

**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. Society for Austro-Arab Relations, Austria
  
9. PTB-PVDA – political party, Belgium
10. Sp.a – political party, Belgium
11. Ecolo – political party, Belgium
12. La Centrale Générale-FGTB/De Algemene Centrale-ABVV – trade union, Belgium
13. ACV/CSC Brussels – trade union, Belgium
14. Pax Christi International – international catholic peace movement, Belgium
15. Oxfam Wereldwinkel Mariakerke – NGO, Belgium
16. CNCd-11.11.11 – NGO platform, Belgium
17. www.11.be – NGO, Belgium
18. G3W-M3M – NGO, Belgium
19. GVHV-MPLP – NGO, Belgium
20. Defence for Children – NGO, Belgium
21. FOS socialistische solidariteit – NGO, Belgium
22. Human Rights Center – University of Ghent, Belgium
23. Solidarité Socialiste – NGO, Belgium
24. Progress Lawyers Network, Belgium

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

60. Mouvement Jeunesse Communiste de France (MJCF), France
61. CCFD-Terre Solidaire (Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development-Terre Solidaire) – NGO, France
62. Plateforme des ONG Françaises pour la Palestine - NGO
63. Association des Universitaires pour le Respect du Droit International en Palestine – AURDIP, France
64. Collectif Palestine71, France
65. Collectif Chalon Palestine, France
66. Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS), France
67. CCIPPP34, France
68. Collectif Judéo Arabe et Citoyen pour la Palestine, France
69. CoordinationBDS37, France
70. French Jewish Union for Peace – UJFP, France
71. BDS France
72. Comité De Vigilance Pour Une Paix Réelle Au Proche-Orient, France
73. Organisation Femmes Egalité, France
74. La Courneuve-Palestine, France
75. Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, MRAP, France
76. Forum Palestine Citoyenneté, France
77. Parti Communiste des Ouvrier de France (PCOF), France
78. Women in Black (Femmes en noir), France
79. AITEC, France
80. Comité Justice et Paix en Palestine et au Proche-Orient du 5°, Paris (CJPP5), France
  
81. DIE LINKE. BAK Gerechter Frieden Nahost (DIE LINKE. Federal Working Group on “Just Peace in the Middle East”), Germany
82. DIE LINKE. Niedersachsen LAG Gerechter Frieden Nahost (DIE LINKE. State Working Group Lower Saxony on “Just Peace in the Middle East”), Germany
83. DIE LINKE. Kreisverband Donnersberg (DIE LINKE. District chapter Donnersberg), Germany
84. Kommunistische Plattform der Partei DIE LINKE Niedersachsen (Communist Platform of the party DIE LINKE in Lower Saxony), Germany
85. LAG Antikapitalistische Linke DIE LINKE.Niedersachsen, Germany
86. Kairos Palästina Solidaritätsnetz Deutschland – NGO Platform, 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'Olivio-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. Assopace Palestina, Italy
  
146. The Green Party - political party, Ireland
147. People Before Profit Alliance - political party, Ireland
148. Anti-Austerity Alliance - political party, Ireland
149. Workers Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
150. Communist Party of Ireland – political party, Ireland
151. Sinn Féin – Political Party, Ireland
152. Workers Solidarity Movement - political organisation, Ireland
153. Irish Congress of Trade Unions – trade union federation, Ireland
154. Trade Union Friends of Palestine – trade union group, Ireland
155. Action from Ireland (Afri) - NGO, Ireland
156. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign - NGO, Ireland
157. Sadaka - the Ireland Palestine Alliance – NGO, Ireland
158. Peace & Neutrality Alliance – NGO, Ireland
159. Academics For Palestine - NGO, Ireland
160. Gaza Action Ireland - NGO, Ireland
161. Grupo Raíces (Grúpa Fréamhacha) Solidarity with Colombia – NGO, Ireland
162. The Ireland Institute - think tank, Ireland
163. Centre for Global Education, Ireland
164. Irish Anti-War Movement, Ireland

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

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

197. Kairos - Sabeel Nederland, The Netherlands

198. Stichting Palestina, The Netherlands

199. Women for Peace, The Netherlands

200. Women in Black, the Netherlands

201. DocP, The Netherlands

202. Stichting Groningen-Jabalya, The Netherlands

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

204. Werkgroep Palestina Enschede, The Netherlands

205. BDS Nederland, The Netherlands

206. Netherlands Palestine Committee (NPK), The Netherlands

207. Mobiele Muziek Producties, The Netherlands

208. World Citizens for International Law, The Netherlands

209. Palestine Link, The Netherlands

210. Stop de Bezetting, The Netherlands

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

212. Palestina Komitee Rotterdam, The Netherlands

213. Humanistisch Vredesberaad, The Netherlands

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

215. EMCEMO, The Netherlands

216. Netherlands Philippine Solidarity Association, The Netherlands

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

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

219. Studenten Voor Rechtvaardigheid In Palestina Nijmegen, The Netherlands

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

221. Breed Platform Palestina, The Netherlands

222. SAP/Grenzeloos, The Netherlands

223. al-Awda, The Netherlands

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

225. Internationale Socialisten, The Netherlands

226. HTIB, The Netherlands

227. DIDF, The Netherlands

228. Scottish Friends of Palestine, Scotland

229. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Scotland



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

259.SORTU, basque political party, Basque country

260.Podemos Migraciones Ceuta, Spain

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

261.Anticapitalistas

262.Asociación Al-Quds de Solidaridad con los Pueblos del Mundo Árabe (Málaga)

263.Asociación de Amistad Palestina-Granada «Turab»

264.Asociación Andaluza por la Solidaridad y la Paz – ASPA

265.Asociación Hispano Palestina Jerusalén (Madrid)

266.Asociación Palestina Biladi

267.Asociación Pau Ara i Sempre

268.Asociación Pro-Derechos Humanos de Andalucía

269.Asociación Propalestina del Campo de Gibraltar

270.Asociación Unadikum

271.BDS Alacant

272.BDS Catalunya

273.BDS Madrid

274.BDS País Valencià

275.Castelló per Palestina

276.Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional (CERAI)

277.Coalició Prou Complicitat amb Israel

278.Comité de Solidaridad con la Causa Árabe (Madrid, Asturias)

279.Comité de Solidaridad con los Pueblos – Interpueblos (Cantabria)

280.Comunidad Palestina en Canarias

281.Comunitat Palestina de Catalunya

282.Comunitat Palestina de València

283.Coordinadora de apoyo a Palestina (La Rioja)

284.Ecologistas en Acción (Confederal)

285.Fundación IEPALA

286.Fundación Mundubat

287.Grupo de Cooperación Sevilla Palestina

288.Izquierda Anticapitalista Revolucionaria (IZAR)

289.Komite Internazionalistak (Euskal Herria)

290.MEWANDO (Euskadi)

291.Movimiento de Jóvenes Palestinos

292.Mujeres en Zona de Conflicto – M.Z.C.

293.Mujeres por la Paz – Acción Solidaria con Palestina (Canarias)

294.Pallasos en Rebeldía

295.Paz Ahora

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

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