

# GLOBAL ACTIONS TO END ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION

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Organizations, governments and businesses worldwide are taking action that can help bring freedom for Palestinians and an end to the colonization of Palestinian land. The list of such actions is broad and inspiring. It has doubled since May 31, 2010, when Israel attacked a flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian aid to the people of the Gaza Strip. The following review of diverse approaches was initiated by the Palestine-Israel Action Group, a committee of Ann Arbor, Michigan Quakers ([piag @mac.com](mailto:piag_mac.com)). As new actions are taken, the list will be updated by the Interfaith Peace Initiative. Information for inclusion is welcome at [apassionforpeace@aol.com](mailto:apassionforpeace@aol.com).

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## **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS:**

### **African Union. 6/10**

The African Union condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla with the following statement: "The AU commission is deeply shocked by the bloody boarding operation carried out by the Israeli security forces on May 31, 2010 against a humanitarian mission destined for Palestine, causing a large number of deaths and injuries. This operation launched against a peaceful convoy amounts to a grave violation of international norms and signals Israel's clear intention to maintain its stranglehold on the Palestinian territories, ignoring the international community's relevant decisions." The AU commission "firmly condemns this unjustifiable and deliberate act and demands an investigation be conducted to establish who is responsible."

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=128599&ionid=351020506>

### **Arab League. 3/02, 6/07, 6/10**

Since 2002, the countries of the Arab League have offered to recognize Israel and normalize relations with it in return for Israel's withdrawal from Palestinian and Syrian lands it has occupied since the 1967 war. The League members voted unanimously in 2007 to renew the offer and a delegation from the Arab League made a historic visit to Israel June 25, 2007 to present this peace initiative. Israel has refused to accept it. In June 2010, the Arab League strongly condemned Israel's military attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. An Arab League statement said, in part: "The attack clearly shows Israel's aggressive nature and its disrespect to international and humanitarian rules and laws. We call on the international community to take immediate steps against Israel, a rogue state that practises all forms of terrorism and piracy, and instigates tension and instability in the region and in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea."

<http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2007/07/25/mideast.html#ixzz0tm1iHlwp>,

<http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2007/07/25/mideast.html>

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/05/20105316216182630.html#china>

### **Argentina. 6/10**

A statement issued by Argentina condemned the attack on the Gaza aid flotilla by Israeli forces and said it "deeply regrets the loss of human lives produced in this episode," calling for a complete investigation into the incident. The government called for the "immediate cessation of acts that worsen the situation in the Middle East" and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza. "Argentina urges the strict observance of the international humanitarian law and the resolutions of the United Nations conducive to the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the region." <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=288773>

### **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). 6/10**

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) responded as a group on June 1, 2010 to the Israeli attack on the Freedom Flotilla that was heading to Gaza. Participants in a joint meeting of the two organizations demanded an end to the Israeli siege imposed on Gaza immediately and the implementation of Resolution 1860 which "calls for the unimpeded provision and distribution throughout Gaza of humanitarian assistance, including of food, fuel and medical treatment." They issued a joint press release that expressed anger, called the international community and the United Nations to take responsibility and condemn the Israeli crime, and demanded an immediate release of the hostages. ASEAN consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The GCC groups Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE, and Oman.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smId/414/ArticleID/154734/refTab/96/Default.aspx>

### **Austria. 6/10**

Austrian Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger said he was "shocked" by Israel's raid of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla. He emphasized that "Israel must end the counterproductive barrier policy to the Gaza strip, as has already been emphatically and repeatedly required by the UN Security Council in New York and by the European Union." Austria was among at least 16 countries to summon its Israeli ambassador to explain the events that lead to the death of 9 activists. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=288773>

### **Bahrain. 6/10**

The Government of Bahrain condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. A statement carried by

Bahrain's official BNA news agency read, "The use of force by the Israeli army against civilians, including women, children and elderly people, who came from several countries to transport humanitarian aid to the besieged people in Gaza is condemned and unacceptable, and it runs counter to the basic laws and norms that regulate the operations in the international waters." <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/International/31-May-2010/Israeli-commandos-reportedly-storm-ships-carrying-aid-to-Gaza/1>

### **Balkan Summit. 6/10**

Leaders of at least 12\* southeastern European countries, including Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Turkey, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, and Serbia, signed a statement condemning Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/balkan-summit-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-flotilla-1.297909>, [http://sofiaecho.com/2010/06/23/921992\\_balkan-summit-condemns-israel-and-makes-plea-over-eu-membership](http://sofiaecho.com/2010/06/23/921992_balkan-summit-condemns-israel-and-makes-plea-over-eu-membership) \*(News reports differ, with one reporting 11 countries and the other 13. There are 12 listed members of the Balkan Summit.)

### **Bangladesh. 6/10**

Following Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, which it condemned, the Bangladeshi government "called for collective international action to end the siege immediately, and to allow the people of Palestine to return to normal life." <http://english.cri.cn/6966/2010/06/01/1461s573834.htm>

### **Bolivia. 1/09, 6/10**

On January 14, 2009, Bolivia broke off diplomatic relations with Israel over the attacks on Gaza, and called for Israeli leaders to be tried in the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. [http://www.mawovancouver.org/articles/mawo\\_newsletter\\_cubavenbol.html](http://www.mawovancouver.org/articles/mawo_newsletter_cubavenbol.html)

### **Brazil. 6/10**

Brazil recalled its ambassador to Israel to express its "indignation" over Israel's military attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. According to Agence France Presse (AFP), "Brazil condemns, in vehement terms, the Israeli action, given that there was no justification for a military intervention on a peaceful convoy of a strictly humanitarian character." Brazil also called for the "blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip to be immediately lifted" and for inhabitants there to be given access to food and medicine.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=128546&sectionid=351020202>

### **Brazil Parliamentary Committee. 9/09**

Brazil's Chamber of Deputies Committee on Foreign Relations and National Defense recommended to the Congress not to ratify the free trade agreement between Mercosur and Israel until "Israel accepts the creation of the Palestinian state on the 1967 borders." According to Globes Business News, "The Chamber of Deputies is the lower house in the Brazilian Congress. Mercado Common del Sur (Mercosur) is the trading bloc of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, aimed at lifting trade barriers between the member states." <http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000498606&fid=942>

<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/spip/spip.php?article1072>

### **British Government. 2008, 3/09, 7/09, 12/09, 6/10**

The British government cancelled plans to relocate its embassy in Tel Aviv to a building owned by an Israeli settlement builder. "The UK government's firm stance is that the construction of settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories is unlawful under international law," said a Foreign Office spokesperson. An embassy representative added: "The UK government has always regarded settlements as illegal but what has happened in recent months is that we are looking for ways to make a difference on this issue. We see them as an obstacle to peace." [www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JPArticle/ShowFull&cid=1236103154560](http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JPArticle/ShowFull&cid=1236103154560)

In 2008, England began targeting goods labeled "Israeli" for inspection to determine if they were in fact produced within illegal West Bank settlements and are violating Israel-EU tariff agreements. In December 2009, the British government food labeling guidelines were changed to recommend that food labels in supermarkets should identify settlement products by labeling items from the West Bank either "Israeli settlement produce" or "Palestinian produce." [www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/britain-to-crack-down-on-exports-from-israeli-settlements-986854](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/britain-to-crack-down-on-exports-from-israeli-settlements-986854), [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/8407289.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8407289.stm)

In July, 2009, at the end of a three-month government review of all defense exports to Israel, the British government decided to cancel five of the licenses. An official explanatory announcement by the British Embassy in Tel Aviv stated that the embargo was related to Israel's offensive in Gaza, Operation Cast Lead. "U.K. equipment was not exported for specific use in Operation Cast Lead," the embassy stated. "We do not grant export licenses where there is a clear risk that arms will be used for external aggression or internal repression." <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/466>, <http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2009/12/10-8> In June, 2010 the new British prime minister David Cameron called Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla "completely unacceptable", saying "We should do everything we can through the United Nations, where resolution 1860 is absolutely clear about the need to end the blockade and open up Gaza....[F]riends of Israel - and I count myself a friend of Israel -- should be saying to the Israelis that the blockade actually strengthens Hamas's grip on the economy and on Gaza, and it's in their own interests to lift it and allow these vital supplies to get through." <http://www.jpost.com/International/Article.aspx?id=177338>, <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90853/7010349.html>

#### **Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council. 1/09**

After a three-hour public hearing on the Gaza crisis, the Council adopted a resolution calling for a cease fire on both sides, a long-term negotiated truce, an end to the economic blockade of the Gaza Strip, and support for a 2-state solution. Council forwarded the message to President George W. Bush and incumbent Barack Obama. [www.cambridgema.gov/peace/](http://www.cambridgema.gov/peace/), [www.thecrimson.com/writer.aspx?id=1204470](http://www.thecrimson.com/writer.aspx?id=1204470)

#### **China. 6/10**

The Chinese government condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. In a statement, Ma Zhaoxu, a foreign ministry spokesman, said "We were shocked by the Israeli naval attack on the Turkish flotilla carrying humanitarian goods to Gaza which led to severe casualties and condemn it." <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/05/20105316216182630.html#china>

#### **Cuba. 5/10**

On May 31, 2010, Cuba's Ministry of Foreign affairs called for a lifting of the Gaza blockade and condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla. <http://america.cubaminrex.cu/English/Statements/Articulos/StatementsMINREX/2010/01-06-10.html>

#### **Cyprus. 6/10**

The Government, political parties, NGOs and members of the public roundly condemned the killing of the humanitarian activists by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) in international waters on May 31, 2010. President Demetris Christofias condemned both the naval blockade of Gaza, which he said violated international law, as well as the attack. "The killing of people is condemnable for everyone and the killing of non combatants constitutes a criminal act," he said. "No one is happy, first of all with continuing blockade, which followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008 with its catastrophic results on Palestinians." The continuing of this blockade violates International Law and "challenges the human rights of each of us", he added. <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/2525441/posts>

#### **Denmark. 5/31**

Danish Foreign Minister Lene Esperson said in June, 2010, that "it is a Danish priority immediately to open access to Gaza for humanitarian aid, reconstruction, materials and people." [http://politiken.dk/meningsmaaling/forside\\_Modul.html](http://politiken.dk/meningsmaaling/forside_Modul.html)  
<http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A//politiken.dk/politik/article983529.ece&langpair=aut|en>

#### **Dublin City Council. 5/10**

The Dublin City Council unanimously passed a resolution calling on the City Manager not to sign or renew any contracts with French multinational Veolia - the operators of the light rail system LUAS and bidders for the Metro North project in Dublin. Veolia operates Israeli rail, bus and waste services in the illegally occupied West Bank, making them complicit in Israel's contravention of the Fourth Geneva Convention. <http://www.indymedia.ie/article/96594>

#### **Dutch Government. 2/10**

The Dutch government provided flower growers in Gaza with plants, fertilizers and workers for the 2010 growing season, and pressured the Israeli government to ease the embargo to let their roses reach Europe. <http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90854/6895151.html>

#### **Dutch Pension Fund PFZW. 11/09**

In November 2009, the second-largest Dutch pension fund PFZW joined an already impressive group of investors that have divested from Africa-Israel. PFZW represents employees throughout the healthcare and social work sectors in the Netherlands. Africa-Israel is the target of an international boycott campaign by Palestine solidarity activists because of its involvement in the construction of illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. <http://www.alternativenews.org/english/2310-more-investors-abandoning-lev-leviev-and-africa-israel-.html>

#### **Ecuador. 6/10**

Ecuador recalled its ambassador to Israel in protest against Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.jpost.com/Headlines/Article.aspx?id=177355>

#### **Egypt. 6/10, 7/10**

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak criticized Israel's use of "excessive and unjustified force" in its raid on a flotilla of ships carrying aid to Gaza, and the foreign ministry summoned the Israeli ambassador to express its condemnation. Egypt temporarily opened its border with the Gaza Strip immediately following the raid. On July 14, 2010, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit condemned Israel's move to demolish houses owned by Palestinians in East Jerusalem, saying that Israel is racing against time to impose facts on the ground before proximity talks with the Palestinians are over. "This reflects Israel's intention to set obstacles in the way of peace talks," he added.

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2010-07/15/c\\_111955189.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2010-07/15/c_111955189.htm),  
[http://www.kuwaittimes.net/read\\_news.php?newsid=OTE2NTM1Nzlw](http://www.kuwaittimes.net/read_news.php?newsid=OTE2NTM1Nzlw),  
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>

#### **Estonia. 11/08, 5/10**

Foreign Minister Urmas Paet pledged Estonia's enduring support for Palestine and its bid for sovereignty during a meeting with Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki in Marseille on Nov. 3, 2008. Estonia also condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid ships and called for a thorough investigation. A government statement said "All the EU member states, including Estonia, call for the border points into Gaza to be opened to humanitarian aid, goods and people."

<http://www.baltictimes.com/news/articles/21686/>, <http://www.vm.ee/?q=en/node/9536>

#### **European Court of Justice. 2/10**

The highest court in the European Union ruled on February 25, 2010 that goods manufactured in the Israeli occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are not covered by the trade agreement between the European Community and Israel, and thus may be subject to import duties when shipped into a member state. [http://legalblogwatch.typepad.com/legal\\_blog\\_watch/2010/02/european-court-of-justice-rules-goods-made-in-west-bank-not-israeli.html](http://legalblogwatch.typepad.com/legal_blog_watch/2010/02/european-court-of-justice-rules-goods-made-in-west-bank-not-israeli.html)

#### **European Parliament, 6/10**

The European Parliament condemned a deadly Israeli raid on a flotilla heading for Gaza and a blockade imposed on that territory by Israel. The resolution condemns Israel for its military operation on the Gaza-bound flotilla carrying humanitarian aid, which killed 9 people. The resolution, drafted jointly by political groups in the EP, says the Israeli attack was a breach of international law. It calls for a prompt international and impartial inquiry into the raid and asks European countries to raise this demand. It also urges Israel to lift immediately its illegal blockade on Gaza and asks EU countries to work toward this goal. <http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-213433-ep-condemns-israeli-attack-illegal-siege-on-gaza-strip.html>

#### **European Union. 12/09, 6/10**

The EU Council of Foreign Ministers issued a statement in December 2009 reaffirming Europe's strong position in favor of an independent Palestinian state based on 1967 borders and an end to settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. They were referring to a statement issued on Tuesday by the EU's

foreign ministers calling for Jerusalem to become the capital of both Israel and a future Palestinian state. Days later, Israel banned a delegation of European members of parliament from entering the Gaza Strip through the Erez crossing. The ministers, from seven European countries, issued a strong rebuke to Israel. European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton leveled scathing criticism at Israeli policy in her first speech as the European Union's first high representative for foreign affairs and security policy. <http://www.eutimes.net/tag/catherine-ashton/> In June, 2010, The European Union condemned the use of violence resulting in deaths and injuries in Israel's raid on the Gaza flotilla, and called for an end to Israel's closure of the Gaza Strip. A statement signed by 27 European foreign ministers said, "EU does not accept the continued policy of closure, it is unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza."

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/05/20105316216182630.html#china>

#### **France. 6/10**

The French president has condemned the Israeli attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, accusing the regime of "disproportionate use of force." The French Ambassador to the United Nations Gerard Araud said the death toll indicated "there was disproportionate use of force and a level of violence which nothing justifies and which we condemn." <http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=128516&sectionid=351020603>

#### **Galway City Council, Ireland. 2009**

The Galway City Council voted not to renew its contract with Veolia, a French company which has been vigorously criticized for its role in a light rail system to connect Jerusalem to illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. See <http://www.passia.org/publications/bulletins/Jerusalem2009/pdf/Web-Bulletin%20-%20Jeusalem%202009%20Final%2021.pdf>

#### **Germany. 6/10**

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle called for a "thorough and transparent investigation" of Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, and called for border crossings to be opened to humanitarian aid convoys. At least five Germans, including three members of Parliament, were on board the aid flotilla. In a strongly worded statement, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's office said Israel's response to the ships was disproportionate. On July 1, 2010 the German federal parliament (Bundestag) in Berlin unanimously approved a resolution demanding that the siege against the Gaza strip be lifted and calling for an international commission to investigate the attack against the Free Gaza Flotilla by the Israeli Navy on the 31th of May. A few weeks later, Germany announced that it would not provide funding for a sixth submarine for the Israel Navy, even though it had expressed a willingness in the past to help finance the project.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>,

<http://dwelle.de/dw/article/0,,5633390,00.html>, also <http://www.middleeastmonitor.org.uk/articles/europe/1314-germany-redefines-relations-with-israel>, <http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/topics/economy-of-the-occupation/2718-crisis-in-germanys-unconditional-support-of-israel->

#### **Greater Bordeaux (France) Municipal Government. 4/09**

This French municipality rejected a bid from Veolia Transport Corporation to manage France's biggest urban transportation network. The firm faced intense public criticism of its construction of a "Jerusalem light railway designed to link West Jerusalem with illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank. The contract, worth 750 million euros, was awarded to another firm. Although the municipality cited "commercial factors," their action mirrors those of governments in Stockholm and England responding to public pressure. Veolia has now lost contracts worth more than \$7.5 billion.

[http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?mact=News.cntnt01\\_detail,0&cntnt01articleid=413&cntnt01returnid=67](http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?mact=News.cntnt01_detail,0&cntnt01articleid=413&cntnt01returnid=67)

#### **Greece. 12/08, 1/09, 6/10**

In December 2008 Greek Member of Parliament Theodoros Pangalos returned a gift of three bottles of wine to the Israeli ambassador, noting that they were produced in the illegally occupied Golan Heights. In January 2009 the Greek Government blocked the use of a Greek port for transit of US arms to Israel during the bombardment of Gaza. The Greek foreign minister stated that neither the port of Astakos nor "any other location in Greece will be used for the supplying of the Israeli army." A Greek merchant shipping company had been hired by the Pentagon to deliver hundreds of tons of munitions to Israel, but the arrangement was canceled in the face of public anger at the Gaza assault. In June 2010 the Government of Greece summoned

Israel's ambassador after Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla to demand an "immediate" report on the safety of about 30 Greeks on board. The foreign ministry said in a statement it had requested "immediate information concerning the safety of Greek citizens on board the boats... and stressed the need to take the necessary measures to ensure their security." Greece also canceled a joint military exercise with Israeli Air Forces to protest the attack. [www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=82263&sectionid=351020202](http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=82263&sectionid=351020202)  
[www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/US-Israel/bombsale](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/US-Israel/bombsale)  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=eu-demands-full-enquiry-on-israeli-attack-2010-05-31>

#### **The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). 6/10**

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) responded together on June 1, 2010 to the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Participants in a joint meeting of the two organizations demanded ending the Israeli siege imposed on Gaza immediately and the implementation of UN Resolution 1860, which calls for ending the siege.. They said Israel was fully responsible for the attack on the flotilla and demanded an investigation. They agreed on a joint press release that expressed anger, called the international community and the United Nations to take responsibility and condemn the Israeli crime, and demanded an immediate release of the hostages. The GCC includes Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE, and Oman. ASEAN consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.  
<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smId/414/ArticleID/154734/reftab/96/Default.aspx>

#### **Guyana. 6/10**

The Government of Guyana condemned Israel for its deadly May 31 commando raid on an international flotilla to Gaza. In a statement to the National Assembly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett said that the government joins the rest of the international community in "unequivocally condemning the recent act launched by the Israeli military on a flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip."  
Guyana further called for a lifting of the blockade on Gaza.  
<http://www.stabroeknews.com/2010/stories/06/04/gov%E2%80%99t-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-aid-flotilla/>

#### **Iceland. 6/10**

The Foreign Minister of Iceland, Össur Skarphéðinsson, condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla saying that "Gaza is in fact a giant prison where international law is violated. This must stop," and "We support the demands that have been made, e.g. by the EU, that this matter be thoroughly investigated. It is intolerable that Israel repeatedly exerts force in this way." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactions\\_to\\_the\\_Gaza\\_flotilla\\_raid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactions_to_the_Gaza_flotilla_raid), <http://visir.is/ossur-fordaemir-framferdi-israela/article/2010519889386>, <http://www.ruv.is/frett/fordaemir-arasir-israela>

#### **India. 5/10**

India's Ministry of External Affairs issued a statement on May 31, 2010, condemning Israel's attack on ships carrying aid to Gaza. The statement said, in part, "India deplores the tragic loss of life and the reports of killings and injuries to people on the boats carrying supplies for Gaza. There can be no justification for such indiscriminate use of force, which we condemn." [http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/india-news/india-condemns-israeli-attack-on-pro-palestinian-peace-activists\\_100372987.html](http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/india-news/india-condemns-israeli-attack-on-pro-palestinian-peace-activists_100372987.html),  
<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90851/7009266.html>

#### **Indonesia. 6/10**

The Government of Indonesia strongly condemned Israel's attack on a Turkish ship carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, resulting in the death of 9 passengers. "We condemned Israel's storming of the Mavi Marmara, which was sailing in international waters," the government of Indonesia said in a statement. The statement called the blockade against Gaza "a violation of international law."  
<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/06/01/indonesia-condemns-israel039s-attack-gaza-aid-flotilla.html>,  
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>

#### **Iran. 6/10**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad strongly condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, calling it an "inhuman Zionist regime action against Gazans."  
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/05/20105316216182630.html#china>

### **Ireland. 6/10**

The Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin issued a statement after the Israeli government seized an Irish flagged ship, the "Rachel Corrie," which was transferring humanitarian aid to Gaza in June, 2010. The statement urged the Israeli government to ensure that the entire cargo of humanitarian aid carried by the ship was transferred to Gaza. The statement urged an end to the Israeli siege of Gaza, saying, "The Government continues to call on Israel to lift its blockade of Gaza. Pending that, Israel should immediately facilitate the import into Gaza of all goods, other than weapons." <http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=83566>

### **Italy.**

Italy backed the United Nations Security Council Resolution in June 2010, condemning Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Italian foreign minister Franco Frattini has said that Israel's occupation of Syria's Golan Heights plateau is "one of the main obstacles to peace in the Middle East." On July 21, the Palestinian Authority announced that the Italian government has provided a long-term interest-free loan of €30 million for the Palestinian agricultural sector. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=301212>,  
<http://www.adnkronos.com/AKI/English/Politics/?id=3.1.478101269>,  
<http://www.adnkronos.com/AKI/English/Politics/?id=3.0.3191899343>

### **Jordan. 5/10**

Jordan summoned the Israeli charge d'affaires at the Israeli embassy in Amman on May 31 and handed him a strongly-worded message condemning Israel's raid on a flotilla of aid ships bound for Gaza Strip. In a statement released by the government on Monday, Jordan condemned Israel's raid on the flotilla, calling on the Israeli government to secure the safety of Jordanians on board the flotilla. Jordan's Minister of State for Media Affairs and Communications Nabil Sharif called on the international community to take immediate action to place pressure on Israel to lift the siege it imposes on the Gaza Strip.

<http://balita.ph/2010/06/01/jordan-summons-israeli-diplomat-condemns-israels-raid-on-gaza-bound-flotilla/>

### **Kenya. 6/10**

The Government of Kenya has condemned Israel's attack on aid ships to Gaza and called for an investigation into the incident. The statement said the incident served to reinforce calls "by the international community for Israel to end the blockade of Gaza".

[http://www.africanews.com/site/Kenya\\_condemns\\_Israel\\_raid\\_on\\_aid\\_ships/list\\_messages/32408](http://www.africanews.com/site/Kenya_condemns_Israel_raid_on_aid_ships/list_messages/32408)

### **Laos. 6/10**

The government of Laos condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. It called for Israel to comply with the UN Security Council's resolution No. 1860 by opening its border and revoking the blockade of Gaza so that humanitarian aid could reach the conflict zone and enable local people to resume normal life promptly.

<http://laovoices.com/2010/06/02/laos-condemns-israeli-attack-on-gaza-aid-flotilla/>

### **Lebanon. 6/10**

The government of Lebanon denounced Israel's attack on the aid ships bound for Gaza. Prime Minister Saad Hariri said, "Lebanon firmly denounces this attack and calls on the international community, notably major powers ... to take action in order to end this continued violation of human rights and threat to international peace." <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>

### **Luxembourg. 11/09, 5/10**

In December 2009, Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn said East Jerusalem, which Palestinians want as a national capital, is "not part of Israel" adding, "We all recognise, in discussions, that East Jerusalem is occupied, and if it is occupied then it is not part of Israel," Asselborn told reporters as he arrived for EU talks in Brussels. "I don't understand how Israel fails to recognise that Palestine is composed of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem." Asselborn strongly condemned those responsible for Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla on May 31, 2010. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/mideast-diplomacy.1tl>  
<http://lequotidien.editpress.lu/index.php/politique-et-societe/12042-condamne-fermement-les-responsables-raid-contre-flotille.html>

### **Malaysia. 5/10**



Malaysia condemned Israel's attack on a flotilla of ships in international waters carrying aid to Gaza. The Malaysian government called the act "a serious breach of international law." It called for the immediate release of the volunteers and the ships, and urged the UN Security Council to meet to consider action against Israel and to immediately lift the siege on the Gaza Strip.

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/malaysia-condemns-israeli-attack-wants-security-council-to-meet/>

#### **Malta. 5/10**

Malta has condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, with Foreign Minister Tonio Borg issuing a statement: "Malta deeply regrets the loss of life as a result of the Israeli military operation against the Flotilla sailing to Gaza and offers its condolences to the families of the victims. Malta condemns the disproportionate use of violence that has produced a very high number of victims among the members of the flotilla and demands a full inquiry into the attack. The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains a source of grave concern. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza."

<http://www.di-ve.com/Default.aspx?ID=72&NewsId=73103>

#### **Mauritania. 1/09, 6/10**

The Mauritanian government severed its bilateral diplomatic ties with Israel in mid-January 2009, to protest the "Cast Lead" military operation in Gaza. In June 2010, the country officially ended all diplomatic relations with Israel to protest Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Mauritania strongly condemned Israel's attack on the ships and urged the international community "to compel Israel to end its occupation of all Arab territories and to lift the unjust blockade on the Palestinian people."

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=121349&sectionid=351020506>,

<http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A//www.abc.es/agencias/noticia.asp%3Fnoticia%3D403413&langpair=autolen>

#### **Mexico. 1/09**

The Republic of Mexico has joined an increasing number of nations that have taken strong diplomatic action against Israel for its indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip. On January 15, 2009, "La Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores" (SRE) issued what it termed "a most energetic condemnation" of Israel's bombing of three hospitals and a United Nations center for humanitarian aid where over 1,000 tons of food, medicine and other supplies needed by besieged Palestinian families were destroyed.

[http://www.aztlan.net/mexico\\_condemns\\_israel.htm](http://www.aztlan.net/mexico_condemns_israel.htm)

#### **Morocco. 6/08, 5/10**

In June 2008, Morocco's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva denounced Israel's persistence in flouting international resolutions by continuing to commit human rights abuses in the occupied Palestinian territories. He deplored the situation that keeps on deteriorating in the occupied territories due to Israel's "reprehensible acts" and the blockade imposed on Palestinians, which constitutes "a blatant violation of their political and civil rights and an obstacle preventing them from exercising their full economic, social and cultural rights." Morocco also condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, calling the action "disgraceful."

<http://www.marocpost.net/news/Headlines/ViewArticle.cfm?ArticleID=8131>,  
<http://www.aufaitmaroc.com/actualites/aujourd'hui/2010/5/31/flottille-le-maroc-denonce-lignoble-attaque-israelienne-ministre>

#### **Nanterre, France Tribunal. 4/09**

The tribunal of Nanterre, near Paris, declared that it has the jurisdiction to examine whether Alstom and Veolia, two French companies, are participating in an illegal project designed to consolidate Israel's control over land it seized illegally after the 1967 war. Alstom is laying the track and providing the cars for the light-rail system linking Jerusalem with West Bank Israeli settlements. Veolia is a participant in the consortium building the system and has agreed to operate the system for 30 years. The judicial complaint was brought by Association France-Palestine Solidarite, an anti-occupation group.

[www.online.wsj.com/article/SB123992141785126493.html#](http://www.online.wsj.com/article/SB123992141785126493.html#)

<http://www.online.wsj.com/public/quotes/main.html?type=djn&symbol=1022047.fr>

#### **The Netherlands. 2008, 11/2009**

The Dutch Government's influence was apparent in the decision of Heineken Breweries to press its newly acquired company, Barkan Wineries, to move its facilities out of an illegal settlement in the West Bank. The move reflects the Dutch Government's expectation that multi-nationals registered in Holland will adhere to UN human rights guidelines when operating abroad. Heineken is one of 38 Dutch companies that have joined the UN Global Compact, promising to make sure that they are not "complicit in human rights abuses." The Dutch commitment is part of a nascent international drive toward Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) promoted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Under "Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises," companies are asked to "support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights" throughout their entire supply chain and within their operational sphere of influence. In November 2009, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs called for an investigation into products imported from Ahava, which produces these in the illegal settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. The ministry stated that "If these products are produced in the occupied Palestinian territories then they are falsely labelled as 'Made in Israel'." The ministry further said that products from the Occupied Palestinian West Bank should not receive special tax deductions. [http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=3683&Itemid=31](http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3683&Itemid=31)

#### **New Zealand. 6/10**

New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and summoned the Israeli ambassador to express the government's concern. A New Zealander was on board the flotilla. American and Israeli flags were burned at protests held in Auckland.

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10648901](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10648901),

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/image.cfm?c\\_id=1&gal\\_objectid=10648901&gallery\\_id=111656#6947432](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/image.cfm?c_id=1&gal_objectid=10648901&gallery_id=111656#6947432)

#### **Nicaragua. 6/10**

The country of Nicaragua has suspended diplomatic relations with Israel over the Gaza Flotilla raid. Managua "underscored the illegal nature of the attack on a humanitarian mission in clear violation of international and humanitarian law." Nicaragua reiterated its support for the Palestinian people and urged an end to the blockade on the Gaza Strip. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-3897773.00.html>

#### **Norway. 9/09, 6/10**

In September, 2009, the Norwegian Ministry of Finance excluded the Israeli company Elbit Systems Ltd. from the Government Pension Fund - Global, on the basis of the Council on Ethics' recommendation. In a press release, the ministry stated, "The Council on Ethics has found that investment in Elbit constitutes an unacceptable risk of contribution to serious violations of fundamental ethical norms as a result of the company's integral involvement in Israel's construction of a separation barrier on occupied territory. 'We do not wish to fund companies that so directly contribute to violations of international humanitarian law,' says Minister of Finance Kristin Halvorsen....The Ethics Council opinion states clearly that the construction of the separation barrier and its associated control regime along the chosen route must be regarded as being in contravention of international law." In June, 2010, the Norwegian Government condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said, "A military attack against civilian activists is totally unacceptable. We are shocked at the news that Israeli naval forces have attacked ships bringing humanitarian aid to Gaza." Kristin Halvorsen, Norway's health minister, called for the international community to boycott arms trade with Israel, in line with Norway's existing policy.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/05/20105316216182630.html#china>

<http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/533>, <http://www.swedishwire.com/nordic/4831-norwegians-ready-to-boycott-israel>

#### **Norwegian Provincial Parliament: the Soer-Trondeleim District. 12/05**

Norwegian Provincial Parliament: the Soer-Trondeleim District, representing about 7% of the population of Norway, including Trondheim, the third largest city, voted in December 2005 to "completely and totally" prohibit the purchase or sale of Israeli products by all provincial government bodies and to launch an awareness campaign calling on the populace to do the same. Significantly, this Parliament was the first Norwegian government body to boycott South African Apartheid.

<http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/print1061.shtml>

#### **Pakistan. 8/06, 6/10**

In August, 2006, Pakistan told the U.N. Security Council Tuesday that Israel's 38 year occupation of the Palestinian and Arab territories is the root cause of the conflicts in the Middle East, and made a strong plea for a peaceful settlement. Following Israel's raid on the Gaza aid ships, the foreign ministry of Pakistan stated: "The government of Pakistan strongly condemns the use of brazen force by Israel against a humanitarian mission that was embarked on delivering humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people in Gaza." <http://www.pakistantimes.net/2006/08/24/top4.htm>,  
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>,

#### **Palestinian Authority. 5/10**

In May, 2010, the Palestinian Authority launched a widespread boycott of settlement goods. Residents in the occupied West Bank received hand-delivered lists of blacklisted settlement products as the Palestinian Authority kicked off its door-to-door anti-settlement produce campaign. The PA has produced an 88-page guide on how to participate in the boycott, including logos of well-known brand names, furnishing companies, farms, dairy produce, water, wine, household fixtures, and toys as well as plastics and surgical equipment manufactured on illegal West Bank settlements. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=285299>

#### **Palestinian Customs. 12/09**

On December 16, 2009 Palestinian customs officials dumped tens of thousands of dollars worth of Dead Sea beauty products into dumpsters as part of a boycott of goods made in Israeli settlements. "This destruction ... is in keeping with the decision of the Palestinian leadership to prevent the import and sale of products produced in the settlements," local official Munthar Erakat said. <http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/614>

#### **Paraguay. 6/10**

The government of Paraguay condemned the attack by Israeli forces in international waters on the convoy called "Freedom Flotilla," carrying humanitarian aid for Gaza. It supported the UN call for a full investigation. [http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A//www.lanacion.com.py/noticias\\_um-309384.htm&langpair=aut|en](http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A//www.lanacion.com.py/noticias_um-309384.htm&langpair=aut|en), [http://www.lanacion.com.py/noticias\\_um-309384.htm](http://www.lanacion.com.py/noticias_um-309384.htm),

#### **Qatar. 6/10**

His Highness the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani condemned Israel's deadly raid against a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, branding it an "act of piracy." "The crimes that were committed at dawn today... remind all of us that there is an unjust blockade" in place against Gaza, the Emir told the 10th Doha Forum, calling for an end to the lockdown imposed by Israel. In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim underscored Qatar's condemnation of the armed attack by Israel's naval forces against the aid flotilla. The Prime Minister termed the attack as "a premeditated assault on the innocent and a clear-cut violation of the international law and a flagrant breach to the international norms and conventions." [http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu\\_no=2&item\\_no=365293&version=1&template\\_id=57&parent\\_id=56](http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=365293&version=1&template_id=57&parent_id=56)

#### **Russia. 6/10, 7/10**

Russia's Foreign Ministry expressed Russia's "condemnation and deep concern" over the May 2010 Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, and called for a full investigation. The ministry statement added that the use of "weapons against citizens and the seizing of ships in open waters with no legal grounds [is] a gross violation of commonly accepted international legal norms." It said the events proved the "necessity to halt the Gaza blockade." In July 2010, Russia donated 50 armored personnel carriers to the Palestinian Authority. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=288773>,  
<http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=301215>

#### **Saudi Arabia. 11/06, 6/10**

In November 2006, Saudi Arabia condemned Israel's actions against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The country has supported the Arab Peace plan which offers to normalize diplomatic relations with Israel if it withdraws from territory it occupied during the 1967 war. Saudi Arabia condemned the "massacre committed by Israel" against the Gaza aid flotilla on May 31, 2010, and urged the international community "to assume its responsibility in face of (Israel's) aggressions." <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L09373074.htm>,  
<http://www.q8nri.com/home/2010/06/01/world-shocked-outraged-at-israel-after-freedom-flotilla-deadly-attack/>,

### **Scotland. 6/10**

In Edinburgh, Scotland, as many as 5,000 protesters marched through the center of the city to protest Israel's violent attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, which killed 9 volunteers aboard the Turkish ship "Mavi Marmara." The Scottish government issued a statement: "The Scottish Government condemns the Israeli authorities' actions that resulted in the tragic loss of life on the Mavi Marmara," the statement read. "We have added Scotland's voice to that of the wider international community in condemning it, and calling for the immediate lifting of the Israeli blockade of Gaza." <http://www.juancole.com/2010/06/tel-aviv-protests-against-gaza-blockade-wave-of-protests-govt-condemnation.html>

### **South Africa. 6/10**

South Africa recalled its ambassador to Israel to protest Israel's attack on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. <http://www.jpost.com/International/Article.aspx?id=177408>

### **South Korea. 6/10**

South Korea downgraded a June visit from Israeli President Shimon Peres from a "state visit" to a working visit in the aftermath of Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. However, South Korea has often abstained from UN votes criticizing Israel's actions against Palestinians. <http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/south-korea-lowers-status-of-peres-visit-in-wake-of-gaza-flotilla-raid-1.294523?localLinksEnabled=false>

### **Spain. 9/09, 6/10**

In September, 2009, the government of Spain excluded the University Center of Ariel in Samaria (AUCS) from a prestigious university competition about sustainable architecture. The University Center is in the West Bank on occupied Palestinian land, and is in the illegal settlement of Ariel. AUCS was one of 21 teams selected to compete for the Solar Decathlon-Madrid 2010, the most prestigious competition for sustainable architecture in the world. Sergio Vega, General Director of Solar Decathlon Europe said: "The decision has been taken by the Government of Spain based upon the fact that the University is located in the [occupied] West Bank. The Government of Spain is obliged to respect the international agreements under the framework of the European Union and the United Nations regarding this geographical area." This represents the first case of sanctions against an Israeli academic institution in Spain and one of the first such actions in the West. [http://www.kibush.co.il/show\\_file.asp?num=35748](http://www.kibush.co.il/show_file.asp?num=35748) In June, 2010, Spain's Foreign Ministry condemned Israel's military action against an aid flotilla bound for Gaza. Spain's government considers that the military action was "completely disproportionate, and fully supports the European Union query that Israel carries out an investigation, and that it finds out who's responsible," the ministry said in a release the day after the raid. The Government of Spain, which holds the current European Union presidency, called the Israeli ambassador to Madrid to explain what Spain called an "unacceptable" operation. <http://www.dowjones.de/site/2010/05/spain-condemns-israel-raid-against-gaza-aid-flotilla.html>

### **Stockholm Community Council, Sweden. 1/09**

The Stockholm Community Council cancelled its long-standing contract with Veolia Corp. Veolia, a French multinational, was criticized for involvement with a tramway linking West Jerusalem to illegal West Bank settlements. Veolia lost the bid although it had operated Stockholm's public transit system for ten years and sought an eight-year extension worth 3.5 Billion Euros, said to be the biggest public contract under negotiation in Europe. The Stockholm Council had received petitions signed by thousands of residents protesting further support for Veolia. [www.labournet.net/world/0901/veolia2.html](http://www.labournet.net/world/0901/veolia2.html)

### **Sudan. 5/10**

The Sudanese government condemned the May 31 2010 Israeli attack on the Freedom Flotilla which was heading to Gaza, and urged the international community to condemn the incident and punish Israel. <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90854/7007196.html>

### **Swansea City Council, UK. 7/10**

An historic decision was taken by Swansea City Council on June 17, 2010 to bar future contracts with Veolia on the grounds of its illegal activities in the West Bank. Swansea City Council approved the following resolution unamended on Thursday June 17th 2010: "The UN not only does not recognise Israel's annexation and occupation of East Jerusalem, but has repeatedly stated its view that the Israeli settlements in East

Jerusalem and the West Bank contravene international law, and it has demanded that Israeli settlement activities and occupation should not be supported. The international trading company, Veolia, is a leading partner in a consortium seeking to build a light railway system linking Israel to illegal settlements in occupied East Jerusalem, a project that clearly not only contravenes UN demands but is in contravention of international law. This Council therefore calls on the Leader & Chief Executive not to sign or allow to be signed any new contracts or renewal of any existing contracts with Veolia or any other company in breach of international law, so long as to do so would not be in breach of any relevant legislation."

<http://www.inminds.com/article.php?id=10454>

#### **Sweden. 5/10**

Swedish State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Frank Belfrage summoned the Israeli ambassador following Israel's attack on the Gaza aid ships on May 31, 2010. He called the attack "completely unacceptable."

<http://www.swedishwire.com/component/content/article/2-politics/4769-sweden-israeli-raid-completely-unacceptable>

#### **Swedish National Pension Fund. 3/09**

Swedish national pension fund AP7 has excluded the French transportation giant Alstom from its portfolio. Alstom was excluded because of the company's involvement in Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. Specifically, the company delivered a monitoring system to parts of the barrier built on Palestinian land in the West Bank. The First, Second, Third and Fourth National Pension Fund (AP1, AP2, AP3 and AP4) have also decided to exclude the Israeli defense company Elbit Systems from their investments.

<http://usacbi.wordpress.com/2009/03/24/divestment-campaign-gains-momentum-in-europe/>,

<http://www.dn.se/ekonomi/ap-fonder-ratar-israeliskt-bolag-1.1069483>

#### **Switzerland. 11/08**

The Swiss Foreign Ministry notified the Israeli Foreign Ministry that Switzerland regards the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem and near Ramallah as "violations of international humanitarian law." Swiss officials stated that over 600 homes in East Jerusalem and 1600 in the West Bank had been destroyed since 2000 in violation of the Geneva Convention's rules on military occupation.

[www.canpalnet-ottawa.org/Paju-407.html](http://www.canpalnet-ottawa.org/Paju-407.html)

#### **Syria. 6/10, 7/10**

In Damascus, Syria, a senior adviser to President Bashar al-Assad, Buthaina Shaaban, called the Israeli attack on aid ships "a terrorist crime against innocent civilians and supporters of the Palestinian people who had no weapons, no armaments with them." On July 19, 2010, Syria's President Assad joined with Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu in calling for further action to bring an end to the Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/syrian-president-turkish-fm-jointly-call-for-end-to-gaza-siege-1.302884>, <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/israel.gaza.raid.reaction/index.html>

#### **Tunisia. 6/10**

Tunisia condemned the Israeli raid on international aid convoy, urging the international community to take quick moves to stop Palestinians' sufferings and broker a breakthrough in the Middle East peace process, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday. "Tunisia firmly condemns the aggression perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces in international waters against the Gaza-bound aid flotilla which killed and injured dozens of people," the ministry said in a statement. Tunisia asked "the international community, particularly the influential powers, to intervene immediately to lift the unjust blockade imposed on the Palestinian people in Gaza and put an end to their sufferings." <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90854/7007190.html>

#### **Turkey. 6/10**

Turkey announced that it was recalling its ambassador to Israel after at least nine Turkish activists were killed when Israel Navy commandoes stormed a ship bringing aid to the Gaza Strip. Turkey threatened to break all ties with Israel unless the government apologized for the raid.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/turkey-recalls-envoy-over-gaza-flotilla-deaths-accuses-israel-of-state-terrorism-1.293186>

### **United Arab Emirates. 6/10**

The United Arab Emirates denounced Israel's "barbaric aggression," against volunteers transporting aid to Gaza as Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahayan urged UN chief Ban Ki-Moon to investigate the attack and report back to the United Nations. <http://www.q8nri.com/home/2010/06/01/world-shocked-outraged-at-israel-after-freedom-flotilla-deadly-attack/>

### **UK House of Commons Select Committee on International Development. 1/07**

The Select Committee reported severe limitations on Palestinian trade and development caused by Israeli restrictions on movement and access to goods and markets. Meanwhile, the European Union continues to boost the Israeli economy by giving preferential treatment to Israeli products in European markets through a trade agreement. The Select Committee noted this "incongruity" and said "the UK should urge the EU to use its Agreement with Israel as a lever for change and to consider suspending the Agreement until there are further improvements in access arrangements." [www.parliament.uk/indcom](http://www.parliament.uk/indcom)

### **United Kingdom. 8/06**

During Israel's war with Lebanon and the Gaza Strip in 2006, UK government officials barred US flights from Prestwick Airport in Scotland. The planes were carrying bombs to Israel for attacks on Lebanon. Diversion to RAF military bases for refueling followed talks between the Scots Secretary and the UK Defense and Foreign Secretaries. After a meeting with the US Consul, Scottish Parliament Member Patrick Harvie of the Green Party reported: "We tried to convey the extreme concern, indeed disgust, among the Scottish public and politicians that a Scottish airport is being used to ferry arms to Israel." [www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/](http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/)

### **United Nations Economic and Social Council. 7/06**

The United Nations Economic and Social Council adopted a resolution on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan. The resolution, adopted by a roll-call vote of 45 in favour to 3 against, with 3 abstentions, called for the lifting of the severe restrictions imposed on the Palestinian people; and demanded that Israel comply with the Protocol on Economic Relations between the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed in Paris on 29 April 1994 and that it urgently transfer Palestinian tax revenues. <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article5281.shtml>

### **United Nations Human Rights Council. 3/10, 6/10**

The UN Human Rights Council voted with an overwhelming majority (32 to 3) to strongly condemn Israel's actions against the Flotilla and to dispatch an independent, international probe into violations of international law resulting from the incident. Only Italy, the Netherlands and the United States voted against the measure. In a press release issued July 23, 2010, the Council President announced the appointment of three prominent international legal experts to conduct the investigation. <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/d/15574.html>, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10095&LangID=E>, In March, the Council passed five resolutions calling on Israel to stop settlement building in the occupied territories, including the Syrian Golan and East Jerusalem, emphasizing that the displaced persons of the population of the occupied Syrian Golan must be allowed to return to their homes and to recover their property; affirming the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination; condemning the grave human rights violations by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; calling on Israel to end its occupation of territories seized in the 1967 war; and calling for Israel and the Palestinians to conduct independent, credible investigations as a follow-up to the report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict. <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=18348>

### **Venezuela. 1/09**

Both Venezuela and Bolivia have broken ties with the Israeli government over the 2008-09 Gaza offensive. The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry said its government was responding to "the cruel persecution of the Palestinian people, directed by Israeli authorities," citing "19 days of continuous bombardment, the assassination of more than 1,000 people and the destruction of the infrastructure of the population of Gaza." Calling this "state terrorism," they said Israeli leaders should be tried before an international court for crimes against humanity. <http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/americas/01/14/bolivia.israel/>, See also

[www.france24.com/en/20090115-chavez-breaks-diplomatic-ties-with-israel](http://www.france24.com/en/20090115-chavez-breaks-diplomatic-ties-with-israel)  
<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=29791>

**Victoria State Government - Melbourne, Australia. 6/09**

After a 4-month boycott campaign led by Australians for Palestine, during which some 100,000 pamphlets were distributed, Connex lost its contract with the Victorian State Government as train system operator for the city of Melbourne, Australia. The government and other observers attributed the contract cancellation to complaints about public transport as a result of mass cancellations on the train network in the preceding months. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2001.shtml>

**Vienna Municipal Council, Austria. 5/10**

The Vienna Municipal Council passed a resolution signed by all political parties on May 31, 2010, which condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.kawther.info/wpr/wp-content/uploads/Beschluss-Resolutions-Antrag-zu-PGL-2433-2010-0001-GAT782.pdf>

**Vietnam. 6/10**

Protesting the Israeli attack on a convoy of ships carrying aid to Gaza, Vietnam cancelled a state visit planned by Israeli President Shimon Peres. <http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/south-korea-lowers-status-of-peres-visit-in-wake-of-gaza-flotilla-raid-1.294523>

**Villanueva de Duero City Council, Spain. 7/10**

After lobbying efforts by Spanish activists, the City Council of Villanueva de Duero has decided to remove Eden-brand water products from government buildings. Eden is a company in Syria's Golan Heights, which has been occupied by Israeli military forces since 1967. Local leaders of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel campaign requested that the municipality cease its support for a company that they say profits from illegally occupied and annexed lands.

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=299415>

## **BUSINESSES**

Note: The Israeli Manufacturers Association reported a 21% drop in export demand due to boycott campaigns in 2009. A poll of 90 exporters revealed sharp lessening of demand. 10% of 400 exporters polled in March also reported cancellation of orders since the assault on Gaza. "There is no doubt that a red light has been switched on," said the head of foreign trade at the manufacturers association. Many European consumers are boycotting Israeli products, and "organisations are bombarding retailers with letters, asking that they remove Israeli merchandise from the shelves," according to an Israeli official based in England.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/apr/03/israel-gaza-attacks-boycotts-food-industry>

**Abacus, Spain. 6/10**

Following Israel Navy's raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla, the Abacus chain of toy stores in Spain with 34 branches decided to remove Rummikub, a popular Israeli game, from its shelves.

<http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/743>

**Assa Abloy, Sweden. 10/08**

Responding to criticism from NGOs like the Swedish group Diakonia (with the Church of Sweden and SwedWatch), Assa Abloy has pledged to transfer its Mul-T-Lock manufacturing facility into Israel from Barkan, an industrial park in the Ariel settlement. The company is building a new plant in Modi'in, Israel, but there is no date set for the move. The Treasurer of Assa Abloy confirmed in December 2009, that the new site has been chosen in the Israeli town of Modi'in, but that building will not commence until sometime in 2010 and will not be finished until 2011. Assa Abloy apologized "that the inappropriateness"...of having a production unit on the West Bank "had not been noted internally." See "Illegal Ground: Assa Abloy's business in occupied Palestinian territory" at <http://www.diakonia.se/sa/node.asp?node=2718>

**ASN Bank, Holland, 11/06**

This Dutch Bank announced that it would end its relationship with all companies that benefit from Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory, including the French multinational firm Veolia Transport, involved in a light rail system that aims to connect illegal settlements with Israeli cities.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=795723&contrassID=1&subContrassID=1>

#### **BlackRock, Inc. 8/09**

BlackRock, one of the world's largest investment firms, has divested its holdings in Africa Israel Investments due to Africa Israel owner Lev Leviev's involvement with settlement projects on occupied Palestinian land. The divestment followed pressure by three Norwegian banks marketing BlackRock funds. BlackRock was second biggest shareholder in the controversial Israeli firm. BlackRock had recently purchased Barclay's, another major fund manager, which held a major position in AI Investments as of mid-2009. Observers were watching to see whether Barclay's holdings in AI would also be divested when the deal was finalized.

<http://www.norwatch.no/200908201324/english/fund/blackrock-divests-from-the-west-bank.html>,  
<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article10736.shtml>

#### **COOP Italia. 5/10**

COOP, a major Italian supermarket chain, announced that it will no longer sell products from Israel's illegal settlements in response to lobbying by Stop Agrexco Italia, also known as the Italian Coalition Against Carmel-Agrexco. Carmel Agrexco is the largest distributor of Israeli agricultural produce. The company, which is half owned by the Israeli government, distributes 60-70% of all settlement fruit, vegetables, flowers, and herbs).

<http://www.stopagrexcoitalia.org/comunicati/111-pr-coop-conad.html>

#### **Corporate Watch. 2010**

Corporate Watch is an independent UK research group which publishes information on the social and environmental impact of large corporations. Their recent publication, 'Direct Action Against Israel – Part 1' provides detailed analysis of arms companies supplying Israel; of companies that supply settlement produce; of Lloyds TSB, which has contributed to the Israeli blockade of Gaza; as well as direct action that has been taken against these corporations.

<http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/Boycotts/BoycottssagainstIsrael.aspx>  
<http://www.corporatewatch.org/>

#### **Costco. 1/10**

A search of Costco's web site reveals no Ahava products, confirming reports by Code Pink that its "Stolen Beauty" campaign against these products in retail stores is producing results. According to a letter sent from Costco management, "These items are pending delete in our system and once they have sold they are no longer available. Your concerns have been forwarded to our corporate offices."

<http://codepink4peace.org/blog/2010/01/stolen-beauty-victory-costco-feels-the-love/>

#### **Danish Bank (Danske Bank). 1/10**

Danish Bank (Danske Bank), the biggest financial group in Denmark, has excluded Elbit Systems, Magal and Africa Israel from its investment portfolio because of their involvement in providing equipment for the Wall and in settlement construction.

<http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2166.shtml>,  
<http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/632>

#### **Danwatch. 1/10**

Danwatch, the Danish financial watchdog, added Elbit Systems to its blacklist of 35 companies that are disqualified from investments due to ethical considerations. Elbit has been involved in the construction of Israel's wall inside the occupied West Bank, and supplies the Israeli army with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). These UAVs, better known as drones, are used during Israeli military attacks in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article11084.shtml>

#### **Dexia Bank. 2009**

Dexia, responding to Belgian pressure, committed to end its financing of West Bank settlements.

<http://www.maannnews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=211153>, <http://usacbi.wordpress.com/2009/06/11/dexia-israel-stops-financing-israeli-settlements/> Dexia, a French-Belgian firm, was asked by eighteen Belgian city councils and one Belgian province to sever its ties with its subsidiary Dexia Israel. Dexia Israel had supported illegal West Bank settlements with loans and other financial services.



[www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article10434.shtml](http://www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article10434.shtml)

**FreedomCall, UK. 12/08**

FreedomCall, a British telecom firm, informed Israel's MobileMax, provider of international service for cellular phones, that "we will no longer be in a position to consider doing business with you or any other Israeli company...as a result of the Israeli government action" during the assault on Gaza.

[www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3648346,00](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3648346,00)

**Grand Hotel Intercontinental, Paris. 1/09.**

In the wake of Israel's massive assault on Gaza in January 2009, the management of the Grand Hotel Intercontinental in Paris cancelled an Israeli "tourism fair" and disinvited all 50 Israeli exhibitors who had planned to present tourism products. [www.bellacio.org/en/spip.php?article18190](http://www.bellacio.org/en/spip.php?article18190)

**Group 4 Falck, Denmark. 10/02.**

In October 2002, the world's second biggest security firm Group 4 Falck decided to withdraw the company's guards from the West Bank after an investigation by the British newspaper *The Guardian* showed that guards employed by a company in which it had a controlling interest were working closely with Israel's military and security apparatus which enforced the occupation. Group 4 Falck had purchased a controlling stake in an Israeli security company, Hashmira, which employed at least 100 armed guards at settlements inside the West Bank before they were withdrawn. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2002/oct/09/israel>

**Group Danone. 5/07**

Group Danone, the parent of the Dannon Company Inc., sold its shares in Eden Springs and its 59% stake in a joint venture it had established with Eden Springs, after pressure from Palestinian solidarity groups around the world. Eden Springs is located in the illegal Israeli settlement of Katzrin, on Syria's Golan Heights, which has been occupied by Israel since 1967. The company profits from water resources belonging to the occupied population in violation of international law.

[http://archive.globes.co.il/default.aspx?ID=935242#doc\\_1\\_of\\_2](http://archive.globes.co.il/default.aspx?ID=935242#doc_1_of_2)>[http://archive.globes.co.il/default.aspx?ID=935242#doc\\_1\\_of\\_2](http://archive.globes.co.il/default.aspx?ID=935242#doc_1_of_2), [http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_docman](http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_docman)  
[www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_docman](http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_docman)

**Guloguz, Turkey. 1/09**

The Turkish firm cancelled its Israeli tool-maker contracts in January, 2009. "We cannot sell Israeli products because of the cruel attacks by Israel in Gaza," an executive wrote. Israeli arms industry sources are cited as fearing that additional business ventures are at risk.

<http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000417069&fid=1725>

**Heineken Breweries. 2008**

Heineken told its subsidiary Barkan Wineries to move its facilities out of an illegal settlement in the West Bank. Barkan, newly acquired by the Dutch firm, complied by moving its winery from the Barkan industrial zone into Israel. [www.alhaq.org/etemplate.php?id=393](http://www.alhaq.org/etemplate.php?id=393)

**Motorola. 3/09**

Motorola Israel sold its Government Electronics Division (GED) and pledged to sell its MIRS subsidiary in Israel following publicity by the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation of Motorola's involvement with the occupation through these divisions. The US Campaign had criticized GED's production of bomb fuses for the Israeli army and MIRS production of surveillance systems for illegal settlements in the West Bank. Despite initial hopes that the company was abandoning its support for the occupation, Motorola kept control over GED's surveillance systems for settlements, and will retain MIRS' communications contracts with the Israeli army. Motorola also remains involved with the occupation in other ways.

<http://www.monthlyreview.org/mrzine/israel020409.html>

**Nordiconad. 5/10**

This major Italian supermarket chain announced that it will no longer sell products from Carmel-Agrexco, the largest exporter of Israeli agricultural produce. The northern Italian chain made this decision after an intensive

lobbying campaign by Stop Agrexco Italia, also known as the Italian Coalition Against Carmel-Agrexco. <http://stopagrexcoitalia.org/comunicati/111-pr-coop-conad.html>

#### **Pashmina. 2009**

Pashmina, a British firm, began a boycott of Israel following Israel's massive assault on the Gaza Strip in December 2008 and January 2009. <http://www.ynet.co.il/english/articles/0,7340,L-3651655,00.html>

#### **PKA - Danish Pension Fund. 1/10**

PKA Ltd., one of the largest funds administrating workers' pension funds in Denmark, announced it would no longer consider investments in Elbit Systems and US companies Magal Security Systems and Detection Systems. All three are supplying equipment for the Wall.

<http://www.ccun.org/News/2010/January/27%20n/2%20Danish%20pension%20funds%20divest%20from%20Israeli%20companies.htm>

#### **Produce importers in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, and Jordan. 1/09**

Produce importers in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, and Jordan cancelled orders for Israeli produce during Israel's assault on Gaza in early 2009. Israel's Organization of Fruit Growers reported that fruit was rotting in warehouses. A spokesman said: "It's getting worse, and more voices can be heard calling to boycott Israeli merchandise." [www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3656454,00.html](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3656454,00.html)

[www.morris108.wordpress.com/2009/01/16/turkey-israel-relationship-in-the-dustbin/](http://www.morris108.wordpress.com/2009/01/16/turkey-israel-relationship-in-the-dustbin/)

#### **TIAA-CREF. 9/09**

"The U.S. pension fund giant, TIAA-CREF, confirmed in statements to the media on Friday [September 11] that it divested from Africa Israel Investments, owned by Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev, earlier this year. The statements came in response to a letter initiated by a pro-Palestinian group, Adalah-NY, and signed by TIAA-CREF clients." (Article by Ora Coren in Israel's Haaretz newspaper, "U.S. pension fund giant confirms divestment from Israel firm.") According to its web site, TIAA-CREF serves 3.6 million active and retired employees participating in more than 27,000 retirement plans and has \$363 billion in combined assets under management (as of 12/31/08). <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1114043.html>, [http://www.tiaa-cref.org/about/press/about\\_us/facts.html](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/about/press/about_us/facts.html)

#### **U2U, Belgian Hi-Tech Company. 9/06.**

"U2U does not wish to tie itself with Israeli products," the firm's manager told his Israeli suitor, citing "the devastating and inhumane war crimes Israel perpetrated in Lebanon" and "the apartheid regime" it inflicts on Palestine. The Israeli hi-tech representative said he countered that "Israel is a technological hub and that many of the Microsoft products which [you use] are developed here in Haifa." The Belgian manager, however, declined. Israel's Ynet News reported similar refusals from numerous European firms that take the stance of the U2U manager: "I hope that the political situation in your country will radically change and will be based on peace and respect to non-Jewish cultures." <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3308579,00.html>

#### **Unilever. 2008**

The Anglo-Dutch multinational Unilever responded to dialogue initiated by a Dutch coalition, United Civilians for Peace, and agreed to sell its interest in a company located in the West Bank. However, Unilever, manufacturer of food and soap, still owns its 51% share in Beigel & Beigel, maker of pretzels and other snacks, located in the Barkan Industrial Park near the settlement of Ariel. As of February 10, 2010, no progress toward a sale had been announced.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/dec/01/israel-palestine-unilever>

#### **Veolia. 7/09**

Giant French multinational Veolia announced it would withdraw from the Citypass Consortium, which is building a light rail system to connect illegal West Bank settlements with Jerusalem. This followed a loss of \$7.5 billion in contracts largely due to pressure from groups who opposed the company's involvement in the Jerusalem light rail. In one instance, Veolia subsidiary Connex lost an Irish contract to use the Dublin tram system to train Israeli drivers and engineers to operate the Jerusalem project. However, as of February 10, 2010, Veolia is still actively engaged in the project. Veolia also remains involved in the occupation through its

subsidiary Connex, which runs buses for settlers into the West Bank, and through the operation of a landfill for settler waste on occupied Palestinian property.  
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/77961>

## **LABOR ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Alameda County Labor Council, CA. 6/10**

The Alameda County Labor Council in California passed a resolution criticizing Israel's attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla and demanding that Israel lift the blockade of Gaza. Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO represents 100 local unions with 100,000 members across Alameda County, in all sectors of private and public employment. [http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers\\_0701/](http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers_0701/)

### **Australian Services Union, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory branches. 6/10**

The New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory branches of the Australian Services Union have joined the Construction Forestry Mining Energy Union in committing to the international boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel in the wake of Israel's deadly attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.greenleft.org.au/node/44346>

### **Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice. 6/10**

The Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice urges its members to contact their federal Congressional and Senatorial representatives and the State Department, urging them to call for an impartial and independent international investigation of the attack on the Free Gaza Aid Flotilla in keeping with statements made by the UN, Amnesty International, ITUC, COSATU and many other labor and other organizations. The Committee urged immediate action to end the illegal blockade of Gaza and the three-year-long closure of Gaza borders by Israel and Egypt, a violation of international law. <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=22370>

### **British Trade Union Congress (TUC). 9/09**

The British Trade Union Conference (TUC) representing 6.5 million workers in 58 unions across the UK voted overwhelmingly at its annual meeting on September 17, 2009 to boycott Israeli goods produced in illegal settlements in the West Bank. The motion also called for the TUC General Council to put pressure on the British government to end all arms trading with Israel and support moves to suspend the EU-Israel trade agreement. Unions are also encouraged to disinvest from companies which profit from Israel's illegal 42-year occupation of Gaza and the West Bank. The TUC action was hailed by Hugh Lanning, chairman of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, as a landmark decision and the "culmination of a wave of motions passed at union conferences this year, following outrage at Israel's brutal war on Gaza."  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/politics/8261351.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/8261351.stm)

### **British Fire Brigades Union (FBU). 5/09, 8/09.**

The Fire Brigades Union, which represents 85% of firefighters and support staff in Britain, passed a resolution endorsing boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. In the accepted resolution, the union "calls on the Executive Council to support and promote throughout the Trade Union and Labour Movement a campaign to boycott Israeli goods, disinvest from Israeli institutions and for sanctions to be taken against Israel, similar to those sanctions imposed by the international movement against apartheid in South Africa, until such time as Israel ends its occupation of Palestine and its oppression of the Palestinian people." The union, which has over 40,000 members, planned to introduce motions at the Trade Union Congress's (TUC) annual congress in September 2009 calling for the trade union movement to work to increase Israel's international isolation. <http://www.greenleft.org.au/2009/808/41576>, <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=19272>

### **Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW). 4/08**

Representing over 50,000 postal workers across Canada, Canadian Union of Postal Workers delegates, voted at their annual convention in Ottawa to follow the example of CUPE, the union of public employees of the Canadian province of Ontario. The postal workers' resolution, adopted nearly unanimously, recognizes Israel as an apartheid state and expresses CUPW's support for boycott and divestment. CUPW thus became the first national union in North America to adopt a BDS resolution. The union has a long history of support for

international workers' rights. Many of its workers refused to handle mail from South Africa in earlier protests. <http://www.imemc.org/article/54304>, <http://www.caiaweb.org/node/628>

#### **Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), 5/06**

The Ontario division of Canada's largest union, Canadian Union of Public Employees, representing 200,000 workers, voted in 5/06 to support the international campaign of boycott, divestment, and sanctions until Israel recognizes "the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination" and "the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194." The group asked the Canadian Labor Congress to "join us in lobbying against the apartheid-like practices of the Israeli state and call for the immediate dismantling of the wall." CUPE will develop an education campaign about the political and economic support of Canada for these practices. <http://www.caiaweb.org/node/1183>

#### **Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina (CTA), 11/09**

In Buenos Aires, Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina (CTA) held a Panel discussion "Palestine, the Silent Genocide" on November 6, 2009. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

#### **The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ), 6/10**

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (Quebec House of Labour), or CSQ, is the third most important trade union in Quebec, Canada, based on size of membership. It has about 175,000 members, including more than 100,000 in the field of education. The CSQ joined with two other Canadian trade union federations in calling for an independent inquiry into Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and the lifting of the Israeli blockade against the Gaza Strip. The unions' statement, issued on June 4, 2010, said "[I]t is unacceptable that the government of Israel does not respect the UN conventions that require the immediate cessation of the embargo [which] has become unbearable for the people of Gaza." (Translated from French)

[http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquel-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p\\_p\\_state=maximized](http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquel-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p_p_state=maximized)

#### **Chamber of Agricultural Engineers of Turkey, 6/10**

The Chamber of Agricultural Engineers of Turkey announced it was joining the boycott against Israel. <http://www.inminds.co.uk/article.php?id=10440>

#### **Cochin Port Labour Union (CITU), India, 6/10**

The Cochin Port Labour Union (CITU) a union of workers at Cochin Port in India, engaged in a joint protest rally with members of the Cochin Thuramugha Thozhilalai Union (HMS) on June 23, 2010 near the office of Zim Integrated Shipping Services (India) Pvt Ltd – the Israeli shipping line. The trade unions in Cochin Port have reached an understanding amongst themselves to boycott Israeli ships and cargo arriving at Cochin Port in protest against the siege of Gaza by Israeli forces. The boycott began on June 17.

[http://pd.cpim.org/2010/0704\\_pd/07042010\\_7.html](http://pd.cpim.org/2010/0704_pd/07042010_7.html)

#### **Cochin Thuramugha Thozhilalai Union (HMS), India, 6/10**

The Cochin Thuramugha Thozhilalai Union (HMS), a union of workers at Cochin Port in India, engaged in a joint protest rally with members of the Cochin Port Labour Union (CITU) on June 23, 2010 near the office of Zim Integrated Shipping Services (India) Pvt Ltd – the Israeli shipping line. The trade unions in Cochin Port have reached an understanding amongst themselves to boycott Israeli ships and cargo arriving at Cochin Port in protest against the siege of Gaza by Israeli forces. The boycott began on June 17.

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#### **College and University Workers United (CUWU), Montreal, 7/10**

A Joint Statement of the BDS working group of Faculty for Palestine (F4P, Toronto) and College and University Workers United (CUWU, Montreal) was issued on July 9, 2010. It read, in part: "The Israeli attack on a humanitarian aid convoy to Gaza on May 31, 2010 confirms once again Israel's pattern of disregard for international law. This pattern was brutally demonstrated during the assault on Gaza in December 2008-January 2009, which killed over 1400 Palestinians. Other flagrant violations of international law by the Israeli state include: the construction of the Wall, the ongoing occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, the ever-increasing construction of illegal settlements in these occupied territories and the failure, since 1948, to recognize Palestinian refugees' right of return...." The groups support the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel until the occupation is ended.

<http://usacbi.wordpress.com/2010/07/12/statement-by-faculty-for-palestine-and-college-and-university-workers-union/>

**Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), Quebec. 6/10**

The Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) (Confederation of National Trade Unions) is the second largest trade union federation in Quebec by membership. The CSN joined a call of Canadian trade unions for an independent inquiry into Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and the lifting of the Israeli blockade against the Gaza Strip. The union statement, issued on June 4, 2010 said "[I]t is unacceptable that the government of Israel does not respect the UN conventions that require the immediate cessation of the embargo [which] has become unbearable for the people of Gaza." (Translated from French)

[http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquer/-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p\\_p\\_state=maximized](http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquer/-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p_p_state=maximized)

**Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU). 10/04, 6/06, 1/09, 6/10**

The Congress, representing 1.2 million workers, called for a comprehensive boycott of Israel as championed by a coalition including Physicians for Human Rights, South African NGO Coalition, and the Landless People's Movement. The call was led by the Palestine Solidarity Committee. In 6/06, COSATU representative Patrick Craven said the trade union's policy is to support the Palestinian struggle for freedom because his own people in South Africa were also forced to fight a war of independence using similar tactics against harsh oppression. In 1/09, in response to the bombing of Gaza, COSATU organized a series of rallies across the country and announced that its member unions will strengthen their support for boycotts, divestment and sanctions. COSATU strongly condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla and reaffirmed its call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. It called for an "immediate end to the Israeli siege of Gaza and the illegal occupation of the sovereign territory which has been violently seized from the Palestinian nation." [www.aidc.org.za/?q=book/view/586](http://www.aidc.org.za/?q=book/view/586), <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU). 2010**

Australia's Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) joined the international boycott of Israel in 2010. <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article11382.shtml>

**Dublin Tram Workers. 8/06** Tram drivers refused to allow the Dublin tram system ("Luas") to be used to train Israeli drivers and engineers for a new light-rail system in East Jerusalem that will serve illegal settlements. In response, the local Irish authority cancelled its training plan with Connex, the French firm that will operate the Israeli system (and that also operates Dublin trams). "When you do business with Israel, you invariably do business with the Occupation," said a representative of the Irish Palestinian Solidarity Committee, congratulating the tram drivers on their stand. "We must cut ties with Israel in order to force it to end its Occupation." [www.scottishpsc.org.uk](http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk), <http://www.indymedia.ie/article/77961>

**Education International. 6/10**

Education International represents nearly 30 million teachers and education workers around the world. Its 402 member organizations operate in 173 countries and territories, from pre-school to university. EI's web site states that it is "the world's largest Global Union Federation, and the only one representing education workers in every corner of the globe." Education International condemned Israel's May, 2010 attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.uslaboragainstawar.org/article.php?id=22370>, <http://www.ei-ie.org/en/aboutus/>

**FAWU - Food and Allied Workers Union, South Africa. 1/07**

The union head condemned South African retailers for importing produce from Israel... Union head K. Masemola says Israel produces avocados, for example, under "slave-like conditions," using child labor forbidden under International Labor Organization (ILO) conventions.

<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article6458.shtml>

**Fédération nationale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ), Quebec, 2009**

The National Federation of Teachers of Quebec (FNEEQ) has joined the international call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. The group voted for the measures at its national assembly in 2009. FNEEQ includes 82 unions representing nearly 27,000 members in 46 colleges, 32 private schools and a dozen other academic institutions. <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article10043.shtml>, <http://israel-academia->

[monitor.com/index.php?type=large\\_advic&advice\\_id=7794&page\\_data\[id\]=178&cookie\\_lang=en&the\\_session\\_id=f96e9fbb2df4b00e8ff072f17443729a](http://monitor.com/index.php?type=large_advic&advice_id=7794&page_data[id]=178&cookie_lang=en&the_session_id=f96e9fbb2df4b00e8ff072f17443729a)

#### **Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ), Quebec. 6/10**

The Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) (Quebec Federation of Labor) is the largest labor federation in Quebec in terms of its membership. It has over 500,000 members. On June 4, 2010 FTQ issued a call with other Canadian trade unions for an independent inquiry into Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and the lifting of the Israeli blockade against the Gaza Strip. The Union said "[I]t is unacceptable that the government of Israel does not respect the UN conventions that require the immediate cessation of the embargo [which] has become unbearable for the people of Gaza." (Translated from French)

[http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquer/-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p\\_p\\_state=maximized](http://www.csn.qc.ca/web/csn/communiquer/-/ap/Comm04-06-10?p_p_state=maximized)

#### **International Federation of Journalists. 6/10**

The International Federation of Journalists condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and called for an independent, credible investigation. <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=22370>,

#### **International Longshore Workers Union, Local 10, Oakland CA. 6/10**

Members of ILWU Local 10 in Oakland California supported a picket line of more than 500 people and refused to unload an Israeli ship at the dock. In 1984, ILWU members conducted an 11-day work stoppage and boycott to protest South African apartheid. This helped raise awareness among labor groups in the United States about the reality of apartheid for South Africans. A union spokesman stated, "This protest today will also help raise consciousness among longshore workers about the need to end the Israeli blockade of Gaza." In the wake of Israel's attack on ships carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, dockworkers in South Africa, Norway and Sweden have declared they will refuse to handle any Israeli cargo.

[http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers\\_0701/](http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers_0701/)

#### **International Trade Union Confederation. 6/10**

The International Trade Union Confederation condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla.

<http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=22370>

#### **International Transport Workers' Federation. 6/10**

The International Transport Workers' Federation condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla.

<http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=22370>

#### **Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya (IAC) or Catalan Workers' Union, Spain. 11/08**

The Catalan Workers' Union in Spain, known as the Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya (IAC), passed a resolution at its General Assembly in November 2008, calling for an end to Israel's occupation and calling on world leaders and the UN Security Council to demand that Israel abide by international humanitarian law and UN resolutions by immediately ending its policy of collective punishment. It called for a halt to Israel's siege of the Gaza Strip and an end to its construction activities in the Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Separation Wall. It condemned repression and disproportionate use of force by the Israeli army, and called for broad boycotts and divestment initiatives, embargoes and sanctions against Israel. Finally, it called for an international commission of inquiry into "events that occurred in Palestine" during the past 60 years. <http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/226>

#### **Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU). 7/07**

The ICTU biennial conference adopted motions to "actively and vigorously" promote a policy of boycott and divestment. The Congress, representing trade unions and workers from all sectors of industry and employment throughout the island of Ireland, criticized the British and Irish governments and the European Union for the failed policy of "constructive engagement," as, in effect "appeasement of the Israeli aggression and territorial expansionism." The EU has failed to end preferential trading status with Israel although "(t)he litany of human rights abuses, atrocities and war crimes should long ago have led to the ending of the agreement." They noted that the European Parliament has already on two separate occasions called on the EU Council of Ministers to take this action. ICTU will register direct complaints to its governments and to the EU and will seek to mobilize EU-wide trade union action. The Congress's statement contains an eloquent and powerful summary of Israel's oppressive treatment of Palestinians. <http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=557>

### **Labor for Palestine, US, 2007, 12/2009**

Labor for Palestine emerged in the US as a response to Palestinian workers' exploitative conditions. US labor union pension funds are said to have about 5 billion dollars invested in State of Israel Bonds. Divestment from these bonds is a central platform of Labor for Palestine. In December 2009 the group sent a strongly worded letter signed by 33 US labor leaders and two international labor representatives to AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka. The letter took issue with Trumka's criticism of the international movement for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, and urged the union to 1. divest from State of Israel Bonds, 2. support workers' refusal to handle Israeli cargo 3. break ties with the racist Histadrut and 4. oppose US military and economic aid for Israel. The letter has gathered more signatures and by mid-January 2010 it been signed by 94 labor leaders in the US. Labor for Palestine also condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla.

[http://www.laborforpalestine.org/site/c.jnKJIMNoEkG/b.3781053/k.1889/Labor\\_Home.htm](http://www.laborforpalestine.org/site/c.jnKJIMNoEkG/b.3781053/k.1889/Labor_Home.htm)

<http://www.laborforpalestine.net/wp/2009/12/19/trumka-letter/>,

<http://www.laborforpalestine.net/wp/2010/06/07/gaza-flotilla-massacre/>

### **Labour for Palestine, Canada. 2007, 2008**

LFP Canada addressed US labor unions with a ringing defense of BDS in August 2007. The group works within the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA) to promote the BDS campaign in Canadian labor unions. Its 134-page informational handbook, updated in 2008, is available from

[www.womensbookstore.com](http://www.womensbookstore.com) <http://www.caiaweb.org/node/742>

### **LO, Norway. 6/10**

LO, Norway's largest trade union federation, comprising almost one fifth of the entire Norwegian population, called on the State Pension Fund, the third largest in the world, to divest from all Israeli companies.

<http://www.nrk.no/nyheter/norge/1.7148110>

### **Maritime Union of Australia (MUA). 1/09**

Western Australian members of the Maritime Union called for a boycott of all Israeli-registered vessels and all ships bearing goods arriving from or going to Israel. They support the international campaign of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions. [www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/278](http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/278)

### **Minnesota Farmer Labor Party. 2/10**

A resolution to divest from Israel bonds was brought forth in 21 precincts and passed in 17 precincts.

### **National Union of Journalists (NUJ) - UK. 5/07, 2010**

NUJ voted for a boycott of Israeli goods in protest of Israel's 2007 war on Lebanon and Israeli "aggression" in the territories. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2007/apr/13/nationalunionofjournalists.mediaunions1>

The union also called for an independent investigation into Israel's raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. It condemned Israel's confiscation of cameras and equipment from reporters on board the ships, saying "The National Union of Journalists deplores the attempt by Israel to attempt to prevent any independent reporting of their attack on the convoy and on the deaths, injuries and detention which followed. Israel is no stranger to this kind of media manipulation. Only last year, it prevented foreign media organisations from entering Gaza during their month-long bombardment of the territory..." NUJ represents journalists in the UK, Ireland and parts of continental Europe.

<http://www.nuj.org.uk/innerPagenuj.html?docid=1635>

<http://www.nuj.org.uk/innerPagenuj.html?docid=27>

### **National Union of Mine Workers, South Africa. 6/10**

South Africa's National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) issued a statement saying the group "is enraged by the callous and murderous actions of the Israeli naval commandos when they raided a Turkish led international humanitarian envoy to the Israeli blockaded Hamas ruled Gaza Palestinian territory."

<http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance (NIPSA)** unanimously passed all five motions on Palestinian solidarity discussed at its 2007 annual delegate conference. These motions contained severe condemnation of Israel, a commitment to boycott and divestment and support for Trade Union Friends of Palestine and the Enough campaign against Israeli Occupation. <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article7064.shtml>

#### **Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions. 5/09**

The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, whose members constitute more than a third of the country's employees, urged Israel to put an end to the "illegal occupation," respect the 1967 borders, halt the expansion of the settlements and remove the security barrier. It called on the government of Norway to lead an international boycott of Israel if Israel did not reach a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1085865.html>

#### **Palestinian Trade Union Movement. 6/10**

The Palestinian trade union movement, as a key constituent member of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC), called on dockworkers' unions worldwide to block Israeli maritime trade in response to Israel's massacre of humanitarian relief workers and activists aboard the Freedom Flotilla, until Israel complies with international law and ends its illegal blockade of Gaza.

<http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/712>

#### **Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions. 6/10.**

The Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions wrote a letter to the Executive Board of the International Longshore Workers Union (ILWU) in San Francisco, urging them not to meet with a delegation from the Israeli Consulate seeking to change the union's policy on boycotting Israeli ships. Members of the Israeli delegation were denied entry to the meeting. <http://www.laborforpalestine.net/wp/2010/07/10/blockade-dockers-respond-to-israel-flotilla-massacre-and-gaza-siege/>

#### **PAME (All Workers Militant Front), Greece. 7/10**

On July 14, members of PAME trade unions blocked the counter of the Israeli airline EL-AL in the Eleftherios Venizelos airport of Athens, causing a two hour delay to a flight bound for Tel Aviv. According to the PAME web site, "This action was a part of the international campaign of the World Federation of Trade Unions against the continuous blockade of Gaza by the government of Israel..." PAME is a coordination centre within the Greek trade union movement, founded on the initiative of Communist Party of Greece trade-unionists in April 1999. Since 2000 PAME has been a member of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU).

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/anti-israel-protesters-delay-el-al-flight-in-athens-1.301921>,  
<http://www.jpost.com/International/Article.aspx?ID=181401>,<http://www.pamehellas.gr/fullstory.php?lang=2&wid=1234>

#### **Public Services International Union. 6/10**

The Public Services International Union condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla.

<http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=22370>

#### **San Francisco Labor Council (SFLC). 6/10**

The San Francisco Labor Council passed a resolution criticizing Israel's attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla and demanding that Israel lift the blockade of Gaza. The SFLC represents more than 100,000 union members and their families who belong to over 150 affiliate unions. [http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers\\_0701/](http://www.workers.org/2010/us/dockworkers_0701/)

#### **Scottish Trade Union Congress. 4/09**

The Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), representing every Scottish trade union, voted overwhelmingly to commit to boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. This was the third example of a national trade union federation [including Ireland and South Africa] committing to boycotts, divestment and sanctions.

[http://spsc.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2871:scottish-tuc-commits-decisively-for-boycott-divestment-a-sanctions&catid=293&Itemid=200116](http://spsc.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2871:scottish-tuc-commits-decisively-for-boycott-divestment-a-sanctions&catid=293&Itemid=200116)

#### **South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU), Durban. 2/09**

The South African Transport and Allied Workers Union became the first to refuse to offload a ship from Israel carrying Israeli goods. SATAWU's General Secretary Randall Howard said the union's members are committed to refusing to handle Israeli goods. The action was applauded by the Canadian Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid in a statement saying, "(T)he South African workers have shown everyone that it is not only up to the governments, but also individuals, groups and unions have the power to hold Israel to account."

<http://www.maritime-union.org/?page=archive&id=4575>



### **South Coast Labour Council (SCLC), Australia. 6/10**

In June, 2010, following Israel's deadly attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, South Coast Labour Council (SCLC) joined the Construction Forestry Mining Energy Union and 10 other Australian unions in committing to the international boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel. SCLC secretary Arthur Morris said: "A boycott of Israeli goods produced in the illegal settlements is a good way for the international community to send a strong message to the Israeli leadership that humanity will not turn a blind eye to the injustice ... inflicted on the Palestinian people." <http://www.greenleft.org.au/node/44346>

### **Swedish Dockworkers Association. 6/10**

At midnight on June 23rd the Swedish Dockworkers union launched a week-long blockade of goods to and from Israel to Sweden's ports. The ongoing nationwide blockade in Swedish harbors had the following goals: 1. Lifting the blockade on Gaza, and 2. Allowing an independent international investigation of what happened at the Israeli boarding of the so-called Freedom Flotilla when nine people were shot to death. Altogether more than 500 tons of import and export goods were blocked. <http://www.israeli-occupation.org/2010-06-23/swedish-blockade-of-all-goods-to-and-from-israel-now-underway/>, <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/746>

### **Trade Union Congress, Great Britain. 4/10**

The TUC and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) called on consumers not to buy goods from illegal Israeli settlements. Launching a leaflet – *Would You Buy Stolen Goods?* - and a briefing for unions to promote the campaign, TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber said "Israeli settlements are built on stolen Palestinian land and are illegal under international law. By confiscating land and resources, and encouraging conflict, they make life a misery for ordinary Palestinian workers and their families. And as Israel's recent announcement of yet more settlement building shows, they are the biggest obstacle to resuming peace talks." <http://www.inminds.co.uk/article.php?id=10353>

### **Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) - UK. 7/07**

This British workers' union called on its 800,000 members to boycott Israeli-made products based on Israel's "criminal policies in Palestinian territories." <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/879531.html>

### **Turkish Dockworkers Union (Liman-Is). 6/10**

The Turkish Dockworkers Union Liman-Is issued a sharply worded statement condemning the Israeli assault on the Gaza aid flotilla and joining the campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. The statement from the Liman-Is Union Central Committee said, in part, "Our union Liman-Is, has decided to boycott the ships from Israel which has become a machine of death and torture. In the framework, no member of our union will give service to Israel in any docks that we are organized at. Liman-Is union invites all unions and NGO's organized in our country and throughout the world to join this boycott and protest campaign." <http://www.laborforpalestine.net/wp/2010/06/25/turkish-dock-workers-union-joins-boycott-against-israel/>

### **UNISON - UK. 6/07 & 1/09**

In 2007, the major British public services union UNISON asked members to stop purchasing Israeli products, stating that "ending the occupation demands concerted and sustained pressure upon Israel, including an economic, cultural, academic and sporting boycott." The intention is not to discriminate against the Israeli people themselves, said delegate Tracy Morgan: "The occupation needs to end so that everyone can live together. And I believe that Israelis and Palestinians do want to live together." The union will produce material on Palestine to build knowledge among members. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3415552,00.html>  
The Unison Lambeth branch in January 2009 voted to submit an emergency motion to the UNISON National Conference in July demanding diplomatic sanctions and boycotts against Israel. "The British trade union movement played a crucial part in delegitimising South African apartheid," said a spokesman "and now it must do the same for Israel." He added, "The policy of the Israeli state in carrying out ethnic cleansing needs to be condemned unequivocally." <http://lambethunison.blogspot.com/2009/01/branch-policy-on-palestine>, <http://jamescaspell.blogspot.com/2009/01/lambeth-unison-calls-for-boycott-of.html>

### **Water Transport Workers Federation of India. 6/10**

On June 23, 2010. the leader of the Water Transport Workers Federation of India participated in a rally at Cochin Port in Kochi, India, and expressed support for the growing world-wide boycott against Israel in the wake of Israel's lethal raid on the Gaza aid flotilla on May 31. Members of the Water Transport Workers

Federation are among Cochin Port workers who launched a boycott against Israeli ships at the port on June 17. <http://www.laborforpalestine.net/wp/2010/07/10/blockade-dockers-respond-to-israel-flotilla-massacre-and-gaza-siege/>

#### **World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU). 6/10**

The World Federation of Trade Unions condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla which killed 9 volunteers. <http://www.uslaboragainstwar.org/article.php?id=22418>

## **UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS**

Universities, students, and faculties are undertaking drives that inform and create pressure for change. Here are some approaches:

#### **Association pour une Solidarite Syndicale Etudiante (ASSE). Quebec. 6/08**

The federation, representing over 42,000 students throughout the province of Quebec, voted to join the anti-apartheid boycott campaign following workshops organized by Quebec's largest college-level teachers union and the Quebec Public Interest Research Group. The campaign marks a challenge to Canada's Conservative government's support for Israel and its occupation of the West Bank.

[www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article9599](http://www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article9599)

#### **British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP)**

British-based academics work through BRICUP to support Palestinian universities, staff and students and to oppose Israel's suppression of Palestinian academic freedom. BRICUP encourages individual academics to boycott academic conferences in Israel and to refuse to collaborate with Israeli academics except those who support Palestinian scholars' demands for academic freedom. <http://www.bricup.org.uk/>

#### **Brown Students for Justice in Palestine. 3/10, 5/10**

In March, 2010 Brown Students for Justice in Palestine held a spring kick-off event, Education without Occupation, presenting their campaign for divestment from companies profiting from the Israeli occupation of Palestine. The presentation, an hour-long slideshow, focused on the terms and the reasons used to frame their position. This event was part of a week-long series of lectures and presentations scheduled at Brown in coordination with the 6th annual International Israeli Apartheid Week. In May, 2010 BSJP hosted a talk by Dr. Moustafa Barghouti which was attended by an overflow crowd. Dr. Barghouti received two standing ovations from the audience during his presentation. <http://www.browndailyherald.com/student-group-speaks-out-against-profiting-from-israel-palestine-conflict-1.2181202>

#### **British Universities: Student Sit-in Movement. 1-2/09**

By mid-February 2009, 22 universities in England were or had been occupied, winning concessions from administrators ranging from divestment to scholarships for Palestinian students.

[www.stophewall.org/worldwideactivism/1856.shtml](http://www.stophewall.org/worldwideactivism/1856.shtml)

#### **Caledonian University Students Parliament. 2008**

Caledonian University Students Parliament (students' representative council) voted to cancel the university's Eden Springs contract - with no votes against. Eden Springs has operations on Israeli-occupied land in the Golan Heights, and profits from the sale of water belonging to the occupied people in violation of international law. This and similar actions by other Scottish groups led to the closing of Eden Springs' plant in Scotland in November 2008. <http://www.badil.org/al-majdal/2008/winter-spring/document3.htm>

#### **Cardiff University students win divestment from the arms trade. 2/09**

Cardiff University administrators agreed to sell off all holdings in General Electric and BAE Systems, both companies named by students as supplying military equipment to Israel. The agreement followed a three-day sit-in the Shandon Lecture Theatre, where students heard speeches, watched documentaries about the conflict, and took part in a live link-up with Gaza. [www.walesonline.co.uk/.../wales.../27/power-of-student-action-forces-university-to-divest](http://www.walesonline.co.uk/.../wales.../27/power-of-student-action-forces-university-to-divest)

### **Carleton University, Canada. 1/10**

A student group called Students Against Israeli Apartheid has issued a call for Carleton University to divest from five companies it says are supporting and profiting from Israel's occupation of Palestinian land: Northrup-Grumman, BAE Systems, Tesco, Motorola, and L-3 Communications.

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=17323>

### **Cornell University group: United for Peace and Justice in Palestine. 9/09**

United for Peace and Justice in Palestine is an organization of Cornell students, faculty and staff dedicated to raising awareness of the Palestinian experience and supporting Palestine activism. They do this by hosting discussions, speakers, films and other educational events. While they do not endorse a single resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, they consider the dialogue regarding it at Cornell to reflect only a very small portion of a complex set of narratives, both Palestinian and Israeli. They aim to add to the discussion by facilitating the reception of viewpoints of Palestinians, as well as those who have spent time in the refugee camps, territories, and diaspora communities that make up the Palestinian network of national identity. In September, 2009, they co-sponsored a presentation entitled "Why We Refuse: A National Tour of Israeli Young Women for Peace," which featured a young Israeli who refused to serve in the IDF (Israel Defense Force).

<http://rso.cornell.edu/palestine/>

### **Cuban University Students Federation. 1/09**

In January 2009, the Cuban University Students Federation (FEU) urged Israel to halt its attacks on civilians in the Gaza Strip, which they regard as "a disguised slaughter of the Palestinian population." According to a press release, the students' statement was endorsed by all Cuban university students and more than 32,000 foreign students at Cuban universities. The statement condemns the deportation, persecution and eviction of the families of Palestinian combatants, the siege on Gaza and inaccessibility of foreign reporters to the area. It favors the Palestinian people's right to sovereignty and self-determination, and the withdrawal of Israel from the territories occupied in 1967, including the Jewish settlements, so that they can return to their land and build an independent state. [http://www.periodico26.cu/english/news\\_cuba/jan2009/students-condemns011009.html](http://www.periodico26.cu/english/news_cuba/jan2009/students-condemns011009.html)

### **Education Institute of Scotland (EIS), Napier University branch.**

Napier University branch of the Education Institute of Scotland (EIS) passed a motion at its Annual Meeting to call for a cancellation of the university's Eden Springs contract. Eden Springs profits from natural resources belonging to an occupied people in violation of international law. Their plant is in the Golan Heights on Israeli-occupied land. This and similar actions by other Scottish groups led to the closing of Eden Springs' plant in Scotland. <http://www.badil.org/al-majdal/2008/winter-spring/document3.htm>

### **Evergreen State College. 6/10**

On June 3, 2010, the student body at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, voted overwhelmingly in favor of divestment from companies that profit from the Israeli occupation and in favor of making their campus Caterpillar-free. Evergreen is the alma mater of Rachel Corrie, a Washington state resident who was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in 2003. The divestment vote won by 79.5%. The Caterpillar vote won by 71.8%.

<http://tescdivest.org/>

### **Georgetown, Divest! 4/10**

In April, 2010 the new student group Georgetown, Divest! presented the case for Georgetown University divestment from companies that they say profit from human rights violations in Israel and Palestine. On April 9, the group met with University officials and pressed them to pursue selective divestment from multinational corporations involved with "operation on illegally occupied land, the construction and maintenance of the separation barrier, the facilitation of collective punishment including home demolition and land confiscation, and institutionalized discrimination." Georgetown, Divest! also called for the University to divest from the following corporations whose work they say falls within those four categories—Ahava, which is a cosmetics company, Motorola Israel, Roadstone Holdings and Riwal, both construction companies, Lockheed Martin, Caterpillar, Veolia Transportation, and Mekorot, a water company.

<http://www.inminds.co.uk/article.php?id=10359>

### **Hampshire College. 2/09**

Hampshire College announced that it would divest from six corporations, Caterpillar, United Technologies, General Electric, ITT Corp, Motorola, and Terex. The campus group Students for Justice in Palestine had, with alumni and professors, waged a two-year campaign calling for this action on grounds that the companies provide the Israeli military with equipment and services. The Hampshire College Students for Justice in Palestine held a national conference on the campus from November 20-22 for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, with the goal of forging a national BDS campaign against Israel's occupation. Hundreds of students from across the United States and Canada attended.

[www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article10304.shtml](http://www.electronicintifada.net/v2/article10304.shtml), <http://www.hsip.org/>  
<http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2138.shtml>

### **The Haverford Campaign, Haverford College, Pennsylvania. 2009**

A group of students and alumni at Haverford College in Pennsylvania has launched a campaign to call on the University to divest from "any entity that contributes to or supports Israel's military occupation of Palestine."

<http://www.thehaverfordcampaign.com/>, <http://www.biconews.com/?p=15446>

### **Heriot Watt University. 2008**

Heriot Watt University in Scotland has decided to terminate its contract with Eden Springs, which has operations on Israeli-occupied land in the Golan Heights. The company profits by exploiting the natural resources of an occupied people in violation of international law. Similar actions by other Scottish organizations led to the closing of Eden Springs' plant in Scotland.

[http://scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2518:campaign-update&catid=288&Itemid=200256](http://scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2518:campaign-update&catid=288&Itemid=200256)

### **Howard University. 3/07**

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University voted overwhelmingly to ask the Board of Trustees to divest from companies that are "offering material support to Israeli Occupation." The resolution adopted the approach of the University of Wisconsin Platteville faculty (see below) and a recent divestment action citing Sudan for violations in Darfur. The movement in this historically Black university in Washington, DC, was initially stymied when Howard President Patrick Swygert rejected it outright. Faculty leaders planned to reintroduce it "in the hope that the resolution spread around the country and generate action comparable to the anti-apartheid movement of the 1980s."

[www.jai-pal.org/content.php?page=501](http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?page=501)

### **L'Association pour une Solidarité Syndicale Étudiante (ASSÉ), Quebec. 5/08**

L'Association pour une Solidarité Syndicale Étudiante (ASSÉ) is an important Quebec-wide student federation representing over 42,000 students. ASSÉ voted to support the international campaign against Israeli apartheid at a Quebec-wide level in May 2008, after several local assemblies at universities and college campuses across the province voted within general student assemblies to support the boycott campaign. ASSÉ's boycott resolution marks the first time that a major student union in Quebec or Canada has voted to support the international boycott campaign opposing Israeli apartheid. <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/141>

### **London School of Economics Student Union (LSESU). 2/08**

After weeks of debate, nearly 400 LSESU students voted 6-to-1 to call on their university and on the National Union of Students to divest from companies that provide military and commercial support for the Israeli occupation. The Union also resolved to join international campaigns to end the siege of Gaza and to publicize Israel's discriminatory policies more widely. <http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/166>

### **National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (UK). 5/06**

Britain's largest faculty association voted to urge its 67,000 members to "consider the appropriateness of a boycott" of Israeli faculty who fail to "publicly dissociate themselves" from Israel's "apartheid policies, including construction of the exclusion wall and discriminatory educational practices." They asked British college teachers "to consider their own responsibility for ensuring equity and nondiscrimination in contacts with Israeli educational institutions or individuals." <http://chronicle.com/article/British-Faculty-Union-Votes-to/23332/> , <http://www.forward.com/articles/694/>

### **Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, University of Ottawa. 1/10, 2/10**

The student group hosted a forum entitled "The Economic Crisis in Palestine" in January 2010. In addition to its Ottawa chapter and its national chapter in Canada, SPHR has chapters at Carleton, Concordia, Queen's, Western and Waterloo. The Carleton and Ottawa chapters took part in Israeli Apartheid Week in February 2010. <http://sphrottawa.blogspot.com/>

**St. Andrews University Student Union, Scotland.**

St. Andrews University Student Union voted to cancel the university's Eden Springs contract. Eden Springs has a company on Israeli-occupied land in the Golan Heights and exploits the resources of the occupied people for its own profit. This and similar actions led to the closing of Eden Springs' plant in Scotland. <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2218670784>

**Strathclyde University, Scotland. 2/09**

University authorities agreed to cancel their contract with Eden Springs, an Israeli water company that had been the main supplier for their water coolers. A group of 40 students had issued urgent appeals in response to Israel's attacks on Gaza. The university further agreed to establish a scholarship arrangement for Palestinian students. "We are particularly aware that the infrastructure of higher education has been damaged," said University secretary Dr. Peter West, "making it particularly difficult for Palestinian students to pursue their studies." This was one of many actions by Scottish organizations which led to the closing of Eden Springs' plant in Scotland in Nov., 2008. [www.news.scotsman.com/scotland/University-agrees-to-cancel-Israeli.4954032.jp](http://www.news.scotsman.com/scotland/University-agrees-to-cancel-Israeli.4954032.jp)

**Stevenson College Edinburgh, Scotland. 2008**

Stevenson College Edinburgh (SCE) is one of the largest colleges in Scotland. The college terminated its contract with Eden Springs in response to student pressure to sever ties with the company due to its location on occupied land in the Golan Heights. Eden Springs profits from natural resources belonging to an occupied people in violation of international law. As a result of this and similar actions throughout Scotland, Eden Springs was forced to close its Scottish plant.

[http://scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2742:israels-eden-springs-taking-hits-from-successful-boycott-campaign&catid=288&Itemid=200256](http://scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2742:israels-eden-springs-taking-hits-from-successful-boycott-campaign&catid=288&Itemid=200256)

**Students Against Israeli Apartheid – Carleton, Ottawa. 11/09**

In Ottawa, Students Against Israeli Apartheid – Carleton organized mass outreach, forums, leafleting and film screenings from November 9-13, 2009 at Carleton University. The group has launched a divestment campaign. <http://www.carleton.saia.ca/>

**Students Boycott Apartheid (SBA). 7/10**

In the summer of 2010, Students Boycott Apartheid (SBA) will run its second delegation to Palestine of university students, faculty, and staff who are committed to supporting the Palestinian civil society call for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israeli apartheid. <http://studentsboycottapartheid.com/>

**Students for Justice in Palestine, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania. 2005**

Students for Justice in Palestine, a Bryn Mawr club that works to raise awareness regarding the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, called on Bryn Mawr College "to divest from Caterpillar, General Electric, and Boeing because of strong evidence showing that these companies sell arms, technology, and other military products that support the illegal military occupation."

<http://www.biconews.com/?p=1813>

**Sussex University, England.**

On November 6, 2009, students at the University of Sussex in England voted to boycott Israeli goods. The decision follows the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, which calls upon the Israeli state to respect international law and end the occupation of Palestine. In a campus-wide referendum, 56 percent of students voted in favor of the boycott.

<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article10877.shtml>

**Swarthmore College Alumni for Peace. 1/09**

A group of Swarthmore College alumni started a campaign in January 2009 to gather signatures asking Swarthmore College to divest from Israel because of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Gaza strip, West Bank and Israel. Those who signed the online open letter promised to withhold any future donations to the school until Swarthmore ceases to do business with any companies in Israel, those that do business with Israel, and "other holdings that financially support or sustain Israeli state-sponsored apartheid." <http://www.theswarthmorecampaign.com/>

#### **University and College Union (UCU) - UK. 2007, 2008**

The UCU, a union of 100,000 university and other higher-education teachers in Great Britain, voted to ask members to "reflect on "the appropriateness of continued educational links with Israeli academic institutions," "to discuss the occupation" with "Israeli colleagues with whom they are collaborating," and to establish links with Palestinian educational institutions. The move echoed a motion adopted a year earlier that openly supported a campaign for educational institutions to consider boycotting Israeli academic institutions after a year of informed debate on British campuses, including a review of the Palestinian BDS call. The 2007 UCU boycott-discussion campaign was rescinded when lawyers retained by union leaders termed an academic boycott discriminatory and illegal. Union leaders stated that the new 2008 motion was not "a boycott motion." The UCU is a new union formed in 2006 through the merger of two previous UK academic unions, AUT and NATFHE. Its actions, in turn, echo the 2006 call of 61 Irish academics for a boycott of Israeli universities. [www.spme.net/cgi-bin/articles.cgi?ID=4126](http://www.spme.net/cgi-bin/articles.cgi?ID=4126) ; [www.ucu.org.uk/circ/html/ucu89.html](http://www.ucu.org.uk/circ/html/ucu89.html)

#### **University and College Union (UCU) - UK. 2010**

At its 2010 Congress in Manchester, England, the University and College Union (UCU) voted with an *overwhelming* majority to "sever all relations with Histadrut [Israel's labor movement], and to urge other trade unions and bodies to do likewise." The union also voted to "commence the investigatory process associated with the imposition of a boycott of Ariel College," a college-colony built on occupied Palestinian territory, as a first step in implementing the academic boycott against the Israeli academy. <http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=1248>

#### **University of Arizona and Tucson Medical Community. 5/10**

More than 50 members of the UA and Tucson medical community have signed a letter calling for the UA to end its contracts with the Motorola and Caterpillar corporations because of their alleged roles in health and human rights violations in Palestine and Israel. <http://wildcat.arizona.edu/news/divestment-gains-momentum-1.1470632>

#### **University of California, Berkeley. 4/10, 6/10**

The student senate at UCal Berkeley passed a resolution in support of divesting the university's money from two companies that enable and profit from the injustice of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and violation of Palestinian human rights. The vote, which was 16-4 in favor of the resolution, was overturned by a veto from the president of the student senate and, after intense lobbying by pro-Israel groups, an effort to overturn the veto failed by one vote. In the process of garnering support for an override of the veto, students gathered 29 pages of letters from Jewish individuals and Jewish groups supporting divestment. They also received letters of support from Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other prominent human rights leaders around the world. A project by Students for Justice in Palestine at UC Berkeley, "Facing Apartheid," announced in June 2010, provides first-hand experiences of life for Palestinian students under occupation. It is part of an effort to educate the campus community on its connection to and responsibility for illegal military occupation and apartheid policies which directly and systematically impede access to higher education for Palestinian students in the West Bank, Gaza and 1948 Palestine. <http://calsjp.org/category/news-watch/>, <http://mondoweiss.net/2010/04/uc-berkeley-divestment-vote-it-isnt-over-yet.html>, [http://www.scribd.com/full/29932279?access\\_key=key-wixme1lsgsle95zc4ux](http://www.scribd.com/full/29932279?access_key=key-wixme1lsgsle95zc4ux)

#### **University of Houston SDS. 4/10**

Students for a Democratic Society hosted Palestinian journalist Mohammed Omer Wednesday April 7th. International journalist and winner of the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism, Omer presented "Reflection on Life and War in Gaza" at the University Center as part of his international speaking tour. <http://sdshouston.wordpress.com/2010/04/12/mohammed-omer-brings-stories-to-uh/>

### **University of Michigan – Dearborn Student Government. 2/10**

On February 25, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government approved a resolution and issued a statement delineating the Israeli state's many violations of international law and resolving to carry out a petition to secure an advisory committee on campus, in order for this committee to officially investigate the University of Michigan's investments and determine if any are ethically unsound – which is to say, if any are designated for companies that sell weapons, goods, and services used "inhumanely" by the state of Israel. The students further resolved to urge the advisory to recommend immediate divestment from companies that are directly involved in the ongoing illegal occupation "because we deem these investments to be profoundly unethical and in direct conflict with the mission of this University." <http://info.umdunderground.org/>

### **University of Minnesota – Break the Bonds Campaign and Al-Madinah Cultural Center. 3/10**

The University of Minnesota chapter of the Break the Bonds campaign and Al-Madinah Cultural Center hosted "Gaza Week" at the University to mark the first-year anniversary of the invasion of Gaza by Israel. The week-long series of events was dedicated to Gaza, a just peace, and an end to the occupation of Palestine. Break the Bonds is the university chapter of the Minnesota Break the Bonds Campaign, a group put forth to raise awareness about the effects of US support of the ongoing Israeli occupation and to encourage Minnesotans, whose taxes support the occupation, to work together towards justice for Palestinians. Al-Madinah Cultural Center helps educate the University of Minnesota student body by creating a better understanding and appreciation for the diverse culture of Islam and Muslims. <http://mn.breakthebonds.org/>

### **University of Rochester, NY. 2/09**

Beginning in February 2009, students at the University of Rochester in New York and members of the surrounding community held a series of sit-ins in the University Atrium calling for divestment from Israel's occupation, humanitarian aid to Gaza, aid to a destroyed Gaza university and a minimum of five scholarships for Palestinian students every year. The sit-ins were organized by UR Students for a Democratic Society. <http://rochester.indymedia.org/feature/display/19887/index.php>

### **University of Wisconsin. 2005**

A coalition of groups and individuals in the University and the state began in 2005 circulating a petition, asking the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents "to divest from any company doing business with or in the State of Israel until . . . Israel accepts and facilitates the full implementation of the individual and collective human rights of the Palestinian people." The petition cites Israeli "policies of encapsulation, expropriation, and ethnic cleansing against the indigenous Palestinian population," depriving them of "residency rights, the right to work, and the right to equality before the law." In a related action, The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals (TAUWP), a statewide local of the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin, representing faculty and academic staff from 25 UW campuses, in 4/05 adopted a divestment resolution, naming companies that "provide material aid to the Israeli Army in the form of weapons, equipment, and supporting systems used to perpetrate human rights abuses against Palestinian civilians" – including Boeing, Caterpillar, General Dynamics, General Electric, Lockheed-Martin, Northrop-Grumman, and Raytheon. TAUWP's resolution notes that the Regents' policies prohibit such investments. Notably, the Faculty Senate of one UW branch (Platteville) was the first such faculty body in the nation to pass a divestment resolution (1/25/05), citing "violations of international law and the human rights of the Palestinian people," enabled by the named U.S. arms companies. [http://www.monabaker.com/pMachine/more.php?id=A2780\\_0\\_1\\_0\\_M](http://www.monabaker.com/pMachine/more.php?id=A2780_0_1_0_M)

### **University of the Witwatersrand - Wits Palestine Solidarity Committee, South Africa. 11/09**

This student group joined the Palestine Solidarity Committee of South Africa in November 2009 in releasing a letter calling for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions to end the Israeli occupation. <http://stophthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2121.shtml>

### **University of Valladolid Nursing School, Spain. 7/10**

Teachers and workers at the Nursing School of the University of Valladolid, in the same municipality as Villanueva de Duero, successfully petitioned in June to have Eden Springs products removed from vending machines on the school's campus. Eden Springs is a company in the Golan Heights, which belongs to Syria but has been occupied by Israeli military forces since 1967. <http://www.maannnews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=299415>

### **Wayne State University. 4/03**

In May 2003, Wayne State University Student Government Association became the first US student body to call for a total boycott of all companies doing business in Israel. Though the Wayne State University Board of Governors unanimously voted down the Student Council's resolution, it had already ignited a wave of similar student government resolutions on campuses around the world. <http://www.inminds.co.uk/boycott-news-0376.html>, [http://4.bp.blogspot.com/\\_EblZBUj7TAq/S9GHXfkzyel/AAAAAAAAAlg/38IsFh4ofi0/s1600/WSU.bmp](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_EblZBUj7TAq/S9GHXfkzyel/AAAAAAAAAlg/38IsFh4ofi0/s1600/WSU.bmp)

## **CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ACT Alliance. 6/10**

ACT (Action by Churches Together) is a Geneva-based international alliance of 100 humanitarian and development organizations. It coordinates Christian aid programs in 130 countries, including the Gaza Strip. On June 1, ACT condemned the Israeli military attack on the Gaza aid flotilla and called for an independent international investigation. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20100601/church-relief-alliance-condemns-israel-flotilla-attack/index.html>, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/222031/127531300418.htm>

### **Amman Call: Churches Together for Peace and Justice in the Middle East. 6/07**

130 representatives from churches around the world met in Amman, Jordan, seeking to mobilize more vigorous church involvement in response to the deteriorating situation in the Palestinian territories: "No more words without deeds. It is time for action." The ecumenical representatives launched the Palestine/Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF) to catalyze and coordinate new and existing inter-religious action--including economic initiatives--for peace and justice for all the people of the region.

[www.electronicinfada.net/v2/article9803.shtml](http://www.electronicinfada.net/v2/article9803.shtml); [www.paxchristi.de/fix/files/doc/AMMAN-Kirchenkonferenz-Juni-07-0641.pdf](http://www.paxchristi.de/fix/files/doc/AMMAN-Kirchenkonferenz-Juni-07-0641.pdf)

### **Anglican Church of England. 2/08**

The Church of England finally divested its \$3.3 million holdings in Caterpillar, Corp. in line with the decision of its Synod in 2006 to support "morally responsible investment in the Palestinian occupied territories and, in particular to disinvest from companies profiting from the illegal occupation, such as Caterpillar Inc, until they change their policies." The Synod's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG), charged with implementing this policy, had long delayed taking action. It had been asked to divest if Caterpillar refused to stop supplying or maintaining equipment or parts for use by Israel in demolishing Palestinian homes. However, the Church announced in early 2009 that EIAG had in fact quietly divested from Caterpillar in "for purely investment reasons." The timing of the divestment announcement blocked the imminent publication in The Guardian of a letter from 23 theologians accusing the Church of not acting on its own ethical investment policies.

[www.anglicancommunion.org/](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/), [www.fosna.org/content/church-england-divests-caterpillar](http://www.fosna.org/content/church-england-divests-caterpillar),

### **Anglican Church of England: Virginia Water Parish, Guildford Diocese. 10/06**

The parish decided to implement the decision of the General Synod on its own. It withdrew its funds from its Church of England investment account in order to disinvest from companies such as Caterpillar that are profiting from Israel's occupation of Palestine. The Central Board of Finance (CBF), which manages investment funds, had so far declined to implement the General Synod's decision. "We are simply doing what the local Church in Palestine and the General Synod has asked us to do," said Vicar Stephen Sizer. "If the CBF will not withdraw our money from Caterpillar, then we will do it for them. We are looking for an investment fund with a more ethically sound policy." <http://www.sizers.org/articles/imri.pdf>, <http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/economic-engagement.shtml>,

[www.ekkleisia.co.uk/content/news\\_syndication/article\\_061022caterpillar.shtml](http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/content/news_syndication/article_061022caterpillar.shtml)

### **Anglican Consultative Council. 5/05, 6/09**

This body has called for "active engagement" by Anglican communions worldwide to wrestle with companies that support the occupation of Palestinian lands or violence against innocent Israelis. It encourages investment that supports the infrastructure of a future Palestinian State.



<http://www.fosna.org/content/anglican-vote-anglican-consultative-council> On May 9, 2009, the Council passed a resolution that calls on Israel to end its occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, freeze immediately all settlement building with the intention to abandon its settlement policy in preparation for a Palestinian state, remove the separation barrier (wall) where it violates Palestinian land beyond the Green Line, end home demolitions, and close checkpoints in the Palestinian territories.

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/news.cfm/2009/5/12/ACNS4630>

#### **Anglican Church of Kenya. 7/05**

The Anglican Church of Kenya joined the Anglican Consultative Committee in urging movement toward divestment from companies whose activities contribute to the occupation of Palestinian land or to violence against innocent Israelis. "You only have to go there and [you will] sympathize with the Palestinians, especially when it comes to the separation wall. . . and the mistreatment of the women and men at the roadblocks," said Bishop Gideon Ileri, speaking after the Kenyan synod backed the 5/05 call of the Anglican Consultative Council. <http://www.bethlehemmedia.net/featers/feat174.htm>, [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org),

#### **Anglican Church of Canada. 11/05**

The Council of General Synod unanimously passed a resolution asking the eco-justice committee, with the help of Kairos, a Canadian ecumenical justice group, to research the activities of companies believed to be contributing to violence in Israel and Palestine, as well as those contributing to peace and economic stability in that region. The committee, along with the Financial Management Development Investment Subcommittee, should "explore a range of socially responsible investment strategies, including corporate engagement and positive investment or divestment." <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/the-holy-land/data/canada.pdf>

#### **Anglican Episcopal Church, Iran**

The Bishop of Iran's Anglican Episcopal Church publicly condemned the silence of the international community in the face of the sufferings faced by Palestinians, in a statement to church leaders in Pakistan. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Broederlijk Delen. 1/09**

Broederlijk Delen is a Flemish faith-based non-profit organization that supports local groups in the global South to realize their own plans in the fight against poverty and injustice. Broederlijk Delen also engages in awareness raising and advocacy on the causes of poverty and injustice. In January 2009, Broederlijk Delen and Pax Christi Flanders joined the Christian Workers' Movement in Belgium and a coalition of European agencies in calling the EU to suspend talks on the upgrading of EU-Israel relations. Broederlijk Delen joined 100 Belgian organizations in staging a demonstration opposing Israel's attack on Gaza. It has published a Q&A and an op-ed with a focus on armed parties' obligations under International Humanitarian Law, disproportionate use of force and responsibility for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The group also published interviews, analysis and opinion editorials, available at: <http://www.standaard.be/>

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Canadian Friends Service Committee. 11/09, 6/10**

In a statement issued November 2009, the Canadian Friends (Quaker) Service Committee stated, in part, "We call on the State of Israel to end the blockade of Gaza, and to end the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. We call on the State of Israel and the Palestinians to end assaults against civilians." In June 2010, CFSC responded to Israel's flotilla attack in a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper emphasizing "the legal issues involved in the boarding of the ship, the disproportionate use of force, and the need for an end of the blockade of Gaza."

<http://www.cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/documents/CYMPolicyStatementonIsrael-Palestine.pdf>,

[www.cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/whats\\_new.html](http://www.cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/whats_new.html), <http://cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/documents/201006gazaletter.pdf>

#### **Caritas. 2002, 2010**

In 2002, Caritas, an international Christian aid organization, called on its 154 affiliates world-wide to work for an end to the violence in the Holy Land and to address "the root-causes of the crisis: the occupation of Palestine, the refugee problem and the blockade of the Territories." It urged affiliates to contact their

governments, asking them to express their “support for the end of the current military operations and the decades-old illegal occupation of Palestine.” Caritas coordinates aid programs in Gaza and has aid workers there. Caritas joined the Vatican in expressing opposition to the violent Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in 2010. <http://www.caritas.org.nz/?module=Live&action=Search&q=Israeli&range=&do=search&page=2>

### **Catholic Bishops delegation. 1/10**

A high-level delegation of Catholic bishops visiting the Holy Land criticized Israeli policies in Arab sectors of Jerusalem and called for more contacts between ordinary Israelis and Palestinians. The group of eight bishops from North America and Europe said violence, insecurity, the route of Israel's West Bank separation barrier, home demolitions and other policies threaten peace prospects and endanger the dwindling Christian presence in the Holy Land. They called for establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. Bishop Gerald Kicanas, vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the human rights situation for Palestinians in the Holy Land has gotten worse during the 20 years that he has been visiting the region. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/01/14/catholic-bishops-criticiz\\_n\\_423124.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/01/14/catholic-bishops-criticiz_n_423124.html)

### **Christianos de Base. 1/09**

The Christian "base" communities called on the government of Argentina to cut commercial relations with Israel. They also urged the MERCOSUR trading bloc to reject a free trade agreement between South American nations and Israel. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

### **Christian Peacemaker Teams – Palestine. 2/10**

CPT-Palestine issued a statement which read, in part, “CPT-Palestine has decided to endorse formally the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, as called for by Palestinian NGOs, because sixty years of negotiations and diplomacy have only enabled Israel to solidify its military occupation of Palestine. The international community has long called for Palestinian society to resist the violence of the Occupation nonviolently, so we, as members of an international peace organization, believe that when Palestinians mount nonviolent campaigns against the Occupation, we are morally obligated to support them.” <http://www.cpt.org/cptnet/2010/04/19/palestine-cpt-palestine-endorses-boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-movement>

### **Church World Service. 1/09**

In January 2009, during Israel's assault on the Gaza Strip, Church World Service took three CWS-supported delivery trucks filled with food and medical supplies to the Gaza border for transport to Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City. The delivery included nearly \$68,000 in medical supplies, 12,000 cartons of high protein biscuits for children, 20,300 liters of fortified milk, and blankets and quilts. CWS had also supported Shij'ia Clinic in Gaza, which was destroyed by Israeli forces in their January assault. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090114/gaza-pounding-raises-concern-on-medical-care/index.html>

### **Diakonia - Sweden. 2008**

Diakonia is a Christian development organization based in Sweden. In 2008, the group Diakonia, in cooperation with SwedWatch and Church of Sweden, published a comprehensive report regarding Assa Abloy, a Swedish producer of locks and security solutions. Assa Abloy owned a factory in the illegal Barkan settlement in the West Bank. Within days of the release of this report, Assa Abloy announced the withdrawal of its operations in the West Bank. Diakonia has also issued a "Guide to International Humanitarian Law in the Occupied Territories," and other materials dealing with Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. <http://www.diakonia.se/sa/node.asp?node=469>

### **Ecumenical Action Group: Investment for a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine. 2006 (ongoing)**

This is a US-based group of investment managers from more than a dozen major Christian denominations working for the investment of their churches' funds consistent with a just Israeli-Palestinian peace. They serve as an ecumenical resource, providing information and advice to interested church members who share this aim. They submit shareholder resolutions and correspond or meet with companies to promote awareness about possible relationships to the Israeli occupation. For further information, contact [Bill.Somplatsky-Jarman@pcusa.org](mailto:Bill.Somplatsky-Jarman@pcusa.org).

**Ecumenical Campaign to End the Illegal Occupation of Palestine: Support a Just Peace in the Middle East.** The campaign, begun in 2002, aims to mobilize member churches and ecumenical partners of the World Council of Churches through advocacy, prayer, building awareness of the issues and of churches' and secular groups' work in addressing the conflict, and accompaniment of Israelis and Palestinians engaging in nonviolent actions. The Campaign calls for a boycott of all products from Jewish settlements and an arms embargo until Israel withdraws from the Occupied Territories and complies with UN resolutions. [www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/international/palestine/campaign-home.html](http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/international/palestine/campaign-home.html)

**Ecumenical European network of Peace Churches, Board. 5/10**

The Board of Directors of the Ecumenical European network of Peace Churches sent a letter of support to Palestinian Christians who issued the Kairos document. It expressed solidarity with them in their nonviolent quest for freedom from Israel's occupation.

<http://www.kairospalestine.ps/sites/default/Documents/Letter%20of%20support%20by%20the%20board%20of%20the%20Ecumenical%20%20European%20network%20of%20Peace%20Churches.pdf>

**Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights, Argentina. 2009**

The Argentinian Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights issued a statement condemning Israel's massive and indiscriminate aggression against the civilian population in Gaza and asking for bilateral negotiations to be monitored by the UN. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>, <http://www.medh.org.ar/>,

**Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. 12/08**

The Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire passed a resolution to support the call urging divestment from companies that profit from Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories. The resolution intends to increase awareness of and divest from the companies that actively participate in the oppression of Palestinians, and it launches a strategy for morally responsible investing to initiate a process of divestment from corporations that allow and profit from the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

[http://www.nhepiscopal.org/convention/diocon\\_over.html](http://www.nhepiscopal.org/convention/diocon_over.html)

**Episcopal Executive Council (US). 10/05**

EEC directed its Committee for Social Responsibility in Investments to undertake the following actions:

1. Corporate engagement via dialogue and shareholder resolutions, as appropriate, to encourage companies to adopt socially responsible practices that advance positive changes in Israeli government policy and end the Occupation.
2. Urge the Palestinian Authority to oppose violence as a means of resistance.
3. "Positive investment" – encourage companies to invest in the economic infrastructure of the West Bank and Gaza: "A stable Palestinian state will make for a more secure Israel." Seek opportunities, with others, to make loans to "support economic justice and development in support of a future Palestinian State." Palestine, like Israel, has a right to an economy that flourishes.
4. Urge members of the Church to visit church partners and others in Israel and the Palestinian Territories in order to understand the complexities of the conflict.

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/the-holy-land/data/usa.pdf>

**Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF). 5/10**

The National Executive Council of the EPF endorsed a statement supporting boycott, divestment, and sanctions as a means of nonviolent resistance, and called on its Israel/Palestine Action Group to offer resources to their membership and the wider church on effective BDS strategies..

<http://epfnational.org/action-groups/epfs-executive-council-statement-on-divestment-boycott-and-economic-sanctions-as-a-means-of-nonviolent-resistance/>,

<http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=12571>

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). 8/07, 10/09**

Evangelical Lutherans, with nearly 5 million US members, backed "exploration of the feasibility of refusing to buy products produced in Israeli settlements," and of supporting the purchase of Palestinian products, in measures adopted by The Churchwide Assembly, the denomination's key legislative body. The Assembly called for examination of the denomination's "entire investment activity," excluding divestiture. These economic initiatives are part of a decision to "recommit to the Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine through awareness-building, accompaniment [visits with Holy Land hosts], and advocacy." The

initiative builds on the Peace Not Walls campaign the Assembly adopted in 2005, and will be undertaken in consultation with Evangelical Lutheran churches in Jordan and the Holy Land. In a letter to the Obama Administration on Oct. 13, 2009, 58 of 65 synod bishops and the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) expressed concern over the stalemate and the "fading hopes" for a two-state solution. They called for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and to Palestinian violence against Israelis. [www.elca.org/news/Releases.asp?a=3718](http://www.elca.org/news/Releases.asp?a=3718)

#### **Evangelisches Missionswerk in Südwestdeutschland. 1/09**

In January, 2009, Evangelisches Missionswerk in Südwestdeutschland, an association of churches and missions in Southwestern Germany, asked the German government to undertake everything possible to end the fighting in Gaza and to permanently end the siege of the Gaza Strip. It also called for an investigation of the recent events in Gaza in the light of international law. The association distributed information to media about the emergency work of its partner, the Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem and especially the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **FinnChurchAid. 1/09**

FinnChurchAid visited the Israeli embassy in January 2009 over humanitarian concerns including a missile strike on a clinic in Gaza run by the Near East Council of Churches with support from FinnChurchAid, other church groups and the EU. The group also conducted TV interviews featuring an ecumenical accompanier from Finland who serves in Jerusalem. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Friends of Sabeel-North America. 4/10**

Friends of Sabeel-North America (main office in Portland, Oregon) and Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights teamed up to run a display ad showing Palestinian loss of land in the *Oregonian* newspaper. [www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org)

#### **ICCO. 2009**

ICCO, an interchurch agency working for fair and sustainable economic development, published an ad with the names of prominent people condemning Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip, calling on the Dutch government to do the same, and asking the EU to suspend negotiations or to upgrade Israel's status. ICCO also released statements, press releases, interviews, and opinion articles. Like other church agencies, ICCO supported the Near East Council of Churches clinic in Gaza that was destroyed by a missile strike.

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Japan YWCA and Jerusalem Partnership Committee, Diocese of Tokyo, NSKK. 1/09**

The Japan YWCA and Jerusalem Partnership Committee in the Diocese of Tokyo joined 11 other civil society groups to send a letter to the Israeli ambassador to Japan calling for a stop to all military attacks in and around Gaza. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Jerusalem Inter-Church Center. 6/10**

A statement distributed by the Jerusalem Inter-Church Center said that Palestinian Christian church and community leaders, "condemn in the strongest language possible the irresponsible actions perpetrated by the Israeli forces against civilian participants of the Freedom Flotilla". It urged action to ensure that Israel ended its "siege of Gaza and ... its military occupation of the Palestinian Territories".

<http://www.eni.ch/featured/article.php?id=4122>

#### **Kairos, Canada. 2005, 2009**

Kairos is an organization of Canadian churches working for justice in the world. Its members include the Anglican Church of Canada, Christian Reformed Church in North America, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, United Church of Canada, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Canadian Religious Conference, Mennonite Central Committee of Canada, and The Primate's World

Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). In 2008, Kairos issued a report entitled "Economic Advocacy Measures: Options for KAIROS Members for the Promotion of Peace in Palestine and Israel." While it specifically discouraged boycott and sanctions against Israel, it advocated a policy of "morally responsible investment," which includes avoiding investment in companies supporting violations of human rights in the Israeli occupation. In November 2009, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) withdrew its financial support from the group. Kairos and its supporters around the world are protesting this decision. <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/who-we-are/cida-funding-cuts/>, [http://kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/HRTrade/Pal-Isr/Paper\\_EconomicAdvocacyMeasures\\_Jan08.pdf](http://kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/HRTrade/Pal-Isr/Paper_EconomicAdvocacyMeasures_Jan08.pdf)

#### **Kairos Europa e.V. 2010**

Kairos Europa, an ecumenical grass roots network on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation in Europe, has endorsed the Kairos document issued by Palestinian Christians which calls for an end to the Israeli occupation and supports the use of boycott, divestment and sanctions as a nonviolent means of achieving that goal. <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/sites/default/Documents/Kairos%20Europa%20letter.pdf>

#### **Malaysia Council of Churches . 2009-2010**

The Council of Churches of Malaysia has endorsed the Kairos Palestine document issued by Palestinian Christians which calls for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and the use of boycott, divestment and sanctions, among other nonviolent means, to achieve that goal. The Council in January 2009 called for a ceasefire during Israel's attack on Gaza, and it decried the attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in May, 2010. <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/sites/default/Documents/Letter%20of%20Solidarity%20-%20Palestinian%20Kairos%20Document.pdf>, <http://www.ccmalaysia.org/>

#### **Methodist Church Conference, UK. 6/10**

On June 30, the Methodist Church of Great Britain at its policy-making conference voted to boycott all products from Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories and to encourage Methodists across Britain to do the same. "The goal of the boycott is to put an end to the existing injustice," said spokeswoman Christine Elliott. "It reflects the challenge that settlements present to a lasting peace in the region." The Conference also called for a full arms embargo against all sides in the conflict. The followers of the Methodist Church whose number has been estimated at 70 million worldwide, including 330,000 in Britain, are urged by the report to "support and engage with this boycott of Israeli-made goods that originate from illegal settlements". <http://methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.newsDetail&newsid=453>

#### **Middle East Council of Churches (MECC). 1/09**

The Middle East Council of Churches condemned Israel's rocketing of its clinic in Gaza, which served tens of thousands of families each year. MECC appealed to the Arab League and the United Nations to save the lives of innocent people and asked all ecumenical partners to intervene with their governments. The group also issued a statement condemning attacks on civilians, urging decisive international action for peace and calling for unity among the Palestinian people. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **NEFF. 1/09**

An ecumenical organization in Nurnberg, Germany, NEFF took part in a demonstration against the Israeli war on Gaza and planned another. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. 4/02**

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference issued a statement in April 2002 calling on Israel to withdraw immediately from all areas of the West Bank and Gaza; begin to dismantle the settlements established in Palestinian territories in violation of the Oslo Agreement; allow journalists, humanitarian aid agencies and human rights workers free access to the occupied territories; and agree to an international peace-keeping force as called for by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and the Vatican. The statement also called on Palestinians to refrain from attacking Israeli civilians. <http://www.caritas.org.nz/?module=Live&action=Search&q=Israeli&range=&do=search&page=2>

#### **Palestine-Israel Action Group (PIAG), Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

A group of Ann Arbor, Michigan Quakers has distributed 440,000 informational “map cards” throughout the United States. The colorful little cards illustrate the loss of Palestinian land from 1946 – 2009. They also show the fragmentation of the West Bank, with myriad Jewish settlements scattered throughout the area on occupied land, in violation of international law. These may be ordered from [piag@mac.com](mailto:piag@mac.com).

#### **Palestinian Christians: Kairos Document. 12/09**

On December 11, 2009, prominent Christian Palestinian leaders gathered at a conference sponsored by the World Council of Churches in Bethlehem and released a historical Kairos Palestine Document, calling on churches around the world "to say a word of truth and to take a position of truth with regard to Israel's occupation of Palestinian land." This group unambiguously endorsed boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) as one of the key nonviolent forms of solidarity that international faith-based organizations are urged to adopt. The document recalls a similar Kairos Document issued by South Africans during that country's apartheid era, and reflects a sense of urgency about the Palestinian crisis caused by continued Israeli occupation and oppression. <http://www.oikoumene.org/gr/resources/documents/other-ecumenical-bodies/kairos-palestine-document.html>, <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article10943.shtml>

#### **Pax Christi: Catholic International Peace Movement. 7/06**

Pax Christi announced support for a UK campaign aimed at multi-national companies that profit from the Occupation, including Volvo, Caterpillar, Daewoo and Sainsbury's. Australian Pax Christi convenor Fr. Claude Mostowik called for the campaign to expand as a worldwide boycott. [www.cathnews.com/news/607/60.php](http://www.cathnews.com/news/607/60.php)

#### **Pax Christi Flanders. 1/09**

Pax Christi Flanders joined the Christian Workers' Movement in Belgium and a coalition of European agencies in urging the EU to suspend talks on the upgrading of EU-Israel relations. Pax Christi also joined 100 Belgian organizations in staging a January demonstration to protest Israel's attack on Gaza. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/programmes/public-witness-addressing-power-affirming-peace/churches-in-the-middle-east/gaza-2009.html>

#### **Presbyterian Church, USA, General Assembly. 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010**

The 2004 Presbyterian General Assembly approved a measure calling for “phased, selective divestment from corporations that profit from the illegal occupation of Palestine.” <http://www.fosna.org/content/217th-general-assembly-presbyterian-church-usa-issue-divestment> The 2006 Presbyterian General Assembly adopted measures in 2006 asking the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to “identify affirmative investment opportunities as they pertain to Israel, Gaza, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank” and to assure that the church invests there “only in peaceful pursuits.” They call for the “creation of a socially, economically, geographically, and politically viable and secure Palestinian state, alongside an equally viable and secure Israeli state,” adding “both of which have a right to exist.” The 2006 GA also supported “fair criticism” of the separation wall in the West Bank, saying: “To the extent that the security barrier violates Palestinian land . . . the barrier should be dismantled and relocated.” <http://www.fosna.org/content/217th-general-assembly-presbyterian-church-usa-issue-divestment> At the 2008 General Assembly, the Presbyterians voted to endorse the World Council of Churches affirmation of a “two-state” solution, a shared Jerusalem, and human rights of refugees and occupied peoples. The Assembly called on the church to be a voice for victims of violence in Israel and in Palestine and it condemned all acts of violence against innocent civilians. <http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/israelpalestine/resources/divestmentfaqpart2.pdf> At its General Assembly (GA) in July 2010, the Presbyterian Church USA called on the United States to end its financial support for Israel unless the country stops expanding settlements in the occupied territories. The GA reaffirmed Israel's right to exist and commended the Kairos document from Palestinian Christians for study by Presbyterians. (<http://www.oikoumene.org/gr/resources/documents/other-ecumenical-bodies/kairos-palestine-document.html> (See description on previous page.)) The GA called on Israel and Egypt to open the borders of Gaza to free commercial exchange, to guarantee adequate levels of food, medicine and building supplies for Gazans, and to allow all goods other than “military equipment and devices” to be delivered. <http://ga219.pcusa.org/news/2010/7/9/ga-approves-breaking-down-walls-report-middle-east/>

#### **Presbyterian Church, USA, Middle East Study Committee (MESC). 3/10**

The Middle East Study Committee (MESOC) of the Presbyterian Church USA issued a 172-page report calling for actions to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. It was presented for a vote to the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meeting July 3-10 in Minneapolis. The report calls on the United States to halt its billions in aid to Israel until that country stops its expansion of settlements in Palestinian territories. It recommends a letter of protest to Caterpillar Inc. for supplying heavy machinery used by Israel's occupying forces. The report also calls for an overall end to the Israeli occupation, a relocation of Israel's separation barrier to spots outside of Palestinian territories, an end to violence on all sides and measures to support the dwindling Palestinian Christian population. <http://www.pcusa.org/middleeastpeace/>, <http://www.fosna.org/content/full-report-pcusa-middle-east-study-committee>

#### **Presbyterian Church, USA, Detroit Presbytery. 2/08**

This group called for Temporary Suspension of Military Aid to Israel: The Presbytery voted to ask the 2008 General Assembly to 1) reaffirm the right of Israel to exist; 2) deplore suicide bombings and terror attacks; and 3) call for temporary suspension of US military aid to Israel until it complies with the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act. These laws prohibit the use of US weapons against civilians or civilian infrastructure and bar aid to countries that engage in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights. (Middle East Work Group (MEWG) of the Presbytery of Detroit <http://mewg.org/overture218/>)

#### **Presbyterian Church of Scotland. 2006**

The Church of Scotland General Assembly (GA) asked the Church & Society Council to investigate implications of occupation for the church's portfolio of investments. The matter had been referred to the GA in 5/06. The Church found it had no relevant investments, but the General Assembly called on the European Union to clearly inform consumers by identifying products from Israeli settlements. After a visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the moderator of the General Assembly called on the church to pursue divestment/boycotts against companies that profit from the occupation. [http://www.kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/HRTrade/Pal-Isr/Paper\\_EconomicAdvocacyMeasures\\_Jan08.pdf](http://www.kairoscanada.org/fileadmin/fe/files/PDF/HRTrade/Pal-Isr/Paper_EconomicAdvocacyMeasures_Jan08.pdf)

#### **Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. 7/10**

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is a national community of Presbyterians who support alternatives to violence, exploitation, militarism and war. The group has announced a partnership with European Jewish groups organizing to send a boatload of humanitarian supplies to Gaza. It has raised \$10,000 from its members to lend solidarity to the three groups organizing the unarmed civilian action: European Jews for a Just Peace in the Middle East, Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East (both in Germany) and Jews for Justice for the Palestinians (UK). According to a spokesperson for the Peace Fellowship, "We cannot accept Israel's current requirement to have sole discretion over what goods go into Gaza.....Our Jewish partners in the Jewish Ship for Gaza are saying that might does not make right in this or any other human circumstance. We stand with them. It is time to find peaceable ways to bring an end to the siege on Gaza." The Peace Fellowship has asked to send a North American Presbyterian as part of the delegation if space is available. <http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/node/328>, <http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/node/328>, [http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=8477&Itemid=56](http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8477&Itemid=56)

#### **Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). 3/08**

AFSC is affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The AFSC Board adopted an "investment screen" barring investments in companies that provide products or services (including financial services) used by Israeli governmental or military bodies or Israeli or Palestinian organizations or groups "to facilitate or undertake violent acts against civilians or violations of international law." The screen would bar investment in companies that help maintain Israel's military occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, or that help maintain and expand Israeli settlements or the Separation Wall. The Board stated, "We take this action as a matter of conscience and an expression of our unwillingness to remain complicit with violence and oppression occurring daily in Palestine and Israel, which is contrary to all that we know to be true and right." [www.afsc.org/israel-palestine/default.htm](http://www.afsc.org/israel-palestine/default.htm)

#### **Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): Ann Arbor Friends Meeting. 9/09**

This group adopted a resolution (or "minute") in September 2009 calling for Nonviolence and an End to Military Aid to Israel. The resolution said, in part: "We urge the President and Congress to stop military aid to Israel, to

work for an end to all violence, and to press for unimpeded delivery of humanitarian supplies and rebuilding equipment into Gaza. We urge adoption of a viable peace agreement grounded in the human rights and security needs of both Israelis and Palestinians and providing for the just sharing of land and water.”

<http://www.quakerpi.org/Q-Action.shtml>

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): Atlanta Quaker Meeting. 2006**

This group adopted a resolution that said, in part, “The Atlanta Friends Meeting urges the President and Congress to act immediately to halt Israel’s military attacks in the Middle East that are being conducted with U.S.-supplied weapons in violation of our laws. We urge the President and Congress to stop all foreign assistance and military equipment exports to Israel until it ceases military attacks outside of its internationally recognized borders.” The resolution called for a cease-fire and negotiations to end Israel’s conflicts in Lebanon and Gaza. <http://atlanta.quaker.org/peaceminutes.htm>

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. 6/09**

This regional Quaker body, representing Friends from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, adopted the following minute at its annual gathering in June 2009: “As Quakers, we urge the President and Congress to stop military equipment exports to Israel, to work for an end to all violence, and to press for unimpeded delivery of humanitarian supplies and rebuilding equipment into Gaza. We urge adoption of a viable peace agreement grounded in the human rights and security needs of both Israelis and Palestinians and providing for the just sharing of land and water.” [http://www.quaker.org/leym/News/bulletins\\_files/LEYM-46-3.pdf](http://www.quaker.org/leym/News/bulletins_files/LEYM-46-3.pdf)

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): Olympia Meeting, Washington State. 8/06**

“By using US-supplied weapons to attack Gaza and Lebanon, Israel is violating the terms of the US Arms Export Control Act and Foreign Assistance Act. The Arms Export Control Act restricts the use of US weapons to legitimate self-defense and internal policing; US weapons cannot be used to attack civilians in offensive operations. The Foreign Assistance Act prohibits US aid of any kind to a country that routinely kills civilians as a result of its military operations. ... We urge the President and Congress to stop all foreign assistance and military equipment exports to Israel until it ceases military attacks outside of its internationally recognized borders.” [http://olyfriends.homestead.com/justice.html#anchor\\_29](http://olyfriends.homestead.com/justice.html#anchor_29)

**Roman Catholic: Mercy Investment Program, Sisters of Mercy, Maryknoll Sisters, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Sisters of Loretto, together with Jewish Voice for Peace. 2004, 2005**

As shareholders in Caterpillar, Inc., the Sisters of Loretto filed a resolution in 2004, asking Caterpillar to stop providing arms to Israel. A Sister addressed the annual shareholders meeting, telling the executives, “You understand the implications of improvement in clean emissions, equal employment opportunity, environmental impact of mining and logging. But with sales to the Israeli Army through the Department of Defense, you have stepped up Caterpillar’s role in the public arena. Caterpillar bulldozers are tools of war now and Caterpillar is an arms dealer, sharing in responsibility for the horrendous use of those weapons.” The resolution won 4% of the shareholders’ votes, assuring its reconsideration in 2005. The Sisters’ communities in 2005 joined Jewish Voice for Peace in asking CAT to investigate whether its sale of bulldozers to Israel violates the company’s own code of conduct: “It is a matter of public record that since September 2000, the Israeli government has used Caterpillar equipment to destroy more than 3000 homes, hundreds of public buildings and private commercial properties and vast areas of agricultural land,” uprooting “hundreds of thousands of olive trees as well as orchards of dates, prunes, lemons and oranges causing widespread economic hardship and environmental degradation in rural areas of Palestine.” The resolution received a 3% vote at the shareholders’ meeting. [http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article\\_192.shtml](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article_192.shtml), <http://www.catdestroyshomes.org/article.php?id=526>

**Roman Catholic: National Coalition of American Nuns. 8/07**

The coalition, founded in 1969 for individual nuns dedicated to issues of social justice and human rights, backed municipal boycotts of Caterpillar machinery and a boycott of Israeli goods at its 2007 board meeting. “Because Caterpillar (CAT) bulldozers are used as weapons of war in the Occupied Territories in violation not only of the U. S. Arms Export Control Act, but also of international law and the corporation’s own code of conduct, we call for divestment from Caterpillar, municipal boycotts of CAT machinery, and a consumer



boycott of other CAT products." Further, "We encourage a boycott of Israeli goods in order to hasten a more just civil order in the Holy Land." <http://www.ncan.us/page/2/>

### **Sabeel**

Sabeel, a Jerusalem-based international organization representing Palestinian Christians, has stated that "There is a spiritual dimension to all investment." Sabeel explains that: "1. Earning money through investment in companies whose products and services are used to violate International Law and human rights is equivalent to profiting from unlawful acts and the oppression of others. 2. Continuing such investments, once the facts are brought to our attention, constitutes enabling harm to innocent civilians under Occupation and condoning illegal settlement policies that lead to human rights violations." Sabeel cites Israeli human rights lawyer Shamai Liebovitz: "If the Jewish people are ever to become 'a light of all nations' and return to their core values of justice and human dignity, Israelis and Jews of conscience must call for effective measures to end the occupation of millions of Palestinians. I believe that selective economic pressure is the most effective way to end the brutal occupation." "The churches have exhausted all other options," says Sabeel founder Naim Ateek, a Palestinian-Israeli Anglican priest. (See "Morally Responsible Investment: A Nonviolent Response to the Occupation," 8/05.) <http://www.cc-vw.org/articles/mri.htm>, <http://www.sabeel.org/pdfs/mri.htm>

### **South Africa Council of Churches (SACC). 5/05, 3/10**

The Council, representing millions of South Africans, endorsed the call for boycott issued by the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel. The endorsement was joined by over a hundred prominent South African academics. [www.aidc.org.za/?q=book/view/586](http://www.aidc.org.za/?q=book/view/586) The Central Committee of the South Africa Council of Churches endorsed the Kairos Document issued by Palestinian Christians, embracing its call for boycott, divestment and sanctions as nonviolent tools to end the Israeli occupation. <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/sites/default/Documents/CCM%20Res%20on%20Palestinian%20Kairos.pdf>

### **United Church of Canada (Presbyterian, Methodist, United Church of Christ). 8/06, 2010**

The UCC General Council adopted a Pro-Peace Investment Strategy "to invite the membership, congregations, and organizations of The United Church of Canada to invest in companies that contribute to peace and a secure and economically viable Palestinian state alongside a secure and economically viable State of Israel" and to "make financial investments, as they pertain to Israel, Gaza, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank, with . . . companies that are engaged only in peaceful pursuits in the region." UCC is Canada's largest Protestant denomination. It ruled out investment in companies supporting the occupation and settlements, as well as in firms serving "any government or organization that refuses to recognize the legitimate rights of the State of Israel, including its right to exist as a Jewish state." The denomination denounced acts of violence perpetrated against persons on all sides of the conflict. It committed to raising one million dollars to support projects of groups working for peace in Palestine and Israel. [www.united-church.ca/news/2006/0818.shtm](http://www.united-church.ca/news/2006/0818.shtm) A letter was sent from a General Council Minister of the United Church of Canada welcoming the Kairos document issued by Palestinian Christians, stating "we have been clear in naming the end of the illegal occupation as the critical step towards peace in the region," and stating that "Criticism of Israeli policies in the occupation must not be silenced by claims of anti-Semitism." <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/sites/default/Documents/United%20Church%20of%20Canada.pdf>

### **United Church of Christ (UCC). 7/05**

"The Use of Economic Leverage in Promoting Peace in the Middle East," adopted at UCC's twenty-fifth General Synod, asked pension boards, conferences, local churches and members to use economic leverage -- advocating reallocation of US foreign aid to constrain Middle East militarization; contributing to groups and partners committed to nonviolent resolution of the conflict; challenging corporations' practices that gain from the conflict and occupation; and divesting from companies that refuse to change these practices. The Synod called for education of congregants about how economic leverage may help support the development of Palestine and Israel as two independent, secure, economically viable states. It further urged continuation of dialogue with Jewish, Christian and Muslim partners to work for Israel-Palestine peace. [http://www.cmep.org/Statements/2005July\\_UCCEconomic.htm](http://www.cmep.org/Statements/2005July_UCCEconomic.htm)

### **United Methodist Church: General Conference. 2004, 2008**

In 2004, the United Methodist General Conference overwhelmingly passed a resolution opposing Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. The resolution stated: "*Therefore, be it resolved*, that The United Methodist

Church opposes continued military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, the confiscation of Palestinian land and water resources, the destruction of Palestinian homes, the continued building of illegal Jewish settlements, and any vision of a "Greater Israel" that includes the occupied territories and the whole of Jerusalem and its surroundings." The United Methodist General Conference of, 2008 advanced its commitment to ethical investment by establishing a "socially responsible investment task force" to examine how church investments may avoid linkage with companies involved in human rights abuses in the Middle East, as well as in China and Sudan.

[http://archives.umc.org/interior\\_print.asp?ptid=4&mid=6855](http://archives.umc.org/interior_print.asp?ptid=4&mid=6855)

[www.unitedmethodistdivestment.com](http://www.unitedmethodistdivestment.com), [www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article\\_1091.shtml](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article_1091.shtml)

#### **United Methodist Church: Regional conferences:**

United Methodist regional or annual conferences that have passed resolutions calling for economic action to end the Israeli occupation include Baltimore-Washington Conference, California-Nevada, California-Pacific, New England, North Central New York, Northern Illinois, Oregon-Idaho, Rocky Mountain, Virginia, and Western Ohio. [www.unitedmethodistdivestment.com](http://www.unitedmethodistdivestment.com) The New England Conference established a Divestment Task Force in 2005 to communicate with and publicize key companies found to support the Occupation. Twenty companies were placed on a divestment list and shared with Methodist churches and investment managers. They are Lockheed Martin, Blockbuster, Alliant Tech Systems, Boeing, Caterpillar, Cement Roadstone Holdings, General Dynamics, General Electric, Globecom Systems, Magal Security Systems, Motorola, Northrop Grumman, Oshkosh Truck Corp, Raytheon, Silicon Graphics, Terex, United Technologies, Veolia Environnement, ITT, and Volvo. "Selective divestment is consistent with the United Methodist commitment to a just and sustainable peace for all the people of the Middle East," says William Aldrich, of the Task Force. "Selective divestment offers a tangible way of working toward this goal." [www.neumc.org/divest](http://www.neumc.org/divest)

#### **United Methodist Church Detroit Conference. 5/10**

At their Annual Conference, May 20-23, United Methodists representing the 450 UMC churches in the eastern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and all of the Upper Peninsula passed the following motion: "Be it resolved that the Detroit Annual Conference petition the United Methodist General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to divest itself of funds it has invested in corporations whose business and products are supporting the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land."

<http://www.detroitconference.org/pages/detail/1751#11>

#### **United Methodist Church – Northern Illinois Conference. 6/10**

Members of the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) of the United Methodist Church (UMC) voted at their Annual Conference in June to divest all holdings in three international corporations that profit from the occupation of Palestinian land. Sponsors of the measure said, "This action is in response to a plea by Palestinian Christians for action, not just words." These three companies are among 20 targeted by many UMC conferences across the country because they (1) have a presence on occupied land, (2) are involved with the physical settlements, checkpoints and the separation wall, or (3) support activities of the Israeli military in the occupied territories. The conference will also send a list of the 20 identified companies to the nearly 400 local churches in Northern Illinois and encourage them to consider divestment from any corporations on the list.

[http://pwjcoordinators.blogspot.com/2010/06/peace-with-justice-coordinators\\_17.html](http://pwjcoordinators.blogspot.com/2010/06/peace-with-justice-coordinators_17.html)

#### **The United Methodist General Board of Church & Society (GBCS). 6/10**

The United Methodist General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) condemned the deadly interception May 31 in international waters by Israeli troops that led to the deaths of nine persons on a humanitarian aid mission to Gaza. "We grieve the loss of life and injuries sustained in what became a tragic confrontation between the forces of peace and those of armed aggression," said Jim Winkler, chief executive of the United Methodist social justice agency. Winkler called the Israeli troops' boarding of the "Freedom Flotilla" in international waters more than just an act of high-seas piracy. "It is symptomatic of a broader, hopelessly flawed policy by Israel to subjugate the Palestinian people, allegedly to protect its own security," he said, adding that the United States has been "complicit in this flawed policy."

#### **Vatican. 6/10**

The Vatican has called the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land a "political injustice imposed on the Palestinians," in a paper leaked to an Italian news agency. Pope Benedict XVI deplored an assault by Israeli

commandos on a flotilla of ships taking aid to the Gaza Strip, calling the series of events "tragic" and "very painful," as well as a cause of concern for all those who long for peace in the region. In Geneva, the Vatican's representative to U.N. organizations there, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, said "a full, impartial and transparent investigation into the latest incident, based upon international law and international humanitarian law, is necessary." <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1002253.htm>, <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-spokesman-condemns-israeli-raid-on-aid-flotilla/>, <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/israeli-occupation-unjust-says-vatican/story-e6frf7jx-1225874281780>

#### **World Council of Churches Central Committee, 2005, 2006, 2009**

WCC advocates selective divestment from US companies like Caterpillar that profit from the Occupation, and from Israeli companies that depend on settlements for materials and labor, or that produce military equipment used to violate Palestinian human rights. Churches with investment funds have an opportunity to use those funds responsibly in support of peaceful solutions to conflict. "Economic pressure, appropriately and openly applied, is one such means of action." (Adopted 2/05; reaffirmed 8/06). In September 2009, the WCC issued a public statement urging Israel to freeze all settlements and begin dismantling them. The Committee said the settlements are "illegal, unjust, incompatible with peace and antithetical to the legitimate interests of the state of Israel." It renewed its call for an international boycott of all settlement products.

<http://wccco.org/wcc/what/international/regconcerns-palestine-israel.html>

#### **York and Hull District Methodist Synod, England, 4/05**

The York and Hull District Methodist Synod recommended to the 2005 UK Methodist Conference that it follow the lead of the World Council of Churches and Presbyterian Church, undertaking a review of all investments under its control, with a view to divesting from any corporations or activities that support the illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A proponent stated, "International law is the basis of the Conference resolution. This fact should be well publicized." The report was referred to a committee, which amended the language and submitted it again to the Conference in 2006, where it was accepted in its altered form.

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.content&cmid=1292>

## **JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **US Assembly of Jews Confronting Racism and Israeli Apartheid, 6/10**

More than 200 Jewish Americans assembled in Detroit June 19-22 for the first national Jewish anti-Zionist assembly. The gathering was organized by the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network and the Middle East Children's Alliance, and was supported by many Jewish anti-Zionist groups and other peace-with-justice organizations around the world. <http://www.jewsconfrontapartheid.org/>

#### **Alliance of Concerned Jewish Canadians (ACJC), 1/08**

The Alliance of Concerned Jewish Canadians (ACJC) is a pan-Canadian umbrella of Jewish anti-Occupation groups. The ACJC issued a statement in 2008 saying "We wish to join Palestinian Canadian groups, and other concerned Canadians, in expressing our outrage at the siege of the Gaza Strip. We the Alliance of Concerned Jewish Canadians (ACJC) join the Palestinian Canadian community and other Canadians of conscience in demanding that the Canadian government, politicians, and MPs condemn the latest Israeli aggression against the Palestinians in Gaza, demand an immediate halt to all Israeli brutal use of military force against the Palestinians which is taking a serious humanitarian toll on civilians, lift the blockade on the Palestinian people and allow all living essentials, food, medicine and energy to enter the territories without any delay, allow an independent international tribunal to enter the Palestinian territories to investigate the Israeli war crimes in the Gaza Strip, Call upon the international community and Canada in particular to act immediately to stop these crimes; and call upon the international community and Canada in particular to renew the call to the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention to fulfill their responsibility under Article 1 of the Convention...." [http://www.canpalnet-ottawa.org/ACJC\\_Gaza.html](http://www.canpalnet-ottawa.org/ACJC_Gaza.html)

#### **American Jews for a Just Peace (AJJP), 8/08**

American Jews for a Just Peace, formed in 2008, is an alliance of activists working for equal rights, safety and dignity for all the people of historic Palestine. AJJP's "Common Ground" principles "recognize the importance of boycott, divestment and sanctions work and support the right of our members to engage in that work." The group further calls for cessation of US aid to Israel until that government ends its occupation and expropriation of land in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem and achieves a just peace. AJJP operates as an alliance of autonomous chapters and individual members committed to these and other principles listed on its web site. It is predominantly Jewish but welcomes the participation of others committed to these core principles. <http://www.ajjp.org/about/common-ground/>

#### **Australian Jewish Democratic Society. 6/10**

The Australian Jewish Democratic Society has called for an end to Israeli settlements built on Palestinian land. The group issued a statement after the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in which it said, "Support for Israel does not mean support for the policies of its government and we have been vocal in opposing the Israeli blockade of Gaza." It also said, "Unless the Israeli government can convincingly back up its claims that the Gaza aid convoy was not a project for delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza, but in reality a front for violent action, it invites the condemnation of everyone who supports negotiated conflict resolution and reinforces the view that Israel's professed support for human rights is a sham." <http://www.ajds.org.au/taxonomy/term/4>, <http://ajds.org.au/node/256>

#### **Breaking the Law of Return**

Breaking the Law of Return is an initiative taken by Jews around the world to disassociate themselves from Israel's occupation by rejecting the "right" to "return" to Israel, a state in which many have never lived, while native Palestinians are being expelled. In the United States the effort is being facilitated through Facebook, and hundreds of Jews have signed the statement. <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&gid=296967332350>

#### **European Jews for a Just Peace (EJJP). 2005**

EJJP is a coalition of Jewish groups from nine European countries and the United Kingdom. A statement called "No Other Way," adopted at the group's 2005 annual plenary, calls for economic pressure targeted at the Occupation. The rationale for these measures highlights: 1) Their nonviolent nature and 2) The fact that the need to resort to these steps is a result of the failure of other means. Opposing the Israeli occupation cannot be construed as anti-Semitic. Under "Divestment Actions," EJJP calls for pressure by boycott and information campaigns on companies, institutions, organizations, and individuals that profit from involvement in or contribution to the Occupation, such as Caterpillar, Intel, and Soda Club. It includes Israeli companies that produce military equipment used to violate Palestinian human rights, and also universities, research institutions, and individuals that contribute to the perpetuation of the Occupation. The purchase of Israeli arms and weapons should be banned, and governments are asked to stop selling Israel arms used to continue the Occupation. Settlement products should be boycotted, based on the Gush Shalom list, as well as products with labels that do not differentiate between settlement products and those made in Israel. <http://www.ejpp.org/aboutejpp/our-members.html>

#### **Independent Jewish Voices (Canada). 6/09**

Independent Jewish Voices (IJV) voted to join the growing international campaign in support of the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel, at its first Annual General Meeting. This decision makes IJV the first national Jewish organization in the world to do so. The adopted resolution states that IJV will "Support the Palestinian call for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and complies with the precepts of international law, including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194." According to IJV, "Independent Jewish Voices is a member-led organization, with chapters in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax." <http://ijvcanada.org/ijv-vji-positions/>

#### **Independent Jewish Voices (Britain). 2007**

Independent Jewish Voices (IJV) is "a network of Jews in Britain who share a commitment to certain principles, especially with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in mind: putting human rights first, rejecting all forms of racism, and giving equal priority to Palestinians and Israelis in their quest for a peaceful and secure future." IJV makes

it clear that all Jews do not speak with one voice. In 2007, the group published a statement affirming an approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on universal human rights and international law. The statement said, in part, "The Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip face appalling living conditions with desperately little hope for the future. We declare our support for a properly negotiated peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people and oppose any attempt by the Israeli government to impose its own solutions on the Palestinians. It was signed by 637 British Jews. <http://jewishvoices.squarespace.com/>

#### **International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN). 2009**

IJAN is a worldwide network of Jews opposed to Zionism. It has branches in Europe, the US, UK, Israel, Canada, India, Morocco and Argentina. In the US, it is active especially in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Chicago and the Twin Cities (Minnesota). It has called for an international campaign against the Jewish National Fund, and supports the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. <http://www.ijsn.net/C89/>

#### **International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) Twin Cities. 2009**

In 2009, IJAN Twin Cities members published online commentaries and produced cable access shows addressing Palestinian solidarity. They also held a "Picnic for Palestine," provided commentary for a performance of a play about US peace activist Rachel Corrie, and took other actions including participation by one of their members in the Gaza Freedom March. <http://www.ijsn.net/C89/>

#### **J Street. 7/10**

J Street is a "pro-Israel, pro-peace" organization of American Jews advocating for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. J Street issued a statement on July 6, 2010 that read: "J Street calls on the United States Treasury Department and relevant Congressional bodies to launch thorough investigations into whether or not the organizations funding settlement activities on the West Bank named in today's *New York Times* report have broken the law. The alleged links between the named organizations and former officials and donors associated with far-right Jewish groups that are classified as terrorist organizations by the State Department provide a reasonable starting point for an investigation. J Street reiterates our ongoing concern over the intention and impact of American organizations and individuals that fundraise for settlement activity over the Green Line, including for many outposts that even the Israeli government considers illegal. Ongoing settlement construction is diminishing the chances of a two-state solution and endangering Israel's very future as a Jewish, democratic home. Funding such activity is both irresponsible and provocative."

<http://www.jstreet.org/blog/?p=1162>

#### **Jewish Alliance Against the Occupation**

In November, 2000, this group published a letter in the Montreal Gazette signed by 35 Jews from Canada, New York, New England, California and Israel. It called for Palestinian equal rights, an end to the war on the Palestinians, a proper respect for the UN resolutions recognizing the rights of Palestinians, an end to Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, a guarantee for Palestinian self-determination, and the dismantlement of the Israel-style apartheid system. <http://gib.squat.net/texte/jewspeakout.html>

#### **Jewish American Medical Project (now Jewish Voice for Peace Health and Human Rights Project –**

Established originally as the Jewish American Medical Project, this group sends specialized delegations to Palestine consisting of medical and human rights workers, journalists, labor organizers and others. JVP HAHRP participants work closely with Palestinian health and human rights organizations to provide care, material aid, and exchange information. Participants return from trips committed to making presentations and/or sharing their experiences, and become part of a vital network of alumni who share stories, support and information, largely through the JVP HAHRP email list. Most people who participate in the program are Jewish, but it is not a requirement. [http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article\\_428.shtml](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article_428.shtml)

#### **Jewish Voice for Peace, US. 5/10, 7/10**

The group includes American Jews and Israeli peace activists. It supports selective divestment from companies "that profit from Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem and from Israeli companies that use settlements as a source for materials and labor or that produce military equipment used to violate Palestinian human rights." JVP notes that US military aid since 1949 "represents the largest transfer of funds from one country to another in history." JVP condemned the Israeli military raid on the Gaza ships

convoy in May, 2010 and has called for an end to the siege of Gaza. In July, JVP launched a petition to TIAA-CREF, asking it to stop investing in companies that profit from the Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. In a remarkable accomplishment, JVP presented more than 15,000 signatures on the petition and individual post cards to TIAA-CREF at its annual meeting on July 19th! The company agreed to meet with representatives from JVP the following day. The campaign is now increasing its goal to 50,000 signatures to persuade the company to stop investing in the occupation. <http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/campaigns/gaza-flotilla>, [www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org)

#### **Jewish Voice for Peace. Germany. 8/07, 6/10**

Protestors from Jewish Voice for Peace demonstrated against settlement food products during "Israel Week" at a Berlin department store, Galeria Kaufhof. The protestors, joined by Middle East Workshop Berlin and Solidarity with Palestine, targeted Amnon and Tamar (spices). In June, 2010, the group announced that it was preparing a ship to sail to the Gaza Strip with musical instruments, Jewish musicians and humanitarian aid, in an attempt to break Israel's naval blockade of the territory. Since the announcement, there have been many offers of support and requests to participate in the flotilla by people around the world. A spokesperson for the group stated that Israel acted criminally in its lethal raid on an earlier Gaza aid flotilla on May 31.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/894796.html>,

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3899915.00.html>

#### **Jewish Women for Justice in Israel/Palestine. 3/10**

Jewish Women for Justice in Israel/Palestine co-sponsored a forum at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA, that focused on women's struggles for human rights in Haiti, Palestine, Pakistan, and Israel.

<http://groups.google.com/group/brokenpromisesbrokendreams?hl=en>

#### **Jews Against The Occupation (JATO), New York, NY. 11/04**

Jews Against the Occupation sent a letter to the Presbyterian Church USA saying, "We are writing as deeply committed Jews to thank the Presbyterian Church for acting as a true friend to our people. Their decisions to condemn Israel's Wall . . . and to begin selective divestment of holdings in multinational corporations doing business in Israel/Palestine represent an important step forward in the struggle for Palestinian freedom and an end to the conflict . . . (W)e believe that the day will come, be it in five years or fifty, when the Presbyterian Church's action in this matter will be remembered with love and gratitude by Jews around the world. . . "

<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article4806.shtml>

#### **Jews Against The Occupation, Sydney, Australia (JAO-Sydney). 2003**

Jews Against the Occupation – Sydney was formed in May 2003 to give a clear Jewish voice in support of the national and human rights of Palestinians and a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. "We are part of a world-wide movement among progressive Jews who are challenging increasingly conservative official Jewish community representatives in regard to Israel." JAO joined with the Sydney-based Palestine Human Rights Campaign to host the launch of the book *The Challenge of Post-Zionism* edited by Ephraim Nimni, which was attended by a standing-room-only crowd. <http://jao.org.au/>

#### **Jews for a Just Peace, North Carolina. 2001, 2009**

On its web site, this group states "As American Jews we are deeply committed to a peaceful and just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, a resolution that will provide safety, security and freedom for Jews and Palestinians and all others living in the region. We believe that such a peace can only be achieved when Israel withdraws from its settlements, ends the occupation of the Palestinian territories and addresses the legitimate national and human rights of the Palestinian people. In November 2009, the group signed a letter calling for acceptance of the Goldstone Report on war crimes in Gaza. <http://www.jfajpnc.org/>

#### **Jews for a Just Peace, Vancouver, Canada. 8/06**

A statement issued by Jews for a Just Peace in Vancouver read, "There is no such thing as a benign occupation." Appeals to the Israeli government to end their harsh treatment of Palestinians have simply not worked. "That's why stronger measures are called for, measures such as selective divestment . . . Israel's occupation is being institutionalized and made permanent. As Jeff Halper says: 'Neither security nor terrorism are really the issue; Israel's policies of annexation are based on a pro-active claim to the entire country . . . Terrorism on all sides is wrong . . . but to demand that resistance cease while an occupation is being made

permanent is unconscionable.’ ” The statement continues, “In Gaza, the siege continues. Israel has kidnapped elected Palestinian officials, shelled and bombed, conducted military operations resulting in civilian deaths, and destroyed civilian infrastructure -- power grids, bridges, government buildings and more. Still understood as Occupation under international law, Israel controls Gazan airspace, borders and ports. We support the views of the prominent Israeli writer, the late Yeshayahu Leibovitz, who wrote: ‘We must free ourselves from the curse of dominating another people.’ ” <http://www.jewsforajustpeace.com/pages/stand.html>

#### **Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods (BIG) - UK Sports Boycott. 2007**

Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods has joined others in seeking an international sporting boycott against Israeli teams until Israel ends the Occupation. The campaigners circulate petitions, lobby, and demonstrate at British stadiums, asking "Fair Play for Palestinians." They urge football associations worldwide to "Kick Israeli Apartheid out of football!" A key coalition group is PSC (Palestine Solidarity Campaign) ([www.palestinecampaign.org](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)) In other actions, BIG has distributed leaflets and stickers bearing the slogan "IT'S KOSHER TO BOYCOTT ISRAELI GOODS." <http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?page=jbig>, <http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?page=jbig>

#### **Jews for Justice for Palestinians (UK). 2006**

This group signed a 2006 letter of support for the Church of England's General Synod call to disinvest church funds from companies profiting from Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territory.

[http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXL CZ/Divestment\\_Statements\\_from\\_Jewish\\_Groups\\_YVJ27FBI.pdf](http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXL CZ/Divestment_Statements_from_Jewish_Groups_YVJ27FBI.pdf)

#### **Jews Say No. 11/09**

This group published an open letter in November 2009, calling for support for the Goldstone Report and an investigation into Israel's actions as well as those of Hamas during Operation Cast Lead in Gaza. It was signed by hundreds of Jewish individuals and organizations. <http://www.monthlyreview.org/mrzine/>

#### **Just Peace Between Israel and Palestine (Switzerland). 2006**

This group signed a 2006 letter of support for the Church of England's General Synod call to disinvest church funds from companies profiting from Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territory.

[http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXL CZ/Divestment\\_Statements\\_from\\_Jewish\\_Groups\\_YVJ27FBI.pdf](http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXL CZ/Divestment_Statements_from_Jewish_Groups_YVJ27FBI.pdf)

#### **Matzpun (the Hebrew word for "Conscience"). 10/06**

This group of Israeli citizens and Jews of other nationalities “whose families have been victims of racism and genocide in past generations, and who feel they cannot remain silent” says that Palestinians have been imprisoned in ghettos, while the Israeli government reduces their existence to bare survival and depopulates their territories. Matzpun asks people everywhere to “organize and boycott Israeli industrial and agricultural exports and goods, as well as leisure tourism, in the hope that it will have the same positive result that the boycott of South Africa had on Apartheid.” They ask individuals to practice the boycott on a personal level, telling shopkeepers why they will not buy Israeli products. They urge organizing to press governments to end commercial ties with Israel and rescind preferential economic treaties. Matzpun's online appeal can also be circulated. As of January 23, 2009, it had received almost 1,000 signatures. <http://www.matzpun.com/>, <http://www.matzpun.com/supporters.html>

#### **Not in My Name (NIMN). 1/05**

NIMN supports selective divestment as a tool to oppose the Occupation. This predominantly Jewish US group stated in 1/05, “We continue to add our voices to the growing anti-Occupation movement and make it clear that Israel neither speaks nor acts in the name of all Jews.” The group's web site says, “[T]he Occupation is destroying Israeli society by increasing poverty, violence, and insecurity. Therefore actions that oppose the Occupation are, in fact, pro-Israeli. Furthermore, we believe that such actions are in keeping with our vision of a Judaism that is based on the principle of justice.” “We believe that the Israelis and Palestinians deserve a chance to live together in peace and we support self-determination for both peoples. We oppose the obstacles that prevent the creation of a just and lasting peace, and believe that the Occupation and the U.S. support for it are primary obstacles. ...Well-designed divestment campaigns can help focus public discourse on the Occupation. They can also have a positive material impact, as has been shown by such projects as the grape

boycott to support the United Farm Workers and the opposition to South African apartheid." "Therefore, NIMN urges its members and supporters to investigate and actively support selective divestment and boycott campaigns that target corporations that profit from the Occupation."

<http://www.nimn.org/Resources/divestments/000450.php?section=>

### **Ta'anit Tzedek - Jewish Fast For Gaza**

As conditions worsened for the people of Gaza after Israel's assault in 2009, a rabbinical minyan or quorum of ten US rabbis formed "Ta'anit Tzedek," or the Jewish Fast for Gaza. By mid-September, 70 rabbis had joined the fast along with more than 600 supporters. According to its web site, "Ta'anit Tzedek - Jewish Fast for Gaza is an initiative that seeks to end the Jewish community's silence over Israel's collective punishment of Palestinians in Gaza...The Jewish Fast for Gaza is an ad hoc group of rabbis, Jews, and people of conscience who have committed to undertake a monthly daytime fast in support of the following goals: 1. To call for a lifting of the blockade that prevents the entry of civilian goods and services into Gaza; 2. To provide humanitarian and developmental aid to the people of Gaza; 3. To call upon Israel, the US, and the international community to engage in negotiations without pre-conditions with all relevant Palestinian parties - including Hamas - in order to end the blockade; 4. To encourage the American government to vigorously engage both Israelis and Palestinians toward a just and peaceful settlement of the conflict." <http://www.fastforgaza.net/>

### **Union Juive Francaise pour la paix, France. 2006**

This group signed a 2006 letter of support for the Church of England's General Synod's call to disinvest church funds from companies profiting from Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territory.

[http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXCZ/Divestment\\_Statements\\_from\\_Jewish\\_Groups\\_YVJ27FBI.pdf](http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXCZ/Divestment_Statements_from_Jewish_Groups_YVJ27FBI.pdf)

### **Union of Belgian Jewish Progressives (UPJB). 7/06, 7/07**

The Union of Belgian Jewish Progressives (UPJB) an active Jewish Association in Belgium, accused Israel of committing war crimes during the Lebanon invasion and demanded that both the EU and Belgium bring the Israeli attacks to an end. The organization head has said that criticism of Israel for its actions in Palestine and Lebanon is legitimate and does not imply anti-Semitism. <http://forums.canadiancontent.net/international-politics/48727-belgium-jewish-leader-israel-comitting.html> In June, 2007, the group took part in a demonstration to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's occupation of Palestine, and called for the occupation to end. <http://www.presstv.com/textonly/detail.aspx?id=12779&sectionid=3510206>

### **Yemen Jews. 6/10**

The Jewish community in Yemen condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla in June, 2010. Representing the community, Rabbi Yahya Ya'ish said that the Yemeni Jews censure any attack or killing against the innocents, and consider Israel's attack on the people on board the flotilla for a humanitarian task as "beast acts" denied by all divine religions and laws.

<http://www.fanews.com/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=2&NrArticle=865763&NrIssue=12&NrSection=1>

## **MUSLIM ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana. 6/10**

The Central Islamic Organization of Guyana called on the government of Guyana to condemn the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. The government issued a condemnation. The group also urged the government to sever its diplomatic ties with Israel. <http://www.stabroeknews.com/2010/stories/06/03/ciog-calls-on-gov%e2%80%99t-to-condemn-israel%e2%80%99s-raid-on-gaza-aid-ships/>

### **The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). 5/10**

On May 31, 2010 the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) urged President Obama to condemn what the Muslim civil rights group called an Israeli "massacre" of civilians on a flotilla of ships in international waters seeking to bring humanitarian aid to the people of the Gaza Strip. Israeli commandos killed 9 civilians in a pre-



dawn raid on the flotilla. <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/cair-president-obama-must-condemn-gaza-flotilla-massacre-95251729.html>

**Islamic Center of Central Missouri. 6/10**

Members of the Islamic Center held a demonstration on June 2 against Israeli killings of Gaza humanitarian flotilla participants earlier in the week. They held a sign saying "End the Occupation-Siege-Oppression Now." <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2010/06/02/meets-discuss-gaza-flotilla-raid/>

**The Islamic Information Center (IIC), Washington, DC. 6/10**

The Islamic Information Center (IIC) condemned the attack against the peaceful Gaza aid flotilla by Israeli forces, and called upon community members to take action. IIC joins a growing consensus of human rights organizations calling for the US government to take immediate action. <http://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=efaebca2ff68a6b122f31185d&id=254d76cb1f>

**Joint Committee of Muslim Organizations, India. 1/08**

This group of Muslim organizations in India held a sit-in on January 28, 2008, in New Delhi to protest the inhuman and illegal siege of the Gaza Strip by Israeli occupation forces. Taking part were the "All-India Muslim Majlis-e Mushawarat Jamiat Ulama-e Hind Jamaat-e Islami Hind Kul Hind Jamaat-e Ahl-e Hadees MOEMIN Students Islamic Organisation of India, Muslim Political Council, Majlis-e Fikro Amal Kul Hind Anjuman Himayat-e Islam, Majlis Ulama-e Islam, Milli Wa Ta'leemi Foundation, Shia Conference, Momin Conference, Popular Front of India Safinatul Hidayah Trust, Shah Waliullah Institute, The Milli Gazette Afkar-e Milli." [http://www.milligazette.com/dailyupdate/2008/200801281\\_Protest\\_against\\_Israeli\\_occupation.htm](http://www.milligazette.com/dailyupdate/2008/200801281_Protest_against_Israeli_occupation.htm)

**Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation, American Muslims for Palestine, Free Palestine Alliance and National Council of Arab Americans. 2/09**

These groups organized rallies in 8 American cities and Toronto, Canada in late December, 2008 and early January, 2009 to show solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza and to demand an immediate end to the attacks carried out by the Israeli military against the people of Gaza. [http://www.tsmmedia.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=157:arab-american-muslim-groups-plans-nationwide-rallies-against-israel-aggression-on-palestinians&catid=69:world-news&Itemid=97](http://www.tsmmedia.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=157:arab-american-muslim-groups-plans-nationwide-rallies-against-israel-aggression-on-palestinians&catid=69:world-news&Itemid=97)

**Muslim Judicial Council, Muslim Youth Movement, South Africa. 6/10**

The two organizations joined the Coalition for a Free Palestine to condemn the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla calling on the South African government to expel the Israeli ambassador, recall its own ambassador from Tel Aviv, sever diplomatic ties with Israel, and support the international campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions against the apartheid Israel state. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**National Association of Muslim American Women (NAMAW). 2009**

The National Association of Muslim American Women (NAMAW) is donating the proceeds from their new Ramadan cookbook to the Free Gaza Movement. Free Gaza has organized numerous boat trips to the Gaza Strip to break the Israeli siege of that Palestinian territory. <http://freegaza.org/>

**Organization of the Islamic Conference. 5/09**

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) is the second largest inter-governmental organization after the United Nations. It has a membership of 57 states spread over four continents. The OIC issued a statement on May 16, 2009, the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, calling for an end to the occupation, establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem (al Quds) as its capital, and a return of the Palestinian people to their homeland. "The international community ought to mend the historical injustice suffered by the Palestinian people, and work out a just solution for the Palestinian cause by ensuring that Palestinians regain their inalienable national rights, acquire emancipation from occupation and establish an independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital as well as secure the return of refugees to their homeland." [http://www.ssig.gov.my/ssig/news/fullnews.php?news\\_id=57817&news\\_cat=ts](http://www.ssig.gov.my/ssig/news/fullnews.php?news_id=57817&news_cat=ts)

**The Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID). 6/10**

The Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID) issued a statement condemning Israel's raid on a Turkish-led aid flotilla bound for Gaza, and saying that such an incident threatens efforts to attain peace in the

Middle East. PCID also criticized the United States and other members of the international community for being "complicit" in the Israel government's policy of isolating Gaza to weaken the Palestinian political group Hamas. PCID said this policy is "morally appalling and politically self-defeating." The group added that this policy "harmed the people of Gaza without loosening Hamas's control."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90851/7009442.html>

#### **Union of Islamic Organizations in France. 1/09**

On January 24, 2009, the Union of Islamic Organizations in France (UOIF) issued a strong statement against the assault on Gaza by the "Israeli occupants." The statement said, "This new offence is a crime against humanity and is part of the war against the resistance of a besieged and victimized people."

[http://www.islamonline.net/servlet/Satellite?c=Article\\_C&cid=1234631324959&pagename=Zone-English-Euro\\_Muslims%2FEMELayout](http://www.islamonline.net/servlet/Satellite?c=Article_C&cid=1234631324959&pagename=Zone-English-Euro_Muslims%2FEMELayout)

## **INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. 5/03**

The Ann Arbor, Michigan Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, in 5/03 adopted a resolution that recognized the US government's complicity in violations of human rights, and called for suspending military aid and arms sales to Israel. It asked the University of Michigan, the city of Ann Arbor and members' religious organizations to exert their influence, and, along with individuals, to divest from companies that sell arms or other military hardware to Israel. The goal is to bring about Israel's compliance with UN resolutions and the Geneva Convention. <http://www.icpj.net/>

#### **Interfaith Group for Morally Responsible Investment (IMRI)-UK**

This consortium sees "no prospect for peace without the intervention of the international community." They support the decision of the Synod of the Anglican Church of England, 2/06, to commence disinvestment from companies that support Israel's illegal occupation. IMRI asks individual Anglican parishes to shift their investment funds away from Caterpillar. IMRI members include concerned Anglicans, and the Amos Trust, Friends of Al Aqsa, Interpal, Jews for Justice for Palestinians, Just Peace-UK, the Palestinian Return Centre, and Pax Christi. For more information, contact [info@imri.org.uk](mailto:info@imri.org.uk).

#### **Interfaith Peace Initiative. 8/09**

The Interfaith Peace Initiative embraces three principles: respect for all faiths, adherence to international law (including UN Resolutions), and support for the equal human rights of all peoples. The group favors economic action, including divestment, as a means to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. The Interfaith Peace Initiative has published a report prepared by Hoder Investment Research documenting 58 companies that help sustain Israel's occupation. It may be found at

<http://www.interfaithpeaceinitiative.com/resources/profitting.pdf>

#### **Tree of Life Education Fund**

For seven years, the Tree of Life Education Fund has sponsored the Tree of Life Conference and Tree of Life Journey. These programs have fostered connections, created hope, and promoted action. Through travel to the Holy Land and by bringing informed voices of conscience to the United States, these programs have helped Americans learn more about the situation on the ground in the Holy Land. One of the speakers at the group's first conference was Father Elias Chacour, who said, "I was born a baby; I wasn't born a Christian, Muslim or Jew. If more of us came to that realization, maybe we could affirm our common humanity." This statement symbolizes an attitude of mutual respect and acceptance for all people which the Tree of Life programs seek to foster. The program's web site is <http://www.holylandpeace.org/index.html>.

#### **Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace (WIAMEP). 6/08**

The Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace, representing faith-based groups in the DC area, issued an Economic Measures Statement supporting efforts to engage companies that profit from the Israeli occupation and to divest or boycott those that fail to comply. WIAMEP "hold(s) this position out of concern for the well-being of Israelis and Palestinians, given that the occupation hurts both peoples and is detrimental to

their need to live in peace and with justice." WIAMEP noted that the US has provided \$19.6 billion in foreign aid to Israel from 2002 through 2008 (not including loan guarantees). "As an interfaith member of US civil society, we believe it is our moral obligation to speak out publicly against our own government's complicity in this continued injustice, and to work to ensure that private investment and spending do not undermine efforts for peace." <http://www.wiamep.org/resources/EconomicMeasuresStatement.pdf>

## **OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME). 6/10**

UUJME has officially endorsed Jewish Voice for Peace's initiative to compel TIAA-CREF to divest from companies profiting from the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. UUA had recently announced it was transferring its retirement fund from Fidelity to TIAA-CREF. Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) works within the Unitarian Universalist community to promote peace and justice in Israel-Palestine, including a settlement of the conflict affirming the equality, dignity, freedom and security of all peoples involved. <http://www.uujme.org/home/>

### **Unitarian-Universalist Association of Congregations. 6/02**

The 2002 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association opposes Israeli settlements, land confiscation, house demolitions, and other violations of international law, as well as "all attacks on civilians, whether by suicide bombers, F-16 or helicopter gunships, or any other means." The US government "is responsible for a significant portion of arms sales to this over-armed region" and the GA calls on the US to "suspend all transfers of those types of weapons and munitions used to commit human rights violations until Israel is clearly in compliance with the terms for arms transfers as expressed in United States law and bilateral agreements." <http://uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/13983.shtml>

## **ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Alternative Information Center**

The Alternative Information Centre in Jerusalem has produced an excellent video explaining the economy of occupation and the almost total boycott of Palestinian economy and society by Israel. It is narrated by Israeli economist Shir Hever and is in two parts. The first part is at [http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/multimedia/videos?option=com\\_jtagyoutubevideo&view=video&id=u0-bC9vb8xo&cat\\_id=1](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/multimedia/videos?option=com_jtagyoutubevideo&view=video&id=u0-bC9vb8xo&cat_id=1). The second part is at [http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/multimedia/videos?option=com\\_jtagyoutubevideo&view=video&id=7yJ49EajFpc&cat\\_id=1](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/multimedia/videos?option=com_jtagyoutubevideo&view=video&id=7yJ49EajFpc&cat_id=1)

### **Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)**

the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) is the nation's leading human and civil rights organization through activities involving litigation, legal advocacy, education, and public outreach. Each year it publishes an annual report covering flagrant violations, positive trends, if any, and "significant human rights-related processes" affecting Israelis and Palestinians. In May, 2007, ACRI joined the Israeli human rights group B'tselem in publishing a report on the impact of the occupation on the town of Hebron entitled "Ghost Town Israel's Separation Policy and Forced Eviction of Palestinians from the Center of Hebron." <http://dissidentvoice.org/2010/02/human-rights-abuses-in-israel-and-occupied-palestine/>, <http://www.acri.org.il/pdf/ghosttown.pdf>

### **Boycott from Within. 7/10**

In July, 2010 a group of Israeli activists launched a campaign called "Boycott from Within," working in solidarity with the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions -- or BDS Campaign, launched several years ago by a broad cross-section of Palestinian non-governmental organizations. It's a non-violent campaign whose goal is to force Israel to withdraw from occupied Palestinian territories. <http://www.ucimc.org/content/btlisraeli-activists->

[organize-boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-campaign-inside-israel](http://organize-boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-campaign-inside-israel),  
<http://btlonline.org/2010/ram/neiman070910.ram>

[www.boycottisrael.info](http://www.boycottisrael.info)

### **Breaking the Silence. 2009**

Breaking the Silence is an organization of veteran Israeli soldiers that collects testimonies of soldiers who served in the Occupied Territories during the Second Intifada. In 2009, the group published fifty-four testimonies of Israeli combat soldiers who participated in Operation Cast Lead. These reports “reveal gaps between the reports given by the army following January’s events; the needless destruction of houses; firing phosphorous in populated areas and an atmosphere that encouraged shooting anywhere.” Some of these testimonies were published in Israel’s Ha’aretz newspaper on July 15, 2009.

[http://www.shovrimshatika.org/news\\_item\\_e.asp?id=30](http://www.shovrimshatika.org/news_item_e.asp?id=30), <http://haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1072040.html>

### **B'Tselem**

B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, documents human rights violations in the Occupied Territories and educates the Israeli public and policymakers about them. B'Tselem acts primarily to change Israeli policy in the Occupied Territories and to ensure that the Israeli government protects the human rights of residents there and complies with its obligations under international law. [http://www.btselem.org/English/About\\_BTselem/Index.asp](http://www.btselem.org/English/About_BTselem/Index.asp) B'tselem published its annual report on human rights in the Occupied Territories, covering the 16-month period from January 2009 to April 2010. [http://www.btselem.org/English/Press\\_Releases/20100614.asp](http://www.btselem.org/English/Press_Releases/20100614.asp) B'Tselem's US director Uri Zaki participated in a panel entitled "[The Gaza Blockade: Views from the Ground](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfaMh-XDYTQ)" at the US House of Representatives. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfaMh-XDYTQ> B'tselem's persistence in reporting and demanding an investigation led to the indictment of an Israeli soldier for the killing of two women holding white flags during Operation Cast Lead in Gaza. <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/opinion/better-late-than-never-1.296922>

### **Coalition of Women for Peace. 2/09**

CWP is a coalition of independent women and ten feminist peace organizations who work relentlessly for peace and justice. Founded in November 2000, after the outbreak of the Second Intifada, the Coalition today is a leading voice in the peace movement. In February 2009, the group launched a web site dedicated to exposing Israeli and international companies directly involved with Israel's occupation. [www.whoprofits.org](http://www.whoprofits.org), <http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english>

### **Gisha. 2005, 6/10**

Gisha is an Israeli not-for-profit organization, founded in 2005, whose goal is to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. Gisha promotes rights guaranteed by international and Israeli law. In June, it released a computer game that allows the user to experience interactively the restrictions on movement between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank through innovative use of animation, flash documents, video clips and a blog. The game includes an archive of dozens of legal documents that shed light on military legislation and legal rulings since the 1990s, when Israel began imposing increasing restrictions on movement between the two areas. Gisha filed a petition at Israel's high court of justice against the decision to deny a lawyer from Gaza permission to travel to the West Bank to study human rights and democracy at Birzeit University. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jul/01/gaza-lawyer-challenges-study-ban>

### **Gush Shalom. 8/08, 10/09**

In August 2008, Gush Shalom congratulated Barkan Wineries for closing its facilities in a settlement in the northern West Bank. Barkan completed the move into Israel proper after years of negative publicity and demonstrations led by Gush Shalom. A final precipitating factor was a new partnership with Heineken, the Dutch beer company. The Dutch government and Dutch public opinion oppose the Israeli occupation, and Barkan feared international boycotts if it remained within the Green Line. Gush Shalom (“Peace Bloc” in Hebrew) is a highly active Israeli peace organization that started a National Boycott of Settlements’ Products in 1997, providing a list of products produced in settlements’ industrial parks. The list is constantly revised and is provided to tens of thousands of Israeli households on request and is available on line to international groups seeking such information. Barkan remains on the list because it still owns a vineyard in the occupied Golan Heights. In October 2009 Gush Shalom called for an end to the tax-exempt status provided by the United States to settlement support organizations.

<http://zope.gush-shalom.org/home/en/events/1220118081/>, [www.uruknet.info?p=59092](http://www.uruknet.info?p=59092)

### **HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual. 5/09**

Founded by Dr. Lotte Salzberger, Hamoked is a human rights organization which was established in order to assist Palestinians subjected to the Israeli occupation which causes severe and ongoing violation of their rights. HaMoked works for the enforcement of the standards and values of international human rights and humanitarian law. On May 12, 2009, HaMoked and other human rights organizations petitioned the High Court of Justice against the continued holding of Palestinian detainees and prisoners from the Occupied Territories in facilities inside Israel, and the policy of holding arrest extension proceedings in military courts which operate outside the Territories: HaMoked's data indicates that 7,119 prisoners and detainees from the Territories were being held in incarceration facilities inside Israel in May 2009. This is a violation of the Geneva Conventions. [http://www.hamoked.org.il/pages\\_en.asp?page\\_id=1](http://www.hamoked.org.il/pages_en.asp?page_id=1)

### **ICAHD (Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions). 1/05**

ICAHD is comprised of members of many Israeli peace and human rights organizations. ICAHD in 2005 issued a call for sanctions against the occupation which included the following positions: (1) ICAHD supports selective divestment from companies that profit from the Occupation, e.g., Caterpillar, and from Israeli companies that depend on settlements for materials or labor or that produce military equipment used to violate Palestinian human rights; (2) ICAHD reminds churches with investment funds that they have an opportunity to use those funds responsibly in support of peaceful solutions to conflict. Economic pressure is one such means of action. (3) ICAHD urges churches to: A. Exert pressure on companies to discontinue business that supports the occupation. B. When pressure fails, divest from such companies. <http://www.icahd.org/eng/news.asp?menu=5&submenu=1&item=218>,

### **Ir Amim**

Ir Amim ("City of Nations" or "City of Peoples") is an Israeli non-profit, non-partisan organization founded to actively engage in issues impacting on Israeli-Palestinian relations in Jerusalem and on the political future of the city. Ir Amim seeks to render Jerusalem a more viable and equitable city. On July 11, Ir Amim and a number of prominent academics and civil servants petitioned the Israeli High Court of Justice, asking the court to annul the agreement granting Jewish right-wing group "El-ad" the authority to manage the "City of David," a historic site outside the walls of the old city of Jerusalem. An Ir Amim report of the Jerusalem 2000 master plan highlights the plan's political agenda, and especially Israeli interests to control strategic areas while squeezing Palestinian residents out of them. In another report, Ir Amim and "Bimkom" revealed that according to law, 80% of the property intended for development in Israeli neighborhoods is off limits to the Palestinian population. The group offers tours of East Jerusalem that include the settlements, the wall and archeological excavations that threaten Muslim Holy places. <http://www.ir-amim.org.il/eng/>

### **Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace (ICIPP)**

ICIPP publishes a Newsletter called *The Other Israel*, featuring Israeli voices of resistance against the occupation. ICIPP advocates a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders with negotiated modifications, and a shared Jerusalem, which could serve as the capital of the two states. It calls for equal rights for Palestinian citizens of Israel, stating "ICIPP has never forgotten that even after Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders, many Palestinians will continue to live in Israeli territory, and that Israel, by abolishing all discriminatory laws and practices, must make it possible for these Palestinians to feel themselves truly equal citizens of Israel. <http://otherisrael.home.igc.org/ICIPP.html>

### **MachsomWatch. 2001**

MachsomWatch, in existence since 2001, is an organization of peace activist Israeli women against the Israeli Occupation of the territories and the systematic repression of the Palestinian nation. The group calls for Palestinian freedom of movement within their own territory and for an end to the Occupation that destroys Palestinian society and inflicts grievous harm on Israeli society. The group maintains a presence at checkpoints and reports abuses not covered by the media. <http://www.machsomwatch.org/en>

### **New Profile. 2/05**

New Profile, an Israeli peace group, active with army Refusers, women's groups, and other peace groups, said in 2005 it "opposes the Occupation on three counts: 1. Its destruction of Palestinian life, society, land,

and property. 2. Its role in maintaining militarism in Israel. 3. Its erosion of Israel's socio-economic and moral fabric." The statement continued, "We therefore seek non-violent means of ending this catastrophic Occupation. One such means is using economic sanctions to pressure the government to change its policy. To this end New Profile welcomes and supports selective divestment aimed at divesting from companies that contribute to the continuation of the Occupation by supplying arms, other equipment, or staff . . . [E]nding the occupation is not only to the benefit of the Palestinians but also necessary for the welfare of Israel, its youth, and future generations. Over 20,000 Israeli soldiers have died in its wars since 1948. Enough." <http://www.newprofile.org/english/?cat=7>

#### **Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), Israel. 3/09**

The Israeli chapter of Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) issued a report in March, 2009 stating that the military violated medical ethics codes during its Gaza offensive in December and January. PHR described alleged incidents which "reveal that not only did the (military) not evacuate besieged and wounded families, it also prevented Palestinian (medical) teams from reaching the wounded." In June, 2010, the group issued a report saying that Gazans are allowed treated in Israel in life-threatening cases only. PHR called this a "violation of medical codes." In July, 2010, PHR issued a report documenting violence by Israeli security forces directed against Palestinian residents of Jerusalem. The organization's web site states "It is PHR-Israel's view that Israel's prolonged occupation over Palestinian territory is the basis of human rights violations. For this reason we oppose the occupation and endeavor to put an end to it."

<http://www.phr.org.il/default.asp?PageID=152&ItemID=630>,

<http://www.phr.org.il/default.asp?PageID=190&ItemID=761>,

<http://www.phr.org.il/default.asp?PageID=190&ItemID=768>, <http://www.phr.org.il/default.asp?PageID=145>

#### **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Israeli Section. 7/09**

In a statement released in July, 2009, this organization joined the call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel to help end the occupation. The statement read, in part, "WILPF Israel supports and participates in the nonviolent struggle against the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, and against the civil/social effects within the Israeli society that accompany this occupation." It continued, "Taking into account that up till now our calls for significant international pressure on Israeli policy have not been answered, and in spite of having utilized all the means we have had available to us, these actions have not brought about change in Israeli policies, we, therefore join the call for BDS on Israel..." The full statement may be found at <http://www.wilpf.int.ch/PDF/Statement%20on%20BDS%20Movement.pdf>

## **PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS:**

#### **Addameer. 2009**

Addameer is a Palestinian prisoners' rights and human rights organization. In 2009, Addameer and another organization called Stop the Wall released a report entitled "Repression Allowed, Resistance Denied", which detailed the repression of Palestinian human rights defenders active against the Wall since 2002. <http://www.addameer.org/detention/background.html>

#### **Al-Haq**

Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian non-government human rights organisation based in Ramallah, West Bank. Established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the OPT, the organisation has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It has a representative on a committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, which is working for an end to the Israeli occupation. [http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/members/list\\_of\\_members/3100.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/members/list_of_members/3100.html)

#### **Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, Gaza Strip.**

Al Mezan's mandate is "to promote, protect and prevent violations of human rights in general and economic, social and cultural (ESC) rights in particular, to provide effective aid to those victims of such violations, and to enhance the quality of life of the community in marginalized sectors of the Gaza Strip." It conducts workshops, sponsors research, and issues monitoring reports on the situation in Gaza. It has issued numerous press releases on violations of economic, social and cultural rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as well as a

[Joint Statement with the Habitat Coalition on Israel's Oppression of Palestinian Economy.](#) It has a representative on a committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, which is working for an end to the Israeli occupation.  
[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/members/list\\_of\\_members/3101.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/members/list_of_members/3101.html)

#### **BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights. 2/10**

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights released a working paper in February 2010 under the title: "Principles and Mechanisms to Hold Business Accountable for Human Rights Abuses: Potential Avenues to Challenge Corporate Involvement in Israel's Oppression of the Palestinian People." BADIL is an independent, community-based non-profit organization mandated to defend and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).  
<http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/639>, <http://www.badil.org/en/about-badil>

#### **Bilin Popular Committee. 2005 - 2009**

Every Friday, this group of citizens in the small West Bank village of Bilin marches in nonviolent protest on their land to the Israeli fence/wall being built through their fields. They regularly endure tear gas attacks from Israeli soldiers in which members of their group have been killed or wounded. Dozens have been arrested. Israeli soldiers have begun nighttime raids on the village to take away leaders of the movement. Their consistent protests, which began in 2005, have been widely praised around the world as an example of courage and commitment to ending Israel's occupation and theft of their land. <http://www.bilin-village.org/english/>

#### **International Solidarity Movement (ISM). 2001 - 2009**

ISM is a Palestinian-led movement committed to resisting the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land using nonviolent, direct-action methods and principles. Founded by a small group of activists in August, 2001, ISM aims to support and strengthen Palestinian popular resistance by providing the Palestinian people with two resources, international protection and a voice with which to nonviolently resist an overwhelming military occupation force. <http://palsolidarity.org/about>

#### **Joint Advocacy Committee, East Jerusalem YMCA. 2006**

The Joint Advocacy Committee of the East Jerusalem YMCA is one of 170 civil society organizations that joined together in 2006 to call for boycott divestment and sanctions against Israel until it complies with international law and universal principles of human rights. <http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?page=173>

#### **Open Bethlehem. 2005**

"Open Bethlehem's launch in November 2005 was a response to the state of emergency imposed by the Israeli-built wall which cuts deep into the heart of the city, taking most of its agriculture land, confiscating heritage landmarks and creating a prison-like environment for Bethlehem's citizens." According to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "Open Bethlehem is a nonviolent attempt to save a city that belongs to many in the world. It is unconscionable that Bethlehem should be allowed to die slowly from strangulation." Open Bethlehem has prepared educational power points and other presentations which may be downloaded from its web site at [http://openbethlehem.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=29](http://openbethlehem.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=29)

#### **Occupied Palestine and Syrian Golan Heights Advocacy Initiative (OPGAI). 2005**

At the World Social Forum in 2005, OPGAI delivered a joint call for intervention by the international community to end Israel's occupation. The call was signed by the following member organizations: Alternative Tourism Group, [atg@p-ol.com](mailto:atg@p-ol.com); BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, Bethlehem, Palestine, [info@badil.org](mailto:info@badil.org); Defense for Children International/Palestine Section, [george@dci-pal.org](mailto:george@dci-pal.org); The Joint Advocacy Initiative (incorporating YWCA of Palestine and The East Jerusalem YMCA), [advocacy@ej-ymca.org](mailto:advocacy@ej-ymca.org); Environmental Education Center, [eec@p-ol.com](mailto:eec@p-ol.com); Golan for Development, [taiser@jawlan.org](mailto:taiser@jawlan.org); Ibdaa Cultural Center, [ziadabbas@yahoo.com](mailto:ziadabbas@yahoo.com); Jerusalem Center for Women, [jcw@palnet.com](mailto:jcw@palnet.com); Palestinian Grass-roots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign, <http://www.stopthewall.org/>.

#### **Palestinian Artists and Filmmakers. 2006**

Over 100 Palestinian filmmakers, artists and cultural workers have called on filmmakers and artists worldwide to cancel art exhibitions planned in Israel, to boycott Israeli film festivals, Israeli cultural venues, and to end all cooperation with Israeli art, film and cultural organizations and institutions sponsored by the Israeli government. Artists and filmmakers of good conscience around the world are asked to cancel all exhibitions and other cultural events that are scheduled to occur in Israel and to “speak out against the current Israeli war crimes and atrocities,” as they did in boycotting South African art institutions. A goal of the campaign is to “appeal to the Israeli people to give up their silence, to abandon their apathy, and to face up to their responsibility in the destruction and killing their elected government is wreaking.” People can endorse this call by sending an email with name, position and country to [pal.film-makers@gmail.com](mailto:pal.film-makers@gmail.com).  
<http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=333>

#### **Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC)**

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) marked the fifth anniversary of the Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights. <http://www.badil.org/en/press-releases/135-2010/2457-press-eng-23>

#### **Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel. 2004, 11/09**

The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel was launched in Ramallah in April 2004 by a group of Palestinian academics and intellectuals to join the growing international boycott movement. In July 2004, the Campaign issued a statement of principles, urging colleagues in the international community to comprehensively and consistently boycott all Israeli academic and cultural institutions until Israel withdraws from all the lands occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem; removes all its colonies in those lands; agrees to United Nations resolutions relevant to the restitution of Palestinian refugees rights; and dismantles its system of apartheid. This statement has been endorsed by nearly sixty Palestinian academic, cultural and other civil society federations, unions, and organizations, including the Federation of Unions of Palestinian Universities’ Professors and Employees and the Palestinian NGO Network in the West Bank. Steering Committee member Omar Barghouti spoke at the University of Minnesota in November 2009.  
<http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=868>

#### **Palestinian Civil Society (includes 170 organizations). 7/05**

This group, comprising most of the NGOs and other civil society organizations throughout Palestine, issued a call for “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel until it complies with international law and universal principles of human rights.” The group stated that South Africa’s apartheid is a historical precedent. It called for an end to the occupation and dismantling the wall. It called for recognition of the rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, and the Palestinians’ right of return as called for under UN Resolution 194.  
<http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=66>

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

#### **Architects and Planners for Justice in Palestine, UK. 2006, 2008**

This British group calls for an economic boycott of the Israeli construction industry. They protest the building of Israeli settlements and the Wall in the Occupied Territories, saying that architects and others working on such Israeli projects are “complicit in social, political and economic oppression.” “The construction disciplines are being used to promote an apartheid system of environmental control.” A leader of the group, architectural critic Charles Jenckes, told The Independent, “I understand fully that security is the problem for Israel and they have the right to protect themselves. But this is not the solution. It is an extremist measure which foments extremism, by incarcerating and intimidating Palestinians.” The group may target Israeli-made construction materials and Israeli architects and construction companies. It joined Adalah-NY in 2008, urging Parliament not to rent an embassy building in Tel Aviv from Lev Leviev, a settlement builder. The UK Foreign Ministry ultimately withdrew from its agreement with Leviev.  
[http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?mact=News.cntnt01\\_detail\\_0&cntnt01articleid=358&cntnt01origid=84&cntnt01returnid=72](http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?mact=News.cntnt01_detail_0&cntnt01articleid=358&cntnt01origid=84&cntnt01returnid=72), <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article4502.shtml>,

#### **British Doctors. 5/07**



130 British doctors called for a boycott of the Israeli Medical Association and its expulsion from the World Medical Association. The letter stated, "Persistent violations of medical ethics have accompanied Israel's occupation...We are calling for a boycott of the Israeli Medical Association and its expulsion from the WMA. There is a precedent for this: the expulsion of the Medical Association of South Africa during the apartheid era." <http://www.ejpress.org/article/16412>

#### **Egyptian media group.**

The board of directors of Al-Ahram group, considered the most powerful media body in Egypt, approved a ban on meeting with and interviewing Israelis, and a ban on participation in events (seminars, conferences, lectures) in which Israelis are taking part. A senior editor at the Al-Ahram daily said that the Al-Ahram group has always been a supporter of dialogue, and an opponent of discrimination, including discrimination against Israel, but the fact that Israel has "gone against peace and elected an extremist government which opposes peace and supports killing and destruction" had changed the group's outlook.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1117398.html>

#### **Faculty for Palestine (F4P) Toronto. 7/10**

A Joint Statement of the BDS working group of Faculty for Palestine (F4P, Toronto) and College and University Workers United (CUWU, Montreal) was issued on July 9, 2010. It condemned "the Israeli attack on a humanitarian aid convoy to Gaza on May 31, 2010," and "other flagrant violations of international law by the Israeli state." The groups support the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel until the occupation is ended. <http://usacbi.wordpress.com/2010/07/12/statement-by-faculty-for-palestine-and-college-and-university-workers-union/>

#### **Irish Academics. 9/06**

61 Irish academics asked the EU: "Halt financial support to Israeli academic institutions," saying, "Israel appears impervious to moral appeals from world leaders and to longstanding United Nations resolutions" to end the Occupation. [www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/766389.html](http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/766389.html)

#### **Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights (LPHR), UK.**

These British lawyers campaign to oppose the import of settlement products in Britain and the European Union as part of their international campaign to affirm the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and freedom from domination and exploitation. They address a range of specific injustices such as the separation of Palestinian families. (Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights, PO Box BMJP1, London WC1N 3XX). [www.nclg.org.uk/book1/3\\_9.htm](http://www.nclg.org.uk/book1/3_9.htm),

[www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?page=letter-to-the-observer-from-lawyers-for-palestinian-human-rights](http://www.bigcampaign.org/index.php?page=letter-to-the-observer-from-lawyers-for-palestinian-human-rights)

#### **National Lawyers Guild. 10/04**

This guild of progressive lawyers throughout the United States adopted a "Resolution To Divest, In Principle And Practice, From Israel" at its National Convention, in 2004: The full text of its resolution, which highlights the legal argument for divestment, may be found at <http://www.nlg.org/mideast/resolutions/resolutions.shtml>

#### **Nobel Women Peace Laureates. 4/10**

Four women who are winners of the Nobel Peace Prize sent a letter of support to the University of California, Berkeley Student Senate to support that group's call for divestment from companies that support the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. <http://mondoweiss.net/2010/04/nobel-laureates-we-are-all-peace-makers-and-we-believe-that-no-amount-of-dialogue-without-economic-pressure-can-motivate-israel-to-change.html>

#### **Physicians Association of Turkey. 6/10**

The Physicians' Association of Turkey endorsed the Boycott Against Israel campaign which aims to cut all ties, military, economic, diplomatic, academic and cultural, with the state of Israel.

<http://usacbi.wordpress.com/2010/06/25/turkish-dock-workers-union-joins-boycott-against-israel/>

## **POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

### **African National Congress (ANC) Youth League. 6/10**

The African National Congress (ANC) Youth League condemned on Wednesday the Israeli raid on the humanitarian flotilla that was headed to Gaza to provide relief. The Youth League stated that they view this as a provocative attack by Israel and a threat to international peace, and they condemn it in the strongest terms. The ANC Youth League called upon the South African government and the International Community to isolate the State of Israel and cut all diplomatic ties in solidarity with the people of Palestine. [http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world/african-national-congress-youth-league-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-relief-flotilla\\_100374108.html](http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world/african-national-congress-youth-league-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-relief-flotilla_100374108.html)

### **AKEL. 6/10**

AKEL, the ruling party in Cyprus, condemned the May 31, 2010 Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. George Loucaides, an MP with AKEL said the party "condemns in the strongest possible way this new Israeli atrocity" adding that "Israel is showing zero respect for human life and international law, killing activists in international waters." <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/2525441/posts>

### **British Liberal Democrats. 12/08**

During Israel's assault on Gaza in December 2008, Nick Clegg, the leader of the British Liberal Democrats, called for suspension of a proposed co-operation agreement between Israel and the European Parliament. Clegg pointed out that the EU has "enormous potential leverage in the Middle East as the major donor of aid to the Palestinian community and the main market for Israeli exports." He called for suspension of the proposed agreement until "there is a transformation of the conditions on the ground in Gaza." Clegg added that EU Foreign Ministers must also reiterate that they would be prepared to talk to Hamas if it "permanently renounces terrorist violence." The EU would then be able to support "a unified Palestinian leadership covering both Gaza and the West Bank, an essential ingredient for any lasting peace." <http://www.nickclegg.com/2008/12/clegg-calls-for-suspension-of-israeleu-agreement/>

### **Bureau of the Fourth International, Paris. 6/10**

The Bureau of the Fourth International, Paris, issued a statement condemning the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. They called for "full and unconditional Palestinian self-determination, the right of return for the 1948 refugees (who make up four-fifths of the Gaza Strip's population), the dismantling of the Zionist state, and a political solution in which the Palestinian and Israeli Jewish peoples can live together in full equality of rights." <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

### **Canadian Action Party (C.A.P.). 3/07**

The Canadian Action Party became the first Canadian political party to officially support an international call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel's apartheid-like practices. In March 2007, it endorsed a call for a boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel's apartheid-like practices against the Palestinian people.

[http://www.canpalnet.ca/mambo/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=88&Itemid=1](http://www.canpalnet.ca/mambo/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=88&Itemid=1)

### **Congress Party, India. 6/10**

India's ruling Congress party has condemned the deadly Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Party general secretary Janardan Dwevedi said, "Such use of force is blatant negation of all human values. The party expresses its sympathy with the families who have lost their members and with those who have suffered injuries." <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90851/7009266.html>

### **CPI (ML) Liberation (Communist Party of India). 6/10.**

The Communist Party of India condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

### **Fatah. 6/10**

The Fatah Foreign Relations Commission issued the following statement on May 31, 2010: "The Israeli attack against the Gaza Freedom Fleet is piracy and a crime against humanity. At a time when the recent Israeli war crimes against Gaza remains fresh in our memory, Israeli occupation warships attacked today the Freedom Fleet, a flotilla of aid boats manned by dozens of international peace activists, parliamentarians and journalists. Israeli occupation forces assaulted the fleet while the ships were still in international waters, attempting to reach the Gaza shores to deliver desperately needed humanitarian supplies to the population. This aggression

has resulted in the killing and injury of dozens of activists aboard these boats. The Fatah Foreign Relations Commission condemns this heinous crime in the strongest possible way.” <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Green Party, US. 11/05, 4/10**

The Green Party in the United States “calls for divestment from and boycott of the State of Israel until such time as the full individual and collective rights of the Palestinian people are realized. The party calls on all civil society institutions and organizations around the world to implement a comprehensive divestment and boycott program. The party calls on all governments to support this program and to implement state-level boycotts.” The Green Party issued another statement in April, 2010, renewing its call for divestment.

[http://www.gp.org/press/pr\\_2005\\_11\\_28.shtml](http://www.gp.org/press/pr_2005_11_28.shtml)

**Labor Party, Pakistan. 6/10**

The Labour Party Pakistan strongly condemned the attack of Israeli commandos on a convoy of ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip. The group demanded an end to the siege of Gaza, an end to military aid to Israel from the United States and other countries, and an arms embargo against Israel. They also demanded that the United Nations include the Israeli Defense Forces in its list of terrorist organisations and put Israel on the list of states that officially sponsor terrorism. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party Progressive Caucus. 1/10**

On January 10, 2010 the Progressive Caucus of the DFL unanimously passed a resolution for the state of Minnesota to divest from Israel Bonds. Divestment from Israel Bonds and a broader program of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel’s occupation are supported by the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network — Twin Cities (IJAN-TC). <http://www.ajwnews.com/archives/4678>, <http://www.ijsn.net/C89/>, <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/627>

**Partido Lakas ng Masa (Power of the Labouring Masses Party), Phiippines. 6/10**

The PLM party of the Philippines strongly condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. They called for a release of the flotilla prisoners, an end to the blockade of Gaza, an arms embargo against Israel, an end to the sale of military weapons by the United States to Israel, an end to Philippine diplomatic relations with Israel, and a breaking of diplomatic ties between ASEAN and Israel. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**The People's Democratic Party (PRD), Indonesia. 5/10**

The People's Democratic Party (PRD) of Indonesia strongly condemned the Israeli military action against volunteers delivering aid to the Gaza Strip on May 31, 2010. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. 6/10**

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine condemned the “Israeli massacre on the high seas, in international waters, the brutal assault on the international Freedom Flotilla to Gaza on May 31, 2010.” <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Portuguese Communist Party. 6/10**

The Portuguese Communist Party was one of the groups demonstrating against the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in front of the Israeli Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal on June 2, 2010. In a joint statement, the group condemned the raid. The protestors also demanded the release of the activists detained by Israel and the dismantlement of the Israeli settlements in Palestine.

<http://english.sina.com/world/2010/0602/322813.html>

**Socialist Alliance of Australia. 6/10**

The Socialist Alliance condemned “ the completely unwarranted and murderous attack by Israel on the civilian Flotilla carrying aid to Gaza.” <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Socialist Party of Malaysia (PSM). 6/10**

The Socialist Party of Malaysia (PSM) strongly condemned the attack by Israeli commandos on a convoy of ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Socialist Party USA. 6/10**

The co-chairs of the Socialist Party USA issued a statement condemning the Israeli Defense Forces raid on the Gaza flotilla. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

**Veterans for Peace, Seattle Chapter. 3/10**

The Seattle chapter of Veterans for Peace co-sponsored a protest against Israeli apartheid outside an American Apparel store in Seattle's University District. <http://nextyearinalquds.blogspot.com/2010/03/for-two-hours-yesterday-fourteen-people.html>

**World Federation of Democratic Youth. 6/10**

The World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) issued a statement condemning "the Israeli Massacre against Solidarity Activists" on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

## **NGOS**

**Acsur-Las Segovias. 6/09, 6/10**

Acsur-Las Segovias signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip." It called for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." The statement also urged a return to normalized trade for the Gaza Strip. ACSUR-Las Segovias helped organize a three-day protest at the headquarters of the European Commission Delegation in Barcelona, June 11-14, to bring an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza. ACSUR has a representative on a committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, which is working for an end to the Israeli occupation. <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>  
<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

**Acted, France. 6/09**

Acted, a French global aid and development organization, with other humanitarian organizations, endorsed a statement decrying "the suffocation of Gaza's economy" which "has led to unprecedented unemployment and poverty rates and almost total aid dependency. While Gazans are being kept alive through humanitarian aid, ordinary civilians have lost all quality of life as they fight to survive."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

**Action Against Hunger. 6/09**

**Action Against Hunger** joined with other NGOs in June 2009 in a statement on the suffering caused by Israel's blockade of Gaza. In addressing hunger, the statement noted that Israel was permitting "a mere 18 food items" through its blockade, adding: "Seedlings and calves are not allowed so Gaza's farmers cannot make up the nutritional shortfall." The groups called for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance" in accordance with international agreements.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

**Alliance for Freedom and Dignity International. 6/10**

The Alliance for Freedom and Dignity, a European human rights organization based in Brussels, issued a strong denunciation of Israel's attack on the flotilla of ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip. Its Spanish branch helped organize a four-day protest over the attack at the Barcelona office of the European Union in mid-June, 2010. It also called for the lifting of the siege of Gaza.

[http://www.afdbelgium.org/afd/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=322:attaque-de-la-flotille-de-la-paix&catid=87:communiqués-afd&Itemid=391](http://www.afdbelgium.org/afd/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=322:attaque-de-la-flotille-de-la-paix&catid=87:communiqués-afd&Itemid=391),  
<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

**Amel. 1/09**

Amel is a Lebanese non-governmental organization which has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). On January 6, 2009, the group issued a statement

calling for an immediate cessation of the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in Gaza. <http://www.icva.ch/search.html?searchmax=10&searchstring=Israel>

#### **American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). 2/07, 4/09**

The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee wants to leverage US military aid to halt settlement expansion. ADC policy analyst Yousef Munayer has asked the public to back a new policy "conditioning assistance on compliance with a complete and permanent freeze on settlement construction," adding, "Every American administration since Jimmy Carter's has taken a position against settlements in the West Bank. They are not only illegal under international law, but they also jeopardize Israel's long-term security, stability, and prospects for peace with its neighbors." They "debilitate the livelihoods of Palestinians, cut them off from each other, and make a viable Palestinian state unachievable." Munayer's statement is an op-ed in the Philadelphia Inquirer, 4-19-09. In 2007, the New Jersey Chapter of the ADC joined with other groups in warning New Jersey public officials that the February 25 planned sale of Israeli settlement homes in Teaneck, New Jersey may violate international law and the US government's Roadmap to Peace, and introduce discriminatory sales practices in New Jersey. [www.philly.com/inquirer/currents/43237562](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/currents/43237562).

#### **American Friends of UNRWA. 6/09**

American Friends of UNRWA signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." The statement also called for a return to normalized trade for the Gaza Strip.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **American Near East Refugee Association (ANERA). 6/09**

ANERA signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognized international human rights and humanitarian law standards." The statement also called for a return to normalized trade for the Gaza Strip.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Amnesty International. 6/07, 8/09**

Amnesty International published a report in 2007, entitled "Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Enduring occupation. Palestinians under siege in the West Bank." It described the checkpoints, blockades and 700-km. wall, saying "The stringent restrictions on movement imposed on more than two million Palestinians who live in the West Bank are unlawful as they are disproportionate, discriminatory and violate the right to freedom of movement." In 2009, Amnesty withdrew its support from a concert by Leonard Cohen in Israel following pressure from anti-occupation groups around the world. Amnesty has condemned the use of flechette shells by the Israeli army in Gaza, and has also condemned suicide bombings by Palestinians.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE15/033/2007>, <http://imeu.net/news/article0017254.shtml>,

<http://livewire.amnesty.org/2009/01/27/a-bloodstained-wall-full-of-flechettes/>

#### **Amos Trust. 5/10**

Amos Trust promotes justice and hope for forgotten communities. Amos works with a network of community projects from around the world to raise awareness of, and provide support to responses that address the root causes of injustice and poverty. In May, 2010, Amos Trust announced the launch of a new website for its "Just Peace for Palestine" campaign. Running under the slogan - *A Just Peace for Palestine: means peace and security for Israel too*, the campaign was set up by Amos with several other charities and campaigning groups to provide basic information about the current situation in Israel and Palestine for churches and other faith and community groups, who often feel ill-equipped or fearful to discuss the issues. Churches and groups are invited to sign up to the campaign's 6 point vision statement and to get involved in campaigning and praying for a fair and even resolution in the middle east. Amos organises regular [visits](#) to the region offering a chance to see the Biblical sites in their very different current setting and to hear firsthand from those living out their faith and working for peace in this difficult context. <http://www.amostrust.org/projects/index.php?pageNo=48>

### **Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission, Michigan. 12/03**

The Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission in Ann Arbor, Michigan submitted a resolution to the Ann Arbor City Council on December 4, 2003, calling for the US to end its military support for Israel until Israel ends its occupation of Palestinian land.

[http://4.bp.blogspot.com/\\_Q\\_cuohbm2B8/S3A2NKsFQFI/AAAAAAAAB9U/6onCKEk1us4/s1600-h/1.jpg](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_Q_cuohbm2B8/S3A2NKsFQFI/AAAAAAAAB9U/6onCKEk1us4/s1600-h/1.jpg)

### **Asamblea de Cooperacion Por la Paz, Spain. 2006, 2009**

The Assembly of Cooperation for Peace in Spain issued a statement following Israel's bombardment of Lebanon in 2006, calling upon citizens to press against the war and Israeli impunity, and to work for peace in the Middle East by engaging in mass demonstrations and public events on November 9, marking the International day of struggle against the Wall in Palestine. In June 2009, the Assembly signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.acpp.com/english/prensa.htm>,  
<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

### **Asian Human Rights Commission. 6/10**

The Asian Human Rights Commission and a few other regional human rights organizations based in Hong Kong, strongly condemned Israel's "brutal attack", and called for the Israeli government to be held accountable for its actions by an impartial, international criminal tribunal. "We call on the United States government, which has financially supported Israeli military interventions for many years, to take a categorical position on this attack, and accept its own culpability in these events. We call on governments around the world to denounce these events and support the upliftment of the Palestinian people," senior officials of the organizations said while addressing a demonstration held in Hong Kong on June 01.

<http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2010/06/rights-group-condemns-flotilla-attack.html>

### **Association for International Development Agencies (AIDA). 1/09**

The Association for International Development Agencies (AIDA), representing more than 80 NGO's, issued a statement highlighting the impact of the Gaza blockade on the health of the region's population and on health services. "The Government of Israel has a legal duty to guarantee the right to health for people in Gaza," they concluded. "The humanitarian community calls for the crossings into Gaza to be reopened."

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20100121/-gravely-concerned-ngos-u-n-agencies-call-for-immediate-end-to-gaza-blockade/index.html>

### **Austcare (now part of Action Aid Australia). 6/09**

Austcare, an organization working for emergency relief and longer term development in areas of need around the world, signed a 6/09 statement decrying Israel's Gaza policies: "The blockade of the Gaza Strip is creating an atmosphere of deprivation in Gaza that can only deepen the sense of hopelessness and despair among people... Allowing human development and prosperity to take hold is an essential first step towards the establishment of lasting peace."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

### **Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. 3/09**

The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation helped to launch the Russell Tribunal on Palestine on March 4, 2009 at a press conference in Brussels chaired by Stéphane Hessel, Ambassador of France. The Foundation's web site states, "In the tradition of the Russell Tribunal on War Crimes in Vietnam, the Russell Tribunal on Palestine is a citizens' initiative that aims to reaffirm the primacy of international law as the basis for solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and at raising awareness of the responsibility of the international community in the continuing denial of the rights of the Palestinian people."

<http://www.russfound.org/>,  
<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Launch-of-the-Russell-Trib-by-Frank-Barat-090306-826.html>

### **Biladi Cultural Center, Spain. 6/10**

Biladi Cultural Centre is a non-profit organization established in 2003 to tighten the cultural ties between the Palestinian people and the Basque region of Spain. Biladi means "my land" in Arabic, the land of 8 million of Palestinians distributed in the Occupied Territories and the refugee camps. Biladi Cultural Centre seeks to

promote and bring the Palestinian reality, their life, culture, habits, traditions to all the people and institutions interested in knowing and supporting their cause. Biladi was one of many NGO's signing a statement that condemned the Israeli attack on ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip, and called for a lifting of the Gaza blockade. <http://www.biladipalestina.com/>, <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **CARE International West Bank and Gaza. 6/09**

Representatives of CARE International responsible for CARE's work in the West Bank and Gaza signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Catalan Association for Peace (ACP or Associacio Catalana per la Pau), Spain. 6/10**

The Catalan Association for Peace helped organize a three-day protest at the headquarters of the European Commission Delegation in Barcelona June 11-14 to bring an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza. <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

#### **Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), 2009, 2010**

The Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), based in Geneva, is a non-governmental human rights organization with consultative status to the UN and many international governmental bodies. In June 2009, COHRE joined other global NGOs in a statement of concern about Gazans' suffering under Israel's two-year blockade. On housing, they stated: "[R]ecovered materials have been prevented from entering Gaza. Thousands of people are living with holes in their walls, broken windows and no running water." The statement called for "human development and prosperity" as "an essential first step towards the establishment of lasting peace." In November 2009, COHRE released its third quarterly report on violations of the right to adequate housing in the occupied Palestinian territories, covering the period July-September 2009. The report focuses on the Jerusalem Master Plan for building and planning, the impact of the Wall and the water and sanitation crisis in Gaza. COHRE was one of a number of organizations who signed onto a statement for the twelfth session of the UN Human Rights Council, September 14 - October 2, 2009, raising concerns about recurring dispossession and displacement of 1948 Palestinian refugees in the occupied Palestinian territory. In June, 2010, COHRE and Al-Haq submitted a report to the UN Human Rights Committee (July 2010) addressing issues of violations of housing rights and right to water and sanitation in the occupied Palestinian territories. <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

<http://www.cohre.org/opt>

#### **CIEMEN, Spain. 6/10**

CIEMEN is an international organization for the protection of minority rights. In Spain, the organization helped organize a three-day protest at the headquarters of the European Commission Delegation in Barcelona, June 11 - 14, to bring an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

#### **Consell de la Joventut, Barcelona, Spain. 6/10**

The Barcelona Youth Council (Consell de la Joventut) joined in sponsoring a gathering of human rights organizations at the headquarters of the European Commission Delegation in Barcelona, June 11-14, to bring an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

#### **Dan Church Aid. 6/09**

Dan Church Aid is one of the major Danish humanitarian NGOs, working with churches and non-religious civil organizations to assist the poorest of the poor. It is a member of ACT Development, a global alliance of churches and related agencies working on development that are committed to working together. Dan Church Aid signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally

recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards.” It has also published many eyewitness reports about the desperate humanitarian situation in Gaza and the West Bank on its web site. <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>, <http://www.danchurchaid.org/content/advancedsearch?SearchText=Gaza>, <http://www.danchurchaid.org/content/advancedsearch?SearchText=West+Bank>

#### **Defense for Children International. 6/09**

Defense for Children International has joined a large group of NGOs around the world in criticizing Israel's continued siege of the Gaza Strip. "Even clothes and shoes, toys and school books are routinely prohibited from reaching Gazan children," according to a statement signed by the organizations in 2009. <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Elders. 6/10**

The Elders group of past and present world leaders, including former South African president Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, condemned as “completely inexcusable” the deadly Israeli attack on a flotilla carrying aid for Gaza. <http://www.theelders.org/media/mediareleases/elders-condemn-israeli-attack-gaza-relief-ships>

#### **Enfants du Monde - Droits de l'Homme (EMDH) (Children of the World - Human Rights). 6/09**

Enfants du Monde - Droits de l'Homme (EMDH) is a non-profit association based in France and promoting defense of children's rights and educational programs. It has programs in place in the occupied territories, including one in Bethlehem, where the wall makes its operations very difficult. In Gaza, "women, children and the elderly are the first victims" of Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions," according to a statement supported by EMDH in 2009, in an urgent appeal. The group called for "uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance" <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>, <http://www.emdh.org/drupal/palestine>,

#### **Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)**

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) is a network of more than 60 human rights organizations, institutions and individuals based in 30 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region. It has established a Working Group on Palestine/Israel and Palestinians. The main goals of the Working Group are to promote and protect human rights regarding the following: 1) Ending the Israeli occupation and realizing the Palestinians' right to self-determination in accordance with international law, including UN resolutions; 2) Respecting the rights of the Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and in host countries in accordance with international human rights and humanitarian law; 3) Realizing the rights of the Palestinian refugees in accordance with UN Resolution No. 194; 4) Securing the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel based on international covenants and conventions ratified by Israel; 5) Advocating the right of civilians to protection under international humanitarian law. The group has sent a number of study missions to the Occupied Territories and has published reports on conditions these missions observed. [http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/about\\_the\\_network/working\\_groups/palestine\\_israel\\_and\\_palestinians/3658.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/about_the_network/working_groups/palestine_israel_and_palestinians/3658.html)

#### **European Coordinating Committee of NGOs on the Question of Palestine (ECCP). 7/05**

Members of the civil society of EU-member states petitioned their governments, the EU Council, and the UN “to take political and economical measures, including sanctions, to prevent Israel from continuing the construction of the wall and to force it to respect the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion” [which ruled that the Wall on Palestinian soil is unlawful]. They urged their governments to cease military exchanges and agreements with Israel, to provide no aid in construction of the Wall, to honor their commitment to the Fourth Geneva Convention and UN Resolutions, and to suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement. <http://www.saar.at/pdf/LettreType8dec2005.pdf>

#### **Forum Social Sénégalais (FSS), Senegal. 6/10**

The Forum Social Sénégalais (FSS), a Civil Society organization (CSO) based in Dakar, Senegal, issued a statement on June 2, 2010, condemning the Israeli attack on Gaza-bound aid ships, calling it a “monstrous crime,” and calling on the UN to lift the Gaza blockade. FSS also asked that Israel be tried for crimes against humanity. A union of CSOs demonstrated 4 June in Dakar against the Israeli raid.



<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/features/64935>, <http://www.gettyimages.com/detail/101685207/AFP>

### **Global Exchange. 8/05**

This international human rights organization working for social, economic, and environmental justice says Palestinians in Israel “live as third class citizens, facing legal, economic, and social discrimination. In the occupied territories, Israel continues to subject the Palestinians there to home demolitions, closures and checkpoints, extrajudicial detentions and assassinations, immobilizing curfews, and countless other daily abuses and forms of oppression. The system of apartheid that Israel has developed closely resembles that which South Africa once had. Apartheid in South Africa was eventually abolished in large part because of an international grassroots movement to stop financial support of the apartheid regime.” They add: “Through divestment (stopping capital investment in companies that do business in Israel) and boycott (not buying Israeli products) we can bring justice to the Israelis and Palestinians as well.” (statement updated 8/23/05) <http://www.globalexchange.org/countries/mideast/palestine/divestmentfaq.html>

### **Global Fund for Women. 5/10**

The Global Fund for Women issued a statement on May 31, 2010, saying it “strongly condemns the Israeli army’s violent raid on the Freedom Flotilla carrying peace activists and civilians from around the world who were hoping to deliver desperately needed aid to the people of Gaza.” The Global Fund makes grants to “seed, strengthen and link women’s rights groups based outside the United States working to address human rights issues.” <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/find-out/media-center/point-of-view/1685-global-fund-condemns-israeli-attack-on-freedom-flotilla>

### **Human Rights Watch. 12/04**

HRW reported that the Israeli military uses the D9 bulldozer as its primary weapon to raze Palestinian homes, destroy agriculture, and shred roads in violation of the laws of war and international human rights laws. The group urged the company to cease D9 sales that go to the Israeli military. Caterpillar’s CEO claimed the firm lacks “the practical ability or legal right to determine how our products are used after they are sold.” HRW said this stance ignores international standards on corporate social responsibility. Since 2003, the United Nations has been developing important standards for corporations. The “UN Norms on the Responsibilities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Regard to Human Rights” states that companies should not “engage in or benefit from” violations of international human rights or humanitarian law and that companies “shall further seek to ensure that the goods and services they provide will not be used to abuse human rights.” <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2004/11/21/israel-caterpillar-should-suspend-bulldozer-sales>

### **IHH (The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief), Turkey. 5/10**

The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, also known as IHH, is a Turkish NGO active in more than 100 countries. IHH provides humanitarian relief in areas of war, earthquake, hunger, and conflict. The IHH has held Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2004. In May 2010, it helped launch a flotilla of ships carrying more than 700 volunteers from around the world with humanitarian aid supplies which it hoped to deliver to the people of the Gaza Strip. The flotilla was attacked by Israeli military forces in international waters, and nine volunteers were killed. The attack sparked international condemnation. <http://www.ihh.org.tr/anasayfa/en>, <http://www.mecaforpeace.org/news/slandering-good-guys-some-basic-facts-about-ihh>

### **Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya (The Human Rights Institute of Catalonia) (IDHC), Spain. 6/10**

The Human Rights Institute of Catalonia (IDHC) was created more than twenty years ago by a group of people committed to fighting for the progress of freedom and democracy in the world. Their aim was to join both individual and collective forces coming from both public and private institutions, in order to expand the political, social and cultural rights of everyone. IDHC was one of many groups that organized a four-day protest (June 11-15) outside the offices of the European Union in Barcelona to denounce the Israeli raid on the ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip. The groups also called for a lifting of the siege of Gaza. [www.idhc.org/](http://www.idhc.org/), <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

### **International Committee of the Red Cross. 6/10**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), based in Geneva, has demanded an end to Israel's

siege of the Gaza Strip. The group said the siege violates the Geneva Conventions and causes "acute hardships" for nearly 1.5 million Palestinians in the territory. According to an ICRC statement, "The whole of Gaza's civilian population is being punished for acts for which they bear no responsibility. The closure therefore constitutes a collective punishment imposed in clear violation of Israel's obligations under international humanitarian law." The Red Cross further accused Israel of choking off any real possibility of economic development in the Gaza Strip, and criticized Israel for its May 31 attack on the Freedom Flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza. <http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=130305&sectionid=351020202>

#### **International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy, Canada. 6/09**

The International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **The International Women's Peace Service**

The International Women's Peace Service in Palestine (IWPS-Palestine) is a team of human rights volunteers, based in the village of Deir Istiya, Salfit district, in the occupied West Bank. The group provides international accompaniment to Palestinian civilians, documents and non-violently intervenes in human right abuses, and supports acts of nonviolent resistance to end the illegal Israeli occupation and the building of the apartheid wall. IWPS is an NGO supported by donations from people around the world. [http://iwps.info/?page\\_id=62](http://iwps.info/?page_id=62)

#### **Japan International Volunteer Centre. 6/09**

The Japan International Volunteer Centre signed a statement in June 2009 on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip." The statement called for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Kadhafi Foundation, Libya. 7/10**

The Kadhafi Foundation, a Libyan charity headed by a son of Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi, left Greece on July 10 for the Egyptian port of El-Arish to take humanitarian aid supplies to the people of Gaza. The ship had originally been organized to break the Israeli naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, but under pressure from Israel agreed to transfer its goods through the Egyptian terminal at Rafah after docking at El-Arish. [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100710/wl\\_afp/israelconflictgazagreecelibyaun](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100710/wl_afp/israelconflictgazagreecelibyaun)

#### **KISA, Cyprus. 6/10**

KISA (Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism ) is a non-governmental organization established in 1998 in Cyprus. Kisa was one of the many groups in Cyprus that took part in protests condemning the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla on May 31, 2010. <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/2525441/posts>

#### **Life Source. 6/09**

Life Source signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Malaysians for Peace. 6/10**

Malaysians for Peace condemned Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla, which carried six volunteers from Malaysia, including a member of Parliament and media representatives. The group is a coalition of NGOs, comprising volunteers, youth, uniformed bodies, political parties, religious, welfare, students and professionals with the common goal of pursuing a comprehensive, permanent and just world peace. <http://www.peacemalaysia.com/malaysia-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-aid-flotilla-read-more-malaysia-condemns-israeli-raid-on-gaza-aid-flotilla/>

### **Malta Peace Council. 6/10**

The Malta Peace Council issued the following statement in the wake of Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla: "The Malta Peace Council strongly condemns, with alarm and apprehension, the killings which took place as Israeli troops, in defiance of international law, boarded, assaulted, killed and wounded many civilians in its attempt to break and shut out the humanitarian aid mission to the people of Gaza. The fact that this raid took place in international waters, as confirmed by senior United Nations officials, causes further alert and trepidation amongst all decent and peace-loving humans. This is a violation of international law and nothing less than a massacre..."

[http://www.thegovmonitor.com/world\\_news/international/malta-peace-council-condemns-israeli-raid-on-humanitarian-mission-32371.html](http://www.thegovmonitor.com/world_news/international/malta-peace-council-condemns-israeli-raid-on-humanitarian-mission-32371.html)

### **Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World) – France, Spain, Switzerland. 6/09**

Three separate chapters of Medecins du Monde, including doctors in France, Spain and Switzerland, signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

### **Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP). 1/09, 6/09**

Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) held a hugely successful benefit dinner for Gaza at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on 25 January 2009. Despite the dinner's being arranged only 12 days earlier, over 450 people turned out to raise money for MAP projects and to show solidarity with the people of Gaza. In June 2009, MAP signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." MAP, with over 25 years experience helping vulnerable Palestinians, has permanent staff on the ground across the Gaza Strip and in Ramallah and Beirut.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

[http://www.map-uk.org/events/map\\_gaza\\_benefit\\_dinner\\_-\\_2009/](http://www.map-uk.org/events/map_gaza_benefit_dinner_-_2009/)

### **Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA).**

The Middle East Children's Alliance was founded in 1988 by two Jewish Americans, Barbara Lubin and Howard Levine, who had gone to the occupied Palestinian territories and witnessed the grave injustice, poverty and violence of the Israeli occupation. They were especially concerned about the children whose lives were being destroyed by violence and by sieges and sanctions. MECA has provided direct aid to children in the occupied territories and works to transform public opinion in the US toward a just and lasting political solution. MECA has organized dozens of demonstrations and actions to protest war, occupation and sanctions against the children and to end US funding for Israel. <http://www.mecaforpeace.org/history>

### **Movimento per la Pau, Spain. 6/10**

Movimento per la Pau is an NGO in the Catalan region of Spain which works on land mine removal and other issues involving human rights. In June 2010, the group helped organize a four-day protest at the European Union office in Barcelona to demand an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on ships bearing aid to the Gaza Strip. <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

### **Mujeres por la Paz y Acción Solidaria de Palestina, Canary Islands. 6/09**

Women for Peace and Solidarity with Palestine was formed to coordinate the efforts of residents in the Canary Islands for a free and democratic Palestinian state. They are a group of women and men involved in reporting the Palestinian reality while denouncing injustices committed in the [occupied] territory. In June 2009, on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza, the group signed a statement criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

<http://mpaspalestina.org/>

**New Horizons, Spain. 6/10**

New Horizons is a political and social science research group. It was one of many Spanish organizations demonstrating June 11-15 in front of the European Union office in Barcelona Spain to protest Israel's raid on the Gaza aid ships and to demand a lifting of the siege of Gaza.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

**Nexes, Spain. 6/10**

Nexes is a non-profit youth organization based in Barcelona. Nexes helped organize a three-day protest at the headquarters of the European Commission Delegation in Barcelona, June 11-14, 2010, to bring an end to the siege of Gaza and to condemn Israel's attack on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza. They joined other Spanish groups in signing a statement saying, "We do not want history to judge us because we were complicit in the largest and most enduring concentration camp of the century through our silence and inaction."

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

**Norwegian Association of NGOS for Palestine. 11/09**

The Norwegian Association of NGOS for Palestine, the Palestine Committee of Norway and others marched on the Israeli embassy in Oslo on November 14, 2009 to protest the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and the siege of Gaza. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

**Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). 6/09**

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) is the humanitarian organization of the Norwegian trade union movement. In June 2009, on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza, the group signed a statement criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognized international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

**Norwegian Refugee Council. 2010**

The Norwegian Refugee Council has signed a statement calling for an end to the isolation of the Gaza Strip. The statement said, in part, that "The decision to limit fuel and potentially electricity to the general population constitutes a form of collective punishment which directly contravenes international humanitarian law."

<http://www.nrc.no/?did=9217477>

**Nova, Centre per a la Innovació Social (NOVACIS). 6/10**

Nova, Centre per a la Innovació Social or Center for Social Innovation (NOVACIS) helped organize four days of protests in front of the Barcelona office of the European Commission in June, 2010, to condemn Israel's raid on the Gaza flotilla and to demand a lifting of the siege of Gaza.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). 6/09**

The Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) is a United Nations agency that oversees the implementation of international rights agreements and programs to protect human rights worldwide. In 2009, OHCHR joined other UN organizations and NGOs in expressing "deepening concern over Israel's continued blockade of the Gaza Strip." The document decried "indiscriminate sanctions affecting the entire 1.5 million population of Gaza" through a highly restricted flow of goods that was causing nutritional shortfall and "unprecedented unemployment and poverty rates and almost total aid dependency." The organizations urged "uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance" in accordance with "universally recognized international human rights and humanitarian law standards" and a return to development, to normalized trade, and to prosperity "as an essential first step toward the establishment of lasting peace."

[www.ohchr.org/](http://www.ohchr.org/), <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

**Oxfam International. 11/08 and 8/09**

Global charity Oxfam targets products sold in British shops, labeled "West Bank," implying Palestinian origin when these goods originate in illegal settlements. "It's wrong for goods to be stocked in British shops where

consumers do not know the conditions or legality under which they were produced," said spokesman Mike Bailey. The charity has said it will not accept support from Lev Leviev, an Israeli entrepreneur and builder of West Bank settlements who runs a lucrative international jewelry chain featuring Israeli-polished diamonds. Leviev routinely publicizes his contributions to charities like Oxfam. In August, 2009, Oxfam suspended celebrity Kristin Davis from publicity work for the charity after being notified that she was also a spokesperson for Ahava, a cosmetics company located in the occupied West Bank that exploits Palestinian resources for profit. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/britain-to-crack-down-on-exports-from-israeli-settlements-986854.html>, [http://www.nypost.com/p/pagesix/sex\\_star\\_oxfam\\_part\\_ways\\_o5m9Vlo99OqHDauO3134aK](http://www.nypost.com/p/pagesix/sex_star_oxfam_part_ways_o5m9Vlo99OqHDauO3134aK)

#### **Oxfam International. 6/9, 6/10**

Oxfam, a UK-based International Aid agency, called on EU officials and the Middle East Quartet to pressure Israel into lifting the Israeli blockade of Gaza. In a press release titled "Gaza needs jobs, not just aid," Oxfam officials warned that Gaza's economy has been nearly demolished by three years of isolation and will continue to degenerate, socially and economically, unless the blockade ends. In June, 2009 Oxfam signed a statement with other NGOs criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance."

<http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/ht/display/ContentDetails/i/13390/pid/895>

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

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#### **Partners for Peace, US.**

"Partners for Peace provides a public platform for the voices of Israeli and Palestinian women working for a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict by sponsoring US speaking tours, each featuring Jewish, Christian and Muslim women. The group began its 16<sup>th</sup> US tour in the fall of 2009. Partners for Peace advocates an end to the occupation "for the good of both Palestinians and Israelis." <http://www.partnersforpeace.org/tours/>

#### **Paz Ahora (Peace Now), Spain. 6/09**

Paz Ahora, which has branches in six Spanish cities, signed a statement in June 2009, criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **Peace and Solidarity Haydée Santamaría, Cultural Asociation, Spain. 6/09**

The Cultural Association of Peace and Solidarity Haydee Santamaria aims to promote peace and social justice, prioritizing action on the needs of Palestinian refugees. In June 2009 the group expressed "concern over Israel's continued blockade of the Gaza Strip which has now been in force for two years," in joining with other NGOs to urge free access to humanitarian assistance and normalized trade.

<http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

<http://www.facebook.com/topic.php?uid=114471548703&topic=10380>

#### **People's Health Movement (PHM). 6/10**

This global group was formed in 1978 in response to the International Conference on Primary Health Care. Its goal is quality health care for all people. The PHM issued a statement signed by its representatives in 18

countries saying "The People's Health Movement strongly condemns the Israeli government's violent and premeditated attack on the civilian flotilla's carrying peaceful activists and humanitarian aid to Gaza on 31st May 2010." The statement called for a credible and independent investigation; the free flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza; immediate suspension of the economic blockade on Gaza; an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories; severance of diplomatic, trade and military ties with Israel by governments around the world; and support for the international campaign of Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against the Apartheid Israeli state. <http://www.phmovement.org/en/statements/israel-attack>

#### **Perdana Global Peace Organisation (PGPO). 5/10, 6/10**

The Perdana Global Peace Organisation (PGPO), headed by former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, helped to fund three ships carrying aid to the Gaza Strip in May 2010. It condemned the Israeli military attack on those ships, which killed nine Turkish volunteers. On July 11, it helped sponsor a one-day international conference on Gaza, entitled "Breaking the Siege: In the Spirit of Rachel Corrie and Mavi Marmara" at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur. <http://www.perdana4peace.net/>

#### **Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation. 6/10**

The Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation was among the groups whose members joined hundreds of protesters in protesting Israel's military raid on the Gaza aid flotilla at the Israeli Embassy in Lisbon Portugal on June 3, 2010. The group, along with the Portuguese Communist Party, the Friendship Association Portugal Cuba, Democratic Intervention, and the Movement for the Rights of the Palestine People and the Peace in Middle East issued a joint statement, saying they condemned "the inhuman Israeli raid against the ship with humanitarian aid, on May 31st, where nine people were killed."

[http://www.indymedia-letzebuerg.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=53143&Itemid=27](http://www.indymedia-letzebuerg.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53143&Itemid=27)

#### **Premiere Urgence, France. 6/09**

Israel's blockade "is creating an atmosphere of deprivation in Gaza that can only deepen the sense of hopelessness and despair among people," says a statement signed by Premiere Urgence, a French aid organization. The NGO joined with other agencies in 2009 to point out that: "allowing human development and prosperity to take hold is an essential first step toward the establishment of lasting peace."

<http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>, <http://www.premiere-urgence.org/>,

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

#### **Relief International. 6/09**

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian nonprofit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation, development assistance and program services to vulnerable communities worldwide. In 2009, RI joined other NGOs in a statement that decried "the suffocation of Gaza's economy" which "has led to unprecedented unemployment and poverty rates and almost total aid dependency." The humanitarian agencies called for free access to aid and for "a return to normalized trade to enable the poverty and unemployment rates to decrease." Information about RI's initiatives in the occupied Palestinian territories may be found at

<http://ri.org/country.php?cid=11>. <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,

#### **Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness**

The Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness has terminated its contract with Eden Springs, which has operations on occupied land in the Golan Heights.

[http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&qid=5&Itemid=200127](http://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=5&Itemid=200127)

#### **Servei Civil Internacional (SCI), Spain. 6/10**

Service Civil Internacional (SCI) is an international non-governmental voluntary service organisation and peace movement with 43 branches and groups worldwide. Its Catalonia branch helped organize a four-day protest at the office of the European Union in Barcelona, calling for lifting the siege of Gaza and condemning the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla. <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

#### **Sodepau, Spain. 6/10**

Sodepau is an NGO working for solidarity, development, peace and human rights in the Mediterranean. It has led a number of solidarity trips to the occupied Palestinian territories. The group helped organize a massive

demonstration at the Barcelona offices of the European Union after Israel attacked a convoy of ships carrying aid to Gaza. From June 11-15, those demonstrating demanded an end to the siege of Gaza, and condemned Israel's lethal raid. <http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>, <http://translate.google.com/translate?u=http%3A//www.sodepau.org/spip/%3Flang%3Dca&langpair=autolen>

#### **Spanish Committee of UNHCR. 6/09**

The Spanish Committee of UNHCR, the United Nations' refugee agency, joined other UN and humanitarian organizations in stating their concern about the effect of Israel's blockade on Gaza: "[T]he amount of goods allowed into Gaza under the blockade is one quarter of the pre-blockade flow." They added, "The suffocation of Gaza's economy has led to unprecedented unemployment and poverty rates and almost total aid dependency." They called for "a return to normalized trade to enable the poverty and unemployment rates to decrease." <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

#### **Spanish Committee of UNRWA. 6/09**

The Spanish Committee of UNRWA, the UN's Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, along with other humanitarian organizations worldwide, endorsed a statement by global NGOs decrying the plight of the citizens of Gaza, saying: "The consequences of Israel's recent military operation remain widespread as early recovery materials have been prevented from entering Gaza. Thousands of people are living with holes in their walls, broken windows and no running water. We call for free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

<http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

#### **Swedish Organization for Individual Relief (SOIR). 6/09**

The Swedish Organization for Individual Relief (SOIR) (In Swedish: Individuell Människohjälp or IM) is a Swedish aid organization fighting and exposing poverty and exclusion. SOIR works mainly with individuals who have intellectual disabilities and their families, maintaining programs in 14 countries. In June 2009, SOIR signed a statement criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards."

[http://www.englishpal.ps/index.php?option=com\\_mtree&task=viewlink&link\\_id=336&Itemid=69](http://www.englishpal.ps/index.php?option=com_mtree&task=viewlink&link_id=336&Itemid=69), <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

#### **Taskgroup Turningpoint, Netherlands. 3/02**

The Taskgroup Turningpoint in the Netherlands endorses the appeal by the World Council of Churches 'to put an end to the illegal occupation of Palestine and to support a just peace in the Middle East' (March 5, 2002). <http://www.werkgroepkeepunt.nl/english.php>

#### **Terre des Hommes Italy. 6/09**

Terre des Hommes in Italy joined other NGOs in signing a statement expressing "deepening concern over Israel's continued blockade of the Gaza Strip," noting that "These indiscriminate sanctions are affecting the entire 1.5 million population of Gaza and ordinary women, children and the elderly are the first victims." The web site of the international organization Terre des Hommes states that "The embargo also affects the beneficiaries of the sanitary aid programme (including food support) implemented by the local organisation Ard el Insan (TDH in Arabic), an organisation created and supported by Terre des Hommes..."

<http://www.terredeshommes.org/index.php?lang=en&page=act.eme>,

<http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

#### **UNICEF. 6/08**

UNICEF, the UN's International Children's Fund, agreed to reject future financial support from settlement-builder Lev Leviev, who had publicly touted his UNICEF fundraising. The organization responded to an approach from a New York coalition citing the suffering of Palestinian children, who become impoverished when settlements are built atop the farmland that had sustained their villages. Such children must often drop out of school, and hundreds have been hurt by the violent response of Israeli soldiers and militant settlers to villagers' peaceful demonstrations. UNICEF first responded by sending fact-finders to Palestine and then issuing a letter agreeing to reject any future financial support from Leviev. UNICEF stressed its commitment to

the well-being of children and affirmed that Israeli settlements in the West Bank violate international law, as declared in UN resolutions. <http://palsolidarity.org/2008/06/3194> Jewish peace groups announced their support for the move. [http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article\\_1113.shtml](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/article_1113.shtml)

### **United Civilians for Peace (UCP). 2006**

United Civilians for Peace (UCP) is a Dutch NGO partnership including Oxfam Novib, ICCO, Cordaid, and IKV Pax Christi. The group is committed to a just and peaceful solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict based on international law. In 2006, it hired the research firm Profundo to publish a report on Dutch investments in Israel's illegal West Bank settlements. The report identified 35 Dutch companies that support or facilitate Israeli occupation of Palestinian and Syrian territories. UCP regularly takes groups into the region to increase their knowledge of the causes of the conflict and to see the situation on the ground in person. [http://www.unitedcivilians.nl/nl/doc.phtml?p=Profundo+Report+\(English\)](http://www.unitedcivilians.nl/nl/doc.phtml?p=Profundo+Report+(English))

### **United Nations Development Fund for Women**

The United Nations Development Fund for Women signed a 2009 statement of concern over Israel's continuing blockade of Gaza where "indiscriminate sanctions are affecting the entire 1.5 million population of Gaza and ordinary women, children and the elderly are the first victims." They stated that "ordinary civilians have lost all quality of life as they fight to survive" and urged "uninhibited access" to aid in accordance with human rights standards and humanitarian law. <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

### **United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of Middle East Peace.**

A Call to Action (9/06): The annual conference, meeting in Geneva, called on the UN and its member states "To encourage and impose sanctions, in the form of ending the murderous arms trade with Israel, and to end sanctions that have been imposed against the elected Palestinian Authority and the collective punishment of the Palestinian people." The group decided to expand its global campaign of Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions, adopted in 2005, and to mark the 40th anniversary of the Occupation with a global Day of Action on June 9, 2007, under the slogan "The World Says No to Israeli Occupation." The Conference's follow-up work is carried out by ICNP, the International Coordinating Committee on Palestine.

[www.un.org/depts/dpa/qpalnew/dpr.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/dpa/qpalnew/dpr.htm), <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/1300.shtml>

### **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). 6/09**

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency was created to address the health and welfare of Palestinian refugees. The agency has many staff members stationed on the ground in the Gaza Strip. They see first-hand the impact of Israel's siege on the people of Gaza and on the ability of aid groups to operate in the region. UNRWA signed a statement in June 2009 criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip," and urging "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." <http://www.unrwa.org/etemplate.php?id=451>,

### **War on Want-UK (WoW), UK.**

WoW asks people "to challenge the global structures which sustain poverty across the world." In Palestine, it says, "Caterpillar's armoured bulldozers have been responsible for the destruction of thousands of Palestinian homes, schools, wells and olive groves" in a systematic campaign to destroy the Palestinian economy and demoralize residents. Caterpillar bulldozers are currently used in almost every significant operation by Israeli forces, and in fact they are, according to one Israeli military commander, 'the key weapon.' " WoW reported in 2005 that the Israeli army currently has around 100 D9s in operation. D9s are modified by state-owned Israeli Military Industries and by Ramta, a division of Israel Aircraft Industries. Some bulldozers have customized packages, including machine gun mounts, smoke projectors and grenade launchers. The Israeli military recently ordered 25 D9 armored bulldozers reinforced by Israel Aircraft Industries, while the US Department of Defense acquired 14 armored Caterpillar D9Rs from the Israeli army for use in Iraq. WoW asks people to boycott Caterpillar products—from construction equipment to clothing and footwear—and to buy Zaytoun fair-trade olive oil to help redress the damage caused to Palestinian farmers.

[http://bigcampaign.org/uploads/File/WoW\\_Caterpillar\\_Report.pdf](http://bigcampaign.org/uploads/File/WoW_Caterpillar_Report.pdf)

### **West Asia Conference on War, Imperialism and Resistance, New Delhi. 3/07**



The conference called for boycott, disinvestments and sanctions on Israel as long as it continues its occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories. It demanded that the Government of India immediately break its military and security ties with Israel, noting that India has become the largest importer of arms from Israel. The conference said it "welcomes the advisory judgement of the International Court of Justice on the Apartheid Wall and calls for immediate measures by the international community for dismantling this illegal Wall. ...Israel's so-called 'disengagement' is in fact a re-arrangement of Occupation. It has turned all of Gaza into a vast prison with the Palestinian population there under continuous, murderous assaults and a permanent state of siege." [http://www.tni.org/detail\\_page.phtml?&act\\_id=16459](http://www.tni.org/detail_page.phtml?&act_id=16459)

#### **War Child Holland. 6/09**

War Child Holland strives for healthy mental development of children who have lived through war. The organization joined other NGOs in criticizing Israeli sanctions that are "affecting the entire 1.5 million population of Gaza," stressing that "ordinary women, children and the elderly are the first victims." Children are affected when "even clothes and shoes, toys and school books are routinely prohibited." They urged "uninhibited access" for aid under universally recognized international standards.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>,  
[http://www.warchild.org/aboutus/warchild\\_holland/warchild\\_holland.html](http://www.warchild.org/aboutus/warchild_holland/warchild_holland.html)

#### **World Alliance of YMCAs, 6/10**

The World Alliance of YMCAs, a federation of YMCA national movements in 124 countries, sent a letter on June 2, 2010 to the Israeli consulate in Geneva expressing its "concern and dismay at the assault ...on the vessel carrying vital humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza." The letter stated, "We are convinced that the assault on the humanitarian convoy was a violation of international law and reiterate the call of the UN Security Council on the Israeli Government to conduct a 'prompt, impartial, transparent and credible' inquiry into the incident. We also urge the Israeli Government to ensure the successful delivery of humanitarian aid from the convoy to Gaza and lift the economic blockade it had imposed on Gaza since 2007. Clearly, the assault underlines more than ever the need for an end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories." [http://www.jai-pal.org/files/WAY\\_Letter\\_2June2010.pdf](http://www.jai-pal.org/files/WAY_Letter_2June2010.pdf)

#### **World Vision International. 6/09**

World Vision International signed a statement on the second anniversary of Israel's blockade of Gaza criticizing Israel's "indiscriminate sanctions" and "suffocation of the Gaza Strip" and calling for "free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance in accordance with the international agreements and in accordance with universally recognised international human rights and humanitarian law standards." The statement also called for a return to normalized trade for the Gaza Strip.

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/about/20090618-2nd-anniversary-gaza?OpenDocument>

#### **YMCA of Argentina. 6/10**

The YMCA of Argentina sent a letter to the Israeli Ambassador in Argentina expressing its deep concern and condemnation of the Israeli military attack on the Gaza aid flotilla on May 31, 2010.

<http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?page=906>

## **ARTISTS, WRITERS, FILM-MAKERS, SPORTS TEAMS**

#### **Artists and Filmmakers Protest Toronto Film Festival. 9/09**

An international group of more than 1000 prominent filmmakers, writers, artists and academics – including Ken Loach, David Byrne, Naomi Klein, Alice Walker, Harry Belafonte, Julie Christie, Viggo Mortensen, Jane Fonda, Wallace Shawn and Danny Glover – signed a letter protesting the Toronto International Film Festival's decision to spotlight the city of Tel Aviv and the work of 10 Israeli filmmakers. The letter was published online and the list of signatories continues to grow. <http://mondoweiss.net/2009/09/toronto-film-fest-protest-grows-to-over-1000-supporters-including-harry-belafonte-julie-christie-and-viggo-mortensen.html>

#### **Artists Against Apartheid. 4/10**

Artists Against Apartheid is an international alliance committed to equal rights and justice, and the elimination of apartheid in our world. It has launched a campaign "to help end apartheid in Palestine-Israel." In April 2010, the group issued a draft statement calling for "(1) No Performance or Exhibition of our work within apartheid Israel, unless in solidarity with anti-apartheid events, (2) No Performance or Exhibition of our work at events sponsored by apartheid Israel, and (3) No Performance or Exhibition our work at events which deceptively suggest symmetry or shared responsibility between "both sides" for the ongoing oppression of the Palestinian people by Israel and its system of apartheid." <http://www.artistsagainstapartheid.org/>, [http://www.artistsagainstapartheid.org/?page\\_id=1125](http://www.artistsagainstapartheid.org/?page_id=1125), <http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-92527704.html>

### **Dance Europe Magazine**

This London-based dance magazine, with a circulation of 17,500, joins the cultural boycott. "We are opposed to the occupation," says advertising director Naresh Kaul. Dance Europe screens its ads: "If any company in Israel cooperates with us by adding a disclaimer saying it is opposed to the occupation, settlements and everything else, we will cooperate with them." The magazine prints Israeli ads if the advertiser includes a statement saying the firm disapproves of the occupation.

[www.danceeurope.net](http://www.danceeurope.net), <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3230909,00.html>

### **Dustin Hoffman**

Dustin Hoffman declined to participate in the annual Jerusalem Film Festival in July, 2010, following Israel's attack on a flotilla of international aid ships that attempted to break the Gaza blockade on May 31. <http://www.jpost.com/ArtsAndCulture/Entertainment/Article.aspx?ID=180671>

### **Edinburgh International Film Festival. 2006, 2009**

The 2009 Edinburgh International Film Festival organizers announced that they were returning money donated by the Israeli Embassy. The return of the money was accompanied by an admission that it had been "a mistake to accept the £300 from the Israeli Embassy" and followed a torrent of angry letters expressing incomprehension, fury or sadness at the EIFF for being associated with the Israeli State. Many pledged to support SPSC pickets of screenings throughout the 2009 Festival and an initial public protest planned for the following day. In 2006, the Festival had also returned a donation to the Israeli Embassy and cancelled several Israeli films following the Israeli War against Lebanon. The Israeli donation was intended to underwrite the attendance of Israeli director Yoav Shamir at the showing of his documentary "Five Days," about the withdrawal of Israel from Gaza. The festival decided to show the film nevertheless and offered to fund Shamir's expenses itself. Seven Israeli films were cancelled of the eighteen originally scheduled for screening. Festival artistic director Christophe Postic explained, "(T)he war in Lebanon changed the picture. We couldn't present only Israeli films for three days and ignore what is happening."

[www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3290032,00.html](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3290032,00.html), <http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/405>

### **Elvis Costello. 5/10**

Elvis Costello cancelled two concerts he was scheduled to play in Israel in protest at that country's treatment of Palestinians. Costello, one of the most gifted British songwriters of his generation, was due to play on 30 June and 1 July but says his "conscience" dictated that he pull out of the performances. He joins a list of performers who have decided not to play in Israel, including Gil Scott-Heron and Santana.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2010/may/18/elvis-costello-cancels-israel-concerts>

### **Gil Scott-Heron. 4/10**

Gil Scott-Heron, a leading voice in calling for the cultural boycott of apartheid South Africa in the 1980s, cancelled his planned concert in Israel after pressure from groups opposed to Israel's occupation and treatment of Palestinians. <http://www.counterfire.org/index.php/news/1-latest-news/4764-gill-scott-heron-cancels-israel-gig>

### **Gorillaz Sound System. 6/10**

The British band Gorillaz Sound System cancelled a June 9, 2010 performance in Israel in the wake of the Israeli military raid on the Gaza aid flotilla that killed 9 aid volunteers. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10250452>

**International authors, film-makers, musicians and performers ask colleagues not to visit, exhibit or perform in Israel.** By 12/06, nearly 100 artists, including Brian Eno, Sophie Fiennes, and Arundhati Roy had

signed a boycott letter written by noted author John Berger, stating "the day to day brutality of the Israeli army in Gaza and the West Bank continues. Ten Palestinians are killed for every Israeli death, . . . UN resolutions are flouted, human rights violated as Palestinian land is stolen, houses demolished and crops destroyed. For Archbishop Desmond Tutu...the situation of the Palestinians is worse than that of black South Africans under apartheid. Meantime, Western governments refer to Israel's 'legitimate right' of self-defence, and continue to supply weaponry. The challenge of apartheid was fought better. The non-violent international response was boycott, divestment, and finally UN sanctions that enabled the regime to change without terrible bloodshed." Artists can endorse the letter at [info@bricup.org.uk](mailto:info@bricup.org.uk)  
<http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=415>

**Jean-Luc Godard, Film Director. 2008**

The Swiss film director refused an invitation to attend the Tel-Aviv film festival and received thanks and congratulations from Tadamon, a Montreal collective. <http://www.tadamon.ca/campaigns/boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-against-israeli-apartheid/boycott-culturel-contre-lapartheid-israelien>

**John Greyson, Film Maker. 8/09**

Acclaimed Canadian film maker John Greyson decided to withdraw his new film "Covered" from the 2009 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) because of the festival's decision to make Tel Aviv a focus of its programming this year. In his letter, to the festival, Greyson cited "the devastating Gaza massacre of eight months ago, resulting in over 1000 civilian deaths; the election of a Prime Minister accused of war crimes; the aggressive extension of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian lands; the accelerated destruction of Palestinian homes and orchards; the viral growth of the totalitarian security wall, and the further enshrining of the check-point system" as reasons for his decision.  
[http://www.yorku.ca/greyzone/figtrees/docs/open\\_letter\\_to\\_TIFF.pdf](http://www.yorku.ca/greyzone/figtrees/docs/open_letter_to_TIFF.pdf)

**Ken Loach, Film Director. 8/06**

The British film director announced his support for an Israeli boycott, stating: "Palestinians are driven to call for this boycott after forty years of the occupation of their land, destruction of their homes and the kidnapping and murder of their civilians.... As British citizens we have to acknowledge our own responsibility. We must condemn the British and US governments for supporting and arming Israel." The director, who won the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 2006, added, "I would decline any invitation to the Haifa Film Festival [to which he had been invited] or other such occasions." [www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/755249.html](http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/755249.html).

**Klaxons. 6/10**

The Klaxons were among several musical groups cancelling their scheduled performances in Israel following Israel's deadly attack on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.  
<http://www.inminds.co.uk/article.php?id=10407>

**Lussas Documentary Film Festival, France. 8/06**

Lussas cancelled screenings of Israeli documentary films following the outbreak of the massive Israeli attack on Lebanon in 2006. Festival directors wrote the Israeli directors that they planned to substitute a program of Lebanese and Palestinian films "that will show our opposition to the war."  
[www.newsbusters.org/node/7136](http://www.newsbusters.org/node/7136)

**Meg Ryan. 6/10**

Meg Ryan cancelled her appearance at the annual Jerusalem Film Festival in July 2010, following the international outcry over Israel's attack on a [flotilla](#) of international aid ships that attempted to break the Gaza blockade on May 31. Her decision to cancel was made the day after the attack.  
<http://www.jpost.com/ArtsAndCulture/Entertainment/Article.aspx?ID=180671>

**New Orleans Middle East Film Festival. 11/09**

Managers of this annual film festival decided to join the cultural boycott of Israel in order to help end its occupation of Palestinian land. No Israeli films will be included in this year's festival.  
[http://www.nola.com/movies/index.ssf/2009/11/new\\_orleans\\_middle\\_east\\_film\\_f.html](http://www.nola.com/movies/index.ssf/2009/11/new_orleans_middle_east_film_f.html)>[http://www.nola.com/movies/index.ssf/2009/11/new\\_orleans\\_middle\\_east\\_film\\_f.html](http://www.nola.com/movies/index.ssf/2009/11/new_orleans_middle_east_film_f.html)

**Pixies. 6/10**

Influential US rock group Pixies cancelled their first performance in Israel, blaming "events beyond our control." The group did not specify why they were pulling out of the show, which was due to take place in Tel Aviv on 9 June. However, organizers said the decision was linked to Israel's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla last week. [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment\\_and\\_arts/10250452.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment_and_arts/10250452.stm)

**Rock Star Roger Waters. 6/06**

Waters moved a June 2006 concert away from Tel Aviv, met with Palestinian artists, called for "an end to Israeli oppression" during his Israeli performance, and stated in Israel "Tear Down This Wall!" [www.pacbi.org/boycott\\_news\\_more.php?id=A255\\_0\\_1\\_0\\_M](http://www.pacbi.org/boycott_news_more.php?id=A255_0_1_0_M)

**Roger Ebert, Film Critic. 9/09**

Roger Ebert, a leading US film critic, reversed his earlier support for the Toronto Film Festival's decision to celebrate Tel Aviv. He stated. "I thought of it as an innocent goodwill gesture, but now realize it was part of a deliberate plan to 're-brand' Israel in Toronto, as a pilot for a larger such program. The Festival should never have agreed to be used like this." <http://jewishpeacenews.blogspot.com/>

**Santana. 2/10**

Guitarist Carlos Santana announced the [cancellation](#) of his show scheduled for early June at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa. He had received pressure from groups opposing Israel's occupation to cancel. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3841916,00.html>

**Swedish Under-21 Football Team. 6/10**

Sweden's under-21 football team refused to play in Israel following Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in international waters on May 31, 2010. <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/sports/after-flotilla-raid-sweden-wants-out-of-soccer-match-with-israel-1.293650>

**Turkish Under-19 Football Team. 6/10**

Turkey's under-19 football team refused to play in Israel following Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in international waters on May 31, 2010. Nine Turkish nationals were killed in the attack. <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/sports/after-flotilla-raid-sweden-wants-out-of-soccer-match-with-israel-1.293650>

**Utopia Theatres, France. 6/10**

In protest against Israel's use of violence during the raid on the Gaza flotilla and its blockade of the Gaza Strip, the Utopia theatre chain canceled all screenings of an Israeli comedy, "Five Hours from Paris," scheduled to open in June. Instead, it decided to show a French documentary about Rachel Corrie, a young American who was crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer while she protested the destruction of Palestinian housing in Gaza in 2003. <http://www.inminds.com/article.php?id=10423>

## **ANTI-OCCUPATION ORGANIZATIONS**

**ADALAH-NY: The Coalition for Justice in the Middle East. 2008, 12/09**

Adalah-NY is an alliance of groups and concerned individuals in the Metro New York area working for an "end to US and US-sponsored Israeli aggression in the Middle East." The Adalah-NY coalition includes Jews Against the Occupation-NYC; the NY Campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Against Israel; International Solidarity Movement-NYC; National Council of Arab-Americans-NYC; WESPAC Foundation; and several other groups. The group's name, "Adalah," means "justice" in Arabic. Their public campaigns achieve notable successes. UNICEF, Oxfam International, and the Emirate of Dubai have responded to concerns about the work of Lev Leviev, an Israeli entrepreneur who is charged by the coalition with building illegal Jewish-only settlements in the West Bank and with human rights abuses in his diamond operations. The Emirate of Dubai withdrew permission for Leviev's jewelry chain to open stores in Dubai. UNICEF returned a donation from Leviev. The British government, too, was contacted by Adalah-NY, protesting plans to rent space for an embassy in a Leviev building in Tel Aviv. The British government withdrew its plans. On

November 18th, fifty New Yorkers gathered outside of Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig's Office, protesting Major League Baseball's connection with the Hebron Fund, a Brooklyn-based non-profit supporting Israeli settlers living in the West Bank City of Hebron. That event followed a letter-writing campaign that generated over 2600 letters to the New York Mets, asking them to cancel a fundraising dinner with the settler organization at Citi Field on November 21st. In December 2009 Adalah reported that 45 human rights carolers had sung familiar holiday tunes with words directed against settlement builder Lev Leviev on the street outside his New York jewelry store. <http://adalahny.org>, <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2120.shtml>, [www.apjp.org](http://www.apjp.org); [adalahny.org/index.php/photo-galleries/340-holiday-caroling-at-leviev-09](http://adalahny.org/index.php/photo-galleries/340-holiday-caroling-at-leviev-09), [www.news.independent.co.uk/world/middle\\_east/article344510.ece](http://www.news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/article344510.ece)

#### **Antoine Friendship Link.**

This Scottish group was formed to establish a sister community relationship with the village of Jayyous in the northern West Bank. It has taken many actions aimed at ending the occupation, including rallies, marches, and communications with Parliament and government officials. It regularly provides contacts around the world with updates on the situation in Jayyous, where new settlements are stealing the village's agricultural land, greenhouses and water supplies. The group organized a gathering in Falkirk, Scotland to hear a keynote speaker from Scottish Jews for a Just Peace on January 29, 2010.

<http://www.antoninefriendshipink.co.uk/>

#### **Australians for Palestine. 2010**

Australians for Palestine held an Apartheid Forum in Melbourne in early 2010. This was followed by another forum on "Apartheid and Boycotts" which included Diana Butt and another eminent Palestinian, Professor Saree Makdisi, with Jewish academic Dr. Ned Curthoys who initiated the academic and cultural boycott of Israel in Australia with his father, Professor John Docker.

<http://www.uruknet.info/?p=m67776&hd=&size=1&l=e>

#### **Bay Area Campaign to End Israeli Apartheid. 12/09**

This group published a list of 10 popular companies for consumers to boycott during the 2009 holiday season. The companies were chosen for their role in promoting Israel's occupation and discrimination against Palestinians. <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/601>

#### **Boston Palestine Solidarity Movement. 6/10**

About 200 activists rallied and marched on the Boston Common in Boston, MA to protest Israel's attack on humanitarian aid ships bound for Gaza. Members of American Jews for a Just Peace were among many groups participating. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=853VXf-RbFk&feature=related>

#### **Cambridge Residents for Human Rights (CRHR), Massachusetts. 2010**

Cambridge Residents for Human Rights (CRHR) hosts monthly public screenings of films dealing with Palestinian human rights, followed by Q & A and discussion. [http://divestmentproject.org/about\\_SDP.shtml](http://divestmentproject.org/about_SDP.shtml)

#### **Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA), Canada. 2007-2008**

This wide-ranging Canadian organization includes Labour for Palestine and Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA). CAIA's labor committee has issued a book -- "Labour for Palestine: A Reader for Unionists and Activists" -- revised and expanded in 2008. The handbook describes the successful approaches of anti-apartheid organizers in Canadian postal workers' and public employees' unions. CAIA members marched in a Toronto Labor Day parade beside a float bearing images of Palestinian workers, while distributing 3000 leaflets urging trade unionists to join the movement. The student wing of CAIA holds panels and exhibits at Canadian colleges to enlist students in the work. In Montreal, CAIA helped Tadamon stage a Palestinian film festival in 2007 and protest an Israeli film festival. It issued criticism about a bookstore chain called Chapters/Indigo, whose majority shareholders support a foundation that helps the Israeli Defense Force with financial aid to international IDF recruits. On March 30, 2010, the organization marked the Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Day of Action with protests at Chapters Indigo and Mountain Equipment Coop in Toronto. Both companies have ties to the Israeli occupation.

<http://www.caiaweb.org/node/742>, <http://www.caiaweb.org/node/1463>

#### **Coalition for a Free Palestine (South Africa). 6/10**

The Coalition for a Free Palestine condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla and called on the South African government to immediately recall the South African ambassador to Tel Aviv; expel the Israeli ambassador back to Israel; sever all diplomatic relations with Israel; and support the international campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions against the apartheid Israel state. The statement was signed by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU), Palestine Solidarity Committee, Palestine Solidarity Group, Palestine Solidarity Alliance, Muslim Judicial Council, and the Muslim Youth Movement. <http://links.org.au/node/1718>

#### **Coalition for Justice and Peace in Palestine, Quebec. 12/05**

CJPP, based in Quebec, launched a campaign of “boycott, divestment, and sanctions, calling on Israel to respect international law,” stating, “Israel is moving ahead with a much more significant expansion of its settlements in the West Bank and the illegal construction of its apartheid wall, gradually reducing the occupied Palestinian territories into a disconnected patchwork of mini-bantustans.” The campaign covers 1) the boycott of Israeli products and products of companies that are contributing to the occupation, 2) the retrieval of investments from these companies, and 3) sanctions against the Israeli State, starting with opposition to the Canada-Israel free trade agreement. The initial focus is on Caterpillar and Israeli wines.

<http://www.hour.ca/news/news.aspx?ilIDArticle=8648>,

#### **Coalition to Stop \$30 Billion to Israel. US. 2009**

12 organizations in the Albuquerque-Santa Fe region of New Mexico joined together in the Coalition to Stop \$30 billion to Israel. The group placed signs on ten billboards calling for a halt to the Bush Administration's 2007 commitment to send a total of \$30 billion to Israel over ten years. The signs pictured a child and the caption "Tell Congress: Stop Killing Children. No More Military Aid to Israel." Under pressure, the billboard company removed the signs. However, it agreed to a modified message geared toward tax monies and the Israeli military. The Coalition set up an information table on the campus of the University of New Mexico on Welcome Back Day, when students returned to campus in August 2009.

[http://stop30billion.com/documents/Stop\\_30\\_Press\\_Release\\_09April09.pdf](http://stop30billion.com/documents/Stop_30_Press_Release_09April09.pdf),

<http://stop30billion.com/contentsindex.php?page=billboardremovalpressrelease>

#### **Code Pink. 2009-2010**

The American anti-war movement Code Pink has launched a series of creative protest actions at stores carrying Ahava cosmetics, which are produced in the illegal settlement of Mitzpe Shalem and use Palestinian natural resources without permission or compensation.

<http://palestinevideo.blogspot.com/2010/04/codepink-la-bds-action.html>,

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3754920,00.html>

#### **Collectif Urgence Palestine (CUP), Switzerland. 2005, 2006**

CUP boycotted Connex, a French company hired to run a light railway system connecting Jewish-only settlements in the West Bank to Jerusalem. It protested a contract for Connex to operate public transport services in Geneva, stating: “Switzerland, as depository of the Geneva Conventions, should not deal with companies that violate international law and support Israeli Apartheid in Palestine.” In 2005, CUP petitioned the Swiss parliament to nullify the purchase of Israeli military equipment worth 150 million Swiss francs. In May 2006, CUP hosted an international conference with ECCP: “For a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel: Enforce International Law!” which called for divestment and boycott.

<http://www.urgencepalestine.ch/Agenda/news.html>,

<http://stophthewall.org/worldwideactivism/1120.shtml>

#### **Comitato Pistoiese Per La Palestina. 11/09**

Comitato Pistoiese Per La Palestina held a march in solidarity with Palestinians through the historic center of Florence, Italy. <http://stophthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

#### **Coordination Appels pour une Paix Juste au Proche Orient (CAPJPO). 5/10**

CAPJO (Coordinated Call for a Just Peace in the Middle East) has filed legal action in a French Court against Sephora, a division of the Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy Group (LVMH), which sells Ahava cosmetics in its stores. Ahava produces its products in the illegal West Bank settlement of Mitzpe Shalem and uses natural

resources from the Palestinian banks of the Dead Sea without permission or compensation. <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article11341.shtml>

### **Corrie Family Lawsuit vs. Caterpillar, Inc. 3/05-9/07**

The family of Rachel Corrie, who was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in the Gaza Strip, brought a civil action seeking compensatory and punitive damages against Caterpillar for violations of international and state law committed against their daughter, including war crimes...and wrongful death. The suit, filed in US District Court in Seattle, stated: "On March 16, 2003, Rachel Corrie, a peace activist and United States citizen, was killed by a Caterpillar bulldozer while protesting the demolition of a Palestinian home. According to the suit, "Caterpillar, Inc., has aided and abetted or otherwise been complicit in the Israel Defense Forces (hereinafter "IDF") in the above-mentioned human rights violations and war crimes by providing the bulldozers used to demolish homes of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in violation of international law when it knew, or should have known, that such bulldozers were being used to commit human rights abuses." The suit also alleges that "The IDF has destroyed approximately 10,000 Palestinian homes since 1967 leaving approximately 50,000 men, women, and children homeless..." In 2005, a US District Judge dismissed the case on grounds that political constitutional questions were involved. His argument was reaffirmed by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, which refused to reinstate the case in 9/07 on grounds that the US Department of Defense reimburses the Israeli army for its purchases of bulldozers. The Corrie family brought a civil suit against the Israeli government, which was heard in a Haifa court in March, 2010.

<http://www.catdestroyshomes.org/downloads/final.corriecomplaint.3.15.pdf>

[http://blog.oregonlive.com/breakingnews/2007/09/9th\\_circuit\\_refuses\\_to\\_reinstate](http://blog.oregonlive.com/breakingnews/2007/09/9th_circuit_refuses_to_reinstate)

### **Council for the National Interest Foundation (CNIF)**

The Council for the National Interest Foundation is an educational and outreach organization that advocates for Middle East policies that are in the US national interest. The CNI Foundation explains, through its educational and media activities, how current American policies harm American interests and recommends balanced alternatives. The CNI Foundation's main programs are: The Political Pilgrimage program, which organizes two or more trips by U.S. citizen-diplomats each year to Israel, the occupied territories, and all the neighboring countries; The CNI: Jerusalem Calling internet-radio show, which airs weekly; A lively blog titled "Fair policy, Fair discussion"; and The Partners for Peace program, which organizes the "Jerusalem Women Speak" tours, which bring Jewish, Muslim, and Christian women from Jerusalem to speak together to audiences in the U.S. <http://www.cnionline.org/cni-foundation/>

### **The Davis Committee for Palestinian Rights (DCPR) Davis, CA. 2009**

The Davis Committee for Palestinian Rights (DCPR) was formed in 2009 to initiate and support local peaceful endeavors in Davis, California to end the human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people. DCPR is engaged in boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) efforts whose goal is to pressure Israel to comply with international law and stop its violations of the human rights of the Palestinian people by: 1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the "Separation" Wall; 2. Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and 3. Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194. DCPR supports efforts to end U.S. aid to and political support for Israel until Israel complies with international law and stops violating the rights of the Palestinian people as specified above. <http://davisbds.org/about-us/>

### **Divest From War and Occupation Campaign-Seattle, Washington. 2008**

The campaign sought the signatures of thousands of Seattle voters in support of Initiative 97, calling on the Seattle City Council to adopt an ordinance barring the investment of city employees' retirement funds in corporations that do business in or with Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories. Also prohibited would be investments in corporations like Caterpillar that assist Israel's West Bank repression. I-97 called for automatic withdrawal of investments in Israeli government bonds "if Israel attacks Iran without UN authorization." It linked the occupations in Iraq and Israel by barring investment in corporations "that profit directly from the US presence in Iraq." 18,000 signatures were required to place the initiative before the city council, which must then enact the measure into law or place it before voters as a ballot initiative. The campaign mounted a major drive, informing citizens about the dual occupations, relevant international law, UN resolutions, and the suffering of the Palestinian and Iraqi people. Numerous co-sponsoring organizations were

recruited. The signature drive neared success. However, just two weeks before the September deadline, a judge ruled that the subject of I-97 was out of bounds for voters and City Council, as well. The successful plaintiffs argued that the Seattle Employees' Retirement System is a separate entity and that Council and voters have no say in how its funds are invested. (Plaintiffs were the Washington Israel Business Council, Stand with Us, and a Seattle resident.) The campaign was considering an appeal. [www.divestfromwar.org](http://www.divestfromwar.org)

### **Free Gaza. 2008 - 2010**

The Free Gaza Movement has organized nine voyages by sea to Palestine, successfully arriving in Gaza Port five times. These boats have brought dozens of human rights workers, journalists, parliamentarians, and others to Gaza, as well as tons of desperately needed medical and humanitarian supplies. Free Gaza boats are the first international ships to sail to the Gaza Strip since 1967. The group has issued a call to responsible governments and NGOs to help support the Fourth Geneva Convention and bring relief to the people of Gaza. A flotilla of boats organized by the Free Gaza movement in May 2010 was attacked by members of the Israeli military by sea and air. 9 volunteers aboard one of the boats were killed and others were wounded. This attack sparked international condemnation and called worldwide attention to the plight of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. All passengers aboard the ships were taken to Israel and all cameras, cell phones and other personal possessions of the passengers were confiscated. Free Gaza has issued a call for the return of all the stolen items. <http://www.gazamussleben.at/en/1999>, [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/middle\\_east/10195838.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/middle_east/10195838.stm), <http://www.freegaza.org/>

### **Friends of Al-Aqsa**

Friends of Al-Aqsa is a British charity which aims to protect the human rights of Palestinians and the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. It has published a "Boycott Apartheid Israel" leaflet containing information on 14 companies, most of which have invested heavily in Israel. <http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/Boycotts/BoycottsaagainstIsrael.aspx>

### **Global Palestine Solidarity (GPS). 2/07**

Palestine Solidarity groups from Europe, Canada, and Australia have started a coordinated "conflict diamond" campaign. For Valentine's Day 2007, groups such as Ireland-PSM contacted retail jewelers associations, requesting "Israeli Free" diamonds for consumers who want to avoid diamonds that help support the Israeli economy and illegal occupation of Palestinian land. For more information, contact [sc3@bds-palestine.net](mailto:sc3@bds-palestine.net). <http://www.indymedia.ie/article/85581>

### **ICAHD UK. United Kingdom. 2006**

This organization, dedicated to ending the destruction of Palestinian homes, signed a letter of support for the Church of England General Synod's recommendation to divest from companies supporting Israel's occupation. It is part of the Interfaith Group for Morally Responsible Investment. <http://www.cc-vw.org/articles/eiag.pdf>

### **ICAHD USA. 2010**

ICAHD USA has produced an important booklet: "Is Israel an Apartheid State?" This summary of an international legal study was funded and coordinated by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the government of South Africa. It asks "Do Israel's practices in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza amount to crimes of Apartheid under International Law?" The booklet reviews legal definitions of Apartheid and describes Israeli practices that fully qualify for this designation. Booklets are available at: <http://icahdusa.org/store/> and may be downloaded at: <http://icahdusa.org/multimedia/downloads/2010/06/icahdusa-apartheid-booklet-61410.pdf> (The full study is posted at: [www.fosna.org/files/fosna/events/OccupationColonialismApartheidStudyMay2009.pdf](http://www.fosna.org/files/fosna/events/OccupationColonialismApartheidStudyMay2009.pdf).)

### **If Americans Knew.**

If Americans Knew was founded in 2001 to provide Americans with information that has been missing in the American media about the Middle East conflict. It provides informational materials, assists in organizing public forums, produces media studies, and provides speakers and written materials to hundreds of venues across the United States. It maintains a web site with statistics and information on topics related to Israel and Palestine, and has been consistent in criticizing Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. [http://www.ifamericansknew.org/about\\_us/](http://www.ifamericansknew.org/about_us/)



### **The International Coalition to End the Illegal Siege of Gaza. 2009 - 2010**

The International Coalition to End the Illegal Siege of Gaza is planning to mark the New Year and the first anniversary of the Israeli "Operation Cast Lead" with a massive march in Gaza Dec. 29, 2009 - Jan. 1 or 2, 2010, as well as intensive lobbying, media outreach and public education activities in the U.S. Internationals and Palestinians will join together to call for an immediate end to the collective punishment Israel is imposing through its illegal, lethal blockade, and for freedom, justice and equal rights for all. [www.end-gaza-siege.ps/Events/New%20Events/Delegation%20from%20Spain.htm](http://www.end-gaza-siege.ps/Events/New%20Events/Delegation%20from%20Spain.htm)

### **ISM Italy. 2006**

The Italian branch of ISM (International Solidarity Movement) staged a colorful demonstration during the Winter Olympics in Turin in 2006. The group floated a large three-dimensional mascot on the River Po, bearing the motto "Free Palestine! Boycott Israel!" Protesters cited Israel's refusal to comply with the 2004 ruling of the International Court of Justice on the illegality of the Wall. For further information contact [info@ism-italia.it](mailto:info@ism-italia.it)

### **Jamaica Plain Residents for Human Rights (JPRHR), Massachusetts. 2010**

Jamaica Plain Residents for Human Rights (CRHR) hosts monthly public screenings of films dealing with Palestinian human rights, followed by Q & A and discussion. [http://divestmentproject.org/about\\_SDP.shtml](http://divestmentproject.org/about_SDP.shtml)

### **Joint Advocacy Initiative (JAI), East Jerusalem YMCA and YWCA of Palestine**

The JAI, a joint program of East Jerusalem YMCA and YWCA of Palestine, works for peace with justice in Palestine, based on humanitarian and Christian values, by mobilizing the world movements of YMCA and YWCA, Churches, Church-Related Organizations, UN agencies, and other relevant organizations to influence decision-makers and prompt actions that contribute to end Israeli occupation and all its violations of International Law. <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=107284735958534> It operates many initiatives, including the Journey for Justice Program, which brings together youth from YMCAs and YWCAs all over the world to experience and share the occupation with Palestinian youth. For ten days they join Palestinian youth and travel around Israel and Palestine to witness the effects of the Israeli occupation. It has called for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel until that country complies with international law. <http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?section=2>, <http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?section=1>

### **Just Peace Mid East. 2009**

A group called Just Peace Mid East in the San Francisco area has established a new web site with many video clips and information about life under occupation for Palestinians. <http://www.justpeacemideast.org/>

### **Maryam. 7/10**

"Maryam" is a group of Christian and Muslim women from Lebanon and Catholic nuns from the United States preparing to sail for Gaza the last week in July, 2010. ("Maryam" is the Arabic word for "Mary," the mother of Jesus.) Their ship, "The Maryam," will carry 40 female journalists, as well as medicines to treat cancer patients in Gaza. The goal of the project is to break Israel's blockade on the Gaza Strip. <http://us.oneworld.net/article/369417-women-prepare-set-sail-past-israel>

### **Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), UK. 3/09**

MAP partnered with the British medical journal The Lancet to publish a series on "Health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" in 2009 after the Israeli onslaught on Gaza. MAP provides and promotes healthcare for Palestinians, especially those under occupation or exile, based on principles of self-determination and social justice. The Lancet published MAP's findings about severe medical problems caused by the Occupation. <http://www.map-uk.org/regions/uk/projects/view/-/id/58/>

### **Mewando. 2003, 2008**

Mewando, or Middle East Without Wars and Occupation, is an international network created in Bilin, West Bank, in August 2003. It held an international meeting of Palestinian, Israeli and European social movements in Bilbao, Spain in October 2003, and developed a framework for extending the process to Spain's Basque region. The group calls for an immediate end to Israeli occupation, the proclamation of a viable Palestinian state, the return of all refugees, and the liberation of all prisoners. In October 2008, it worked with other

Spanish Palestinian solidarity groups to organize a conference called the Bilbao Initiative, which resulted in a declaration calling for building awareness of and taking action against the Israeli occupation. [www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/213](http://www.bdsmovement.net/?q=node/213), [www.mewando.org/](http://www.mewando.org/)

#### **Minnesota Break the Bonds Campaign. 2009, 2/10**

This is a group of Minnesota citizens from many faiths and ethnicities who are dedicated to bringing Palestine-centric education to Minnesota in order to help end the Israeli occupation. The group helped organize Gaza Week at the University of Minnesota and a Gaza Freedom March to coincide with the international Gaza Freedom March in Egypt in late December 2009. Two new resources, a question-and-answer sheet and a fact sheet about Israel bonds, were published by the organization in February 2010. <http://mn.breakthebonds.org/>, <http://mn.breakthebonds.org/?p=339>

#### **Movement for the Rights of the Palestine People, Portugal. 6/10**

The Movement for the Rights of the Palestine People was one of five groups whose members protested outside the Israeli Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal over the Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla of aid ships that killed 9 people.

[http://www.indymedia-letzebuerg.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=53143&Itemid=27](http://www.indymedia-letzebuerg.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53143&Itemid=27)

**New York Campaign for the Boycott of Israel. 7/09** The New York Campaign wrote a letter to Amnesty International urging it to drop its cooperation with Leonard Cohen in channeling funds from his Israeli concert to “peace groups.” The New York group was one of many around the world arguing that Mr. Cohen’s performance in Israel would lend an air of normalcy and “whitewash” Israel’s ongoing actions against the Palestinian people. Amnesty ultimately withdrew its agreement with Mr. Cohen.

<http://boycottisraelnyc.org/category/nycbi/letters-statements/our-letters>

#### **Olympia Rafah Solidarity Mural Project (ORSMP). 5/10**

The Olympia Rafah Solidarity Mural Project (ORSMP) was conceived by residents of Olympia, Washington, the hometown of Rachel Corrie, who was killed at age 23 by an Israeli bulldozer. It was created by 150 groups and internationals. The mural was formally dedicated and celebrated on May 8, 2010 with music, dance, spoken word, and poetry. Hundreds gathered to hear the mural “speak” (with audio recordings) as each image was introduced. The mural has an audio component and for the cost of a local cell phone call one can enter an extension number for each image and hear related poetry, information, history, interviews, etc. ORSMP hopes to extend this project throughout the United States, and has set a goal of 1,000 Palestinian Solidarity Trees by 2011. <http://olympiarafahmural.org/>

#### **Pakistanis for Palestine. 1/10**

A Pakistani campaign of solidarity with the Palestinian people was launched in Lahore, Pakistan with members of the labor movement, students, professors and other professionals. As its first action of solidarity, the campaign called on Pakistani academics and cultural workers - artists, poets, writers, singers and filmmakers - to join the growing Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel that is spreading around the world. <http://lahorenama.wordpress.com/2010/01/21/pakistanis-for-palestine/>

#### **Palestina al Cor. Spain. 6/10**

Palestina al Cor, or Palestine with the Heart, is a campaign of solidarity with the Palestinian people established in 2007 through the combined efforts of dozens of organizations in the Catalan district of Spain to mark the 60th anniversary of the Palestinian Naqba. Palestina al Cor took part in four days of demonstrations, June 11-14, at the offices of the European Union in Barcelona to call for the lifting of the siege of Gaza and condemnation of the Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

#### **Palestine Committee of Norway. 11/09**

The Palestine Committee of Norway, the Norwegian Association of NGOS for Palestine, and others marched on the Israeli embassy in Oslo on November 14, 2009 to protest the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and the siege of Gaza. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

#### **Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Ireland. 11/06, 2/07, 11/09**

Atlantic Homecare, a large Limerick store, removed all Israeli stock from its shelves in response to an informational picket by Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC 11/06). In February, 2007 before Valentines Day hundreds of people signed petitions and accepted informational leaflets urging Dublin jewelers to "Give consumers the right to choose Israel-free Diamonds."

[www.ipsc.ie](http://www.ipsc.ie); [www.pacbi.org/boycott\\_news\\_more.php?id=A405\\_0\\_1\\_0\\_M](http://www.pacbi.org/boycott_news_more.php?id=A405_0_1_0_M) On Jan. 31, 2009, the group published "**Irish Call for Justice for Palestine**" in the Irish Times with around 300 signatures. It called for an end to Israel's occupation and called on the international community to intervene. On November 14, 2009 IPSC organized a national demonstration against Israel's apartheid practices. Speakers at the demonstration highlighted the brutality of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, with particular reference to the siege of Gaza and the Wall. Following the speeches protestors marched through the streets chanting slogans in support of the Palestinian people, carrying colorful flags, placards and banners in a loud and spirited demonstration. Following these actions, panels were conducted throughout the city. IPSC also held numerous meetings, film screenings, and fundraisers throughout the country. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>, <http://www.indymedia.ie/article/90913>

#### **Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Scotland. 7/06**

Requests from S-PSC ended the use of Prestwick Airport for transshipment of US weapons to Israel for attacks on Lebanon in 2006. S-PSC has also achieved changes in venues for cricket games with Israeli teams. It boycotted Disney outlets in Scotland, citing plans by Roy Disney's Shamrock Fund to add to its sizeable investments in Orad, an Israeli firm that provides electronic monitoring equipment for the Wall. (Roy Disney's Shamrock Fund also holds large investments in Tadiran, an Israeli military equipment firm.) "[T]his money will be used to help Israel continue its policies of colonization, land theft and slow ethnic cleansing." <http://www.indymediascotland.org/node/2104>. In 2006, the group joined the Israel boycott. [http://www.songsforchange.com/forum.cfm?forum\\_action=showposts&topicid=31713](http://www.songsforchange.com/forum.cfm?forum_action=showposts&topicid=31713)

#### **Palestine Solidarity Campaign, UK (BIG Campaign). 11/09**

The Palestinian Solidarity Committee asks consumers to Boycott Israeli Goods via the "BIG" Campaign. "BIG" buys shares in companies like Tesco to pressure corporate boards to eliminate Israeli imports. In 6/06, Tesco agreed to phase out Israeli peppers due to consumer pressure. A key boycott target is Agrexco, Israel's largest exporter of fresh agricultural produce, selling in England under the Carmel, Coral and Jaffa brands. The company is 50% owned by the Israeli state. Much of its produce comes from illegal settlements that hire Palestinian workers at exploitative wages and working conditions. The BIG campaign also boycotts Israeli tourism and Israeli cultural, sporting, and academic institutions and individuals who do not condemn the occupation. It seeks to end trade agreements between the EU, UK, and Israel, and it promotes an end to the arms trade, citing "Israel's appalling human rights record, grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and its ongoing occupation and settler-colonisation of Palestinian lands" and noting "widespread concerns that British-made equipment is being used against Palestinian civilians, in defiance of UK export criteria." Finally, BIG seeks to increase trade in Palestinian goods. In November, 2009, PSCUK organized a National Week of Supermarket Boycott Actions. Throughout the country from November 7-15, activists picketed outside of supermarkets and offices to bring attention to Israel's persecution of Palestinians and to protest the apartheid wall. [www.bigcampaign.org](http://www.bigcampaign.org)

#### **Palestine Solidarity Committee, South Africa. 11/09**

Issued a letter in November 2009 calling for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions to end the Israeli occupation. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2121.shtml>

#### **Palestine Solidarity Committee, Thailand. 11/09**

PSC Thailand ran a Gaza Photo Exhibition in Bangkok in November, 2009 to raise awareness about Palestinian suffering. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

#### **Palestine Solidarity Committee, University of Texas (PSC-UT), Austin. 2010**

The Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC) is a student organization at the University of Texas at Austin dedicated to telling the story of the Palestinian struggle for justice and self-determination on the University campus and in the wider Austin community. In the spring of 2010, the group took part in a protest of Ahava cosmetics (made in an illegal West Bank settlement) at the Ulta Beauty store in Austin. Women dressed in pink police uniforms strung police tape over shelves carrying Ahava products, while other volunteers held

shopping bags calling for a boycott of Ahava. The protest was captured on video at <http://vimeo.com/11100258> PSC works to tell the Palestinian story through lectures by academics and political activists, movie screenings, events and displays on the UT West Mall, "Café Intifada" open mic events, the Family Aid direct humanitarian assistance program, and various other activities including protests, fundraisers and a new program in which the group sends an eye-witness delegate each year to visit occupied Palestine. <http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/palestine/about.html>

#### **Palestine Solidarity Movement, US. 2/06**

PSM asked US universities, churches and other institutions to end financial support for companies linked with Israeli injustice. Their campaign was modeled after the successful effort to end apartheid in South Africa. PSM hosted university students and community activists in its 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. 2/06. [www.palestinesolidaritymovement.org](http://www.palestinesolidaritymovement.org) , <http://explore.georgetown.edu/documents/?DocumentID=12105>

#### **Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee. 6/09**

The Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee was founded to foster information, dialogue and activities connected with the Palestinian People's struggle for independence. The group helped organize a boycott of Israeli products sold at Trader Joe's in Pittsburgh on June 8, 2009, and produced a YouTube video to encourage the boycott. <http://pittsburgh-psc.org/about-2/>, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXjO5Amcm\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXjO5Amcm_c)

#### **Platform of Solidarity with Palestine-Valladolid, Spain. 7/10**

The Platform of Solidarity with Palestine in Valladolid, Spain successfully lobbied the City Council of Villanueva de Duero to remove Eden-brand water products from government buildings. The City Council made its announcement in mid-July. Eden Springs was founded in the 1980s after Israel illegally annexed Syria's Golan Heights. The Platform of Solidarity said the company profits from illegally occupied and annexed lands. The group was also instrumental in another boycott action, as teachers and workers of the Nursing School of the University of Valladolid, in the same municipality as Villanueva de Duero, successfully petitioned in June to have Eden removed from vending machines at the school. The Platform of Solidarity with Palestine-Valladolid thanked both institutions for their "commitment and support to the Palestinian people's cause" and called the two actions a major boost to the BDS movement. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=299415>

#### **Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice**

Named for a 23-year-old college student who was crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer, The Rachel Corrie Foundation takes delegations from the US to the Gaza Strip to observe first-hand the human rights crisis brought about by the occupation and blockade. These delegations seek to strengthen ties of solidarity between Americans and the people of Gaza by encouraging greater communication and cooperative work. Those who participate return to tell other Americans about the reality of Palestinian life under occupation. <http://rachelcorriefoundation.org/projects/delegations>

#### **Rete-ECO – Italy. 2006**

Rete-ECO endorsed a 2006 letter of support for the Church of England General Synod's call for divestment from Caterpillar and other companies supporting the occupation. [http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Divestment\\_Statements\\_from\\_Jewish\\_Groups\\_YVJ27FBI.pdf](http://neconference.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Divestment_Statements_from_Jewish_Groups_YVJ27FBI.pdf)

#### **Rhode Island Mobilization Committee to Stop War and Occupation. 6/10**

More than 60 protesters gathered on the steps of the Federal Building in Providence's Kennedy Plaza on June 2, 2010, to protest the lethal Israeli attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. Protesters called on the U.S. to condemn the attack and force Israel to end its blockade. They held signs denouncing Israel's raid and its ongoing occupation of Palestinian land. The protest was organized by the Rhode Island Mobilization Committee to Stop War and Occupation and attended by individuals from across the state, including many members of the Interfaith Peace Initiative. Individuals who had recently been in the occupied territories spoke of Israel's oppression against Christians and Muslims in the region. <http://newsblog.projo.com/2010/06/60-protest-in-kennedy-plaza-ag.html>

### **Rome Palestinian Solidarity Network. 5/10**

On Saturday, May 8 a protest organized by the "Rome Palestinian Solidarity Network" (comprised of numerous associations and committees that stand with the Palestinian struggle for freedom) was held at the entrance to Rome's exhibition center during COSMOFARMA, a pharmaceuticals expo attended by thousands of health professionals. The Rome Palestinian Solidarity Network, which endorses the international campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) on the Israeli economy, aimed at raising awareness of the BDS campaign, calling on physicians, pharmacists and health workers "not to purchase or prescribe products from the Israeli pharmaceutical company TEVA," the leading global manufacturer of generic drugs, or from L'Oréal, which through its substantial investments in Israel is helping to strengthen the Israeli war economy. <http://mondoweiss.net/2010/05/bds-activists-target-israeli-pharma-at-italy-expo.html>

### **Sanctions Against Israel Coalition, South Africa branch. 8/06, 1/07**

"We are making a call to mobilise South African workers," said Shaheed Mohamed, of SAIC - SA. We want all diamonds from Israel to be treated as conflict diamonds. We urge people not to buy diamonds from Israel." Mohamed said Israel imports South African diamonds, polishes, cuts them, and sells them back "at almost ten times the original value." Israel imports diamonds worth \$430 million a year from South Africa, he said, adding that fully 30 percent of Israel's annual GDP (gross domestic product) comes from diamonds. (Inter Press Service (IPS), Johannesburg, 1/27/07) In August, 2006, this group had issued a statement demanding that the ANC (African National Congress) "institute immediate, comprehensive sanctions against the apartheid state of Israel." <http://www.jai-pal.org/content.php?page=374>

### **Somerville Divestment Project, Massachusetts. 2004, 2006, 2008**

The Somerville Divestment Project "focuses on building a solid base of support for the human rights and self-determination of the Palestinian people." In 2004, the group was successful in having eight aldermen on the Somerville Board of Aldermen introduce a proposal for the city to divest its funds from companies supporting Israel's occupation. Members gathered 1500 signatures to support the proposal, which the Board rejected, but in the process they educated thousands of their fellow citizens about Israel's occupation. In 2006 elections, they successfully got two resolutions on the ballot. One called for Somerville to divest from Israel and the other called for supporting the right of all refugees, including Palestinian refugees, to return to their homeland. In 2008, they successfully got questions on the ballot in Somerville and Cambridge, MA, in which 62% of Somerville residents and 73% of Cambridge residents voted that Palestinian citizens of Israel should have equal rights. Members continue to promote voter action to defend Palestinian human rights.

<http://divestmentproject.org/>, <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article3448.shtml>

### **Stop Agrexco Italia. 5/10**

The Italian Coalition Against Carmel-Agrexco, also known as Stop Agrexco Italia, won agreement from two major Italian supermarket chains, Nordiconad and COOP, to stop stocking products from Agrexco, the principal exporter of produce from Israel and from illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Stop Agrexco Italia represents over 50 national and local associations, trade unions and political parties.

[stopagrexcoitalia.org/comunicati/111-pr-coop-conad.html](http://stopagrexcoitalia.org/comunicati/111-pr-coop-conad.html),

<http://mondoweiss.net/2010/05/global-flotilla-hits-ny-chocolate-shop.html>

### **Stop CAT Coalition. 2010**

Stop CAT sponsors an annual Day of Action focused on Caterpillar headquarters in Peoria, Illinois, to urge that Caterpillar "cease all sales to the Israeli military and government" and abide by its own code of conduct which states "as a company, we strive to contribute toward a global environment in which all people can work safely and live healthy, productive lives." The Coalition says Caterpillar's D-9 bulldozer "is directly implicated in grave abuses of human rights by Israeli Defense forces, including the collective punishment of the Palestinian people through house demolitions, clearing a path for and constructing the Apartheid Wall and murder of civilians"--actions that "are illegal under international law -- specifically violating the Fourth Geneva Convention, the Rome Statute of the International Court and the Hague Conventions." The sale of the D-9 to the IDF also violates the US Arms Export Control Act. On an annual International Day of Action Against Caterpillar, protests are held in cities worldwide, and are organized in the US by Stop Cat, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. Demonstrations at Caterpillar dealers are also held. Stop Cat provides informational videos and PowerPoint presentations. <http://www.catdestroyshomes.org/>

### **Stop the Wall. 10/09**

This organization held a BDS Marathon on October 16 and 17, 2009. It asked organizations around the world to commit to two days of non-stop activities focusing on boycott, divestment and sanctions to bring an end to Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. The group maintains a web site devoted to news about the occupation and its effect on Palestinian villages. <http://stopthewall.org/latestnews/2085.shtml>

### **Tadamon! – Montreal. 4/08**

This Montreal-based collective works for social justice and human rights. It encourages writers and filmmakers to refuse invitations to Israel. In 2008 it launched a Palestinian Film Festival, boycotted Israeli cultural events, and protested a speech by Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker.

[www.sketchythoughts.blogspot.com/2008/04/tadamon-confronting-israeli-apartheid](http://www.sketchythoughts.blogspot.com/2008/04/tadamon-confronting-israeli-apartheid)

### **United Civilians for Peace-Netherlands, a coalition of Pax Christi IKV, Oxfam Novib, Cordaid, and ICCO.**

**2008.** The group won a promise of divestment of Unilever from Beigel & Beigel, a company based in the Barkan Industrial Zone, part of an illegal West Bank settlement. UCP had issued a pivotal report titled "Dutch Economic Links in Support of the Israeli Occupation of Palestinian and/or Syrian Territories" in 2006 and had initiated a "constructive dialogue" with Unilever, which bore fruit in 2008 when the company promised to sell its 51% stake in Beigel & Beigel. As of February, 2010, that promise had not been kept.

[www.unitedcivilians.nl/nl/doc.phtml?p=Profundo+Report+\(English\)](http://www.unitedcivilians.nl/nl/doc.phtml?p=Profundo+Report+(English))

### **US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. 2009**

The US Campaign's focus on Motorola in 2009 contributed to the company's sell-off of a firm that manufactures fuses for aerial explosives like cluster bombs. US Campaign's boycott drive, "Hang up on Motorola," targeted Motorola's provision of military-related equipment such as the fuses and also radar devices for Israeli settlements and the separation wall, and cell phones adapted for military use by the IDF. The US Campaign joined US church groups asking Motorola to stop supplying military equipment to Israel at the company's shareholders meeting in 4/09. The US Campaign is a coalition of some 180 US organizations. It supports municipal, state and business-oriented divestment campaigns. It provides resources to inform, educate and mobilize the public about the US government's role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the way cities, states, trade unions and other organizations help sustain the occupation through their investment funds. The Campaign's member groups call on municipal, state and federal governing bodies to issue statements opposing the occupation. [www.endtheoccupation.org/](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/)

### **United for Peace and Justice. 2008**

This international campaign for peace and justice has established a Palestine/Israel Just Peace Campaign which organizes for a just and lasting Palestinian-Israeli peace based on human rights and international law. In January 2008, it endorsed an international day of action calling for an immediate end to the [Israeli] assault on Gaza, and the opening of its border crossings to people and goods; a comprehensive ceasefire that covers all territories and all parties to the conflict; and an end to U.S. military aid to Israel

[www.unitedforpeace.org/section.php?id=73](http://www.unitedforpeace.org/section.php?id=73), <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id=3836>

### **Veterans for Peace. 8/05**

VFP, a 20-year-old US veterans' organization, adopted "Economic Support For Justice And Peace In Palestine" at its National Conference, 8/05. The resolution states that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a major international flashpoint; people of the region are suffering from militarization; the US is the largest single source of governmental financial aid to Israel; and all forms of intervention have failed to achieve Israeli compliance with international law as embodied in UN resolutions and world court decisions (and supported by peace activists in Israel). Therefore, inspired by the South African struggle and the international solidarity which made it effective, and in support of the call by more than 170 Palestinian political parties, unions, and organizations for such economic actions, "Veterans For Peace calls for boycott, divestment, and other actions against economic activities that support Israel's continued occupation and colonization of Palestinian lands and the denial of fundamental human rights to Palestinians both in Israel and in the occupied territories until the Government of Israel complies with international law and the universal principles of human rights. VFP urges members and chapters to support such economic actions, which seem to them best calculated to bring about a change in Israeli government policy for the benefit of both the Israeli and Palestinian people."

[http://www.veteransforpeace.org/Board\\_resolutions\\_2004.vp.html](http://www.veteransforpeace.org/Board_resolutions_2004.vp.html)

### **Viva Palestina. 12/09, 1/10**

Viva Palestina is an international group dedicated to ending the Israeli siege of Gaza. In December, 2009, the group launched its third convoy to the Gaza Strip, this one leaving from Great Britain and traveling through many countries with relief supplies. On Jan. 6, 518 volunteers from many countries drove more than 156 vehicles loaded with tons of medicine and other humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip. They were backed by a global outpouring of solidarity. When the convoy entered Gaza after its month-long, 5,000-mile journey, hundreds of thousands of Gaza's 1.5 million people lined the streets in welcome.

<http://www.vivapalestina.org/home.htm>

### **Vlaams Palestina Komitee. Flanders. 6/05**

Supermarket customers were directly urged to stop buying Yarden wines, Sabra salads, Jaffa and Carmel fresh produce, as well as other Israeli products. [www.vlaampalestinakomitee.be](http://www.vlaampalestinakomitee.be)

### **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Canadian Section. 12/05 and 7/09**

In December, 2005, WILPF-Canada wrote INTEL's Board Chairman and CEO: "Let INTEL not be wooed by Israel's \$525 million grant incentive to expand INTEL's existing microprocessing factory in Israel. The site of the proposed expansion is Kiryat Gat, on land expropriated from the Palestinian village of Iraq Al-Manshiya. By further building there, you are denying Palestinian refugees the right to return to their land." (For further information, contact [joandgord@shaw.ca](mailto:joandgord@shaw.ca))

### **Women in Black, Australia. 11/09**

In Australia, Women in Black handed out flyers and conducted a vigil about the Wall and Jerusalem on November 7. <http://stopthewall.org/worldwideactivism/2130.shtml>

### **Women in Black, Los Angeles. 2/07**

"Maybe it's the artists and musicians who will finally bring peace and justice to Israel, Palestine and the region." This was the plea of Women in Black-Los Angeles, asking members of the Israel Philharmonic to make a public call for an end to the Occupation, thus creating "a huge positive ripple effect on Israeli society." Receiving no such assurance, silent vigilers held candles outside Disney Hall during two performances. The Philharmonic is called "Israel's flagship" by conductor Zubin Mehta, and is supported by the Israeli government. It has played for soldiers in the field and is an instrument of government policies, says Women in Black. WIB is an international movement of both women and men, standing against violence and for justice. It was founded in Israel in 1988 to oppose the Occupation. The L.A. vigils were endorsed by the Middle East Peace Fellowship of Southern California, by A.N.S.W.E.R. and by Campaign to End Israeli Apartheid (CEIA). <http://www.wib-la.net/>, <http://www.normanfinkelstein.com/a-call-for-justice-and-decency/>

### **Women for Palestine, Australia. 5/08**

A group called Women for Palestine in Australia helped organize the following events in May, 2008: A forum on "The Dispossession of the Palestinians and their Fight for Justice", a Candlelight Vigil commemorating Al-Nakba (the Palestinian dispossession that began in 1947), a Film Screening of "The Sons of Eilaboun & Yoom Ilak Yoom Alaik", a Public Lecture featuring Ali Abunimah (co-founder of the Electronic Intifada), and an Exhibition of Remembrance at the Fitzroy Town Hall. <http://womenforpalestine.org/>

### **Xarxa d'Enlac amb Palestina (Network Liaison Palestine), Spain. 6/10**

The organization, headquartered in Barcelona, focuses its efforts on developing tools and programs that aim to build ties of friendship and cooperation between civil society and the Palestinians in the Catalan region of Spain. It also promotes awareness campaigns and protests against Israel's policies of apartheid and occupation. Xarxa Palestina was one of the many Spanish organizations that protested Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla in front of the European Union offices in Barcelona, June 11-14. The group joined others in calling for an immediate lifting of the Gaza siege.

<http://www.nexescat.org/CA/Inter/Redes/Redes.aspx?ID=278&LG=2>

## **CONSUMER GROUPS**

### **Ethical Consumer**

Ethical Consumer maintains a web site with information on companies profiting from illegal or unethical practices. It has posted a list of actions being taken against companies profiting from the Israeli occupation. <http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/Boycotts/BoycottsaainstIsrael.aspx>

### **Konsumentföreningen Väst (KF Väst). 4/10**

A consumer organization in western Sweden with 350,000 members has called on the country's Coop supermarkets to stop selling all goods from Israel. Konsumentföreningen Väst (KF Väst), one of the largest of the 47 groups that comprise the Swedish Cooperative Union, approved three resolutions urging a boycott of Israel. The actions were taken at the group's annual meeting. <http://www.thelocal.se/26010/20100411/>

### **Olympia Food Co-op. 7/10**

The Olympia Food Co-op in Rachel Corrie's hometown of Olympia, Washington announced in July that it would no longer carry Israeli products. This was done as part of a global movement toward boycott, divestment and sanctions that one organizer called a "moral imperative." Rachel Corrie was 23 when she was killed by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to protect a Palestinian family's home in Gaza from destruction. <http://www.haaretz.com/blogs/focus-u-s-a/food-co-op-in-rachel-corrie-s-hometown-boycotts-israeli-goods-1.302980>

### **People's Food Co-op Members' Petition, Ann Arbor. 6/07**

Over 400 Co-op members and hundreds of passers-by signed a petition asking the popular Co-op grocery store to hold a referendum on a boycott of Israeli goods. The drive, initiated by B.I.G. (Boycott Israeli Goods) - Ann Arbor, shared information focusing on Palestinians' loss of basic human rights under Israeli repression. When opponents threatened to withdraw their membership in the co-op, harming its economic viability, the formal vote by members failed. Weavers Way Co-op in Philadelphia (2004) and Rainbow Co-op in San Francisco report similar experiences. Yet in each case the determination of many members to uphold Palestinian human rights was clearly expressed. [http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2007/08/proposed\\_boycott\\_of\\_israeli\\_go.html](http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2007/08/proposed_boycott_of_israeli_go.html),