Studentforbund (NKSF) / Student Christian Movement in Norway, Norway
186. Oslo Bygningsarbeiderforening / Construction Workers in Norway, Norway
187. Palestinakomiteen i Norge / Palestinian Committee, Norway
188. Palestine Network, Norway
189. Sosialistisk Ungdom (SU) / The Socialist Youth League, Norway
190. TeoLOgene / Labour Union of geologists, Norway
191. Ungkommunistene i Norge / Youth Communist League, Norway
192. Movimento pelos Direitos do Povo Palestino e pela Paz no Médio Oriente (MPPM), Portugal

193. Kairos - Sabeel Nederland, The Netherlands
194. Stichting Palestina, The Netherlands
195. Women for Peace, The Netherlands
196. Women in Black, the Netherlands
197. DocP, The Netherlands
198. Stichting Groningen-Jabalya, The Netherlands
199. Stichting Palestijnse Vrouwen in Nederland – Foundation of Palestinian Women in the Netherlands
200. Werkgroep Palestina Enschede, The Netherlands
201. BDS Nederland, The Netherlands
202. Netherlands Palestine Committee (NPK), The Netherlands
203. Mobiele Muziek Producties, The Netherlands
204. World Citizens for International Law, The Netherlands
205. Palestine Link, The Netherlands
206. Stop de Bezetting, The Netherlands
207. Een Ander Joods Geluid (A Different Jewish Voice), The Netherlands
208. Palestina Komitee Rotterdam, The Netherlands
209. Humanistisch Vredesberaad, The Netherlands
210. Students for Justice in Palestine – Maastricht, The Netherlands
211. EMCEMO, The Netherlands
212. Netherlands Philippine Solidarity Association, The Netherlands
213. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
214. Studenten voor Rechtvaardigheid in Palestina – Rotterdam, The Netherlands
215. Studenten Voor Rechtvaardigheid In Palestina Nijmegen, The Netherlands
216. Netherlands Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Quakers, The Netherlands
217. Breed Platform Palestina, The Netherlands
218. SAP/Grenzeloos, The Netherlands
219. al-Awda, The Netherlands
220. Palestijnse Gemeenschap in Nederland (Palestinian Community in the Netherlands)
221. Internationale Socialisten, The Netherlands
222. HTIB, The Netherlands
223. DIDF, The Netherlands

224. Scottish Friends of Palestine, Scotland
225. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Scotland
226. Association of Palestinian Community in Scotland, Scotland
227. Steadfast Stitch, Scotland

228. Institut za studije zahodne sahare/Institute for Western Sahara – NGO, Slovenia
229. Društvo za človekove pravice in človeku prijazne dejavnosti Humanitas / Society for Human Rights and Supportive Action Humanitas – NGO, Slovenia
230. Gibanje za pravice Palestincev BDS Slovenija, Slovenia

231. Initiative for a Just Peace in the Middle East, Slovakia

232. The Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden/Palestinagrupperna i Sverige, Sweden
233. Action Group at KTH for Boycott of Israel, Sweden

234. Green Party (Grüne Partei der Schweiz) – political party, Switzerland
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. Acción en red-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