

Covid 19 Appeal for Gaza

Gaza's 1.8 million people live under a blockade that restricts the entry and exit of people and goods, including medicine and medical equipment. The blockade by Israel started in 2006. Only 10% of families have access to fresh water. Electricity is intermittent. The healthcare facilities were already at bursting point because of the 7,000 wounded by Israeli snipers.

Israeli Defense Minister, Naftali Bennett, has conditioned helping deliver medical supplies to the Israel-besieged Gaza Strip, with the release of two Israeli soldiers, who went missing back in 2014, when Israel carried out a large-scale attack on the densely populated tiny coastal enclave.

The appearance of corona virus in the Gaza strip threatens a healthcare system already at breaking point. We in Sheffield PSC have a long standing relationship with Middle East Children's Alliance. Here is its appeal. Currently it is not possible to donate to MECA.



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Emergency Medical Aid for Gaza

As the first cases of coronavirus are confirmed in Gaza, please make a special contribution to help MECA and our partners to purchase and deliver basic hygiene supplies, antibiotics, vitamins, pain medication, and medicine to treat life-threatening diarrhea and provide other routine and emergency medical care for tens of thousands of patients in Gaza.

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We urge all our members and supporters who wish to donate to Palestine do it via Medical aid for Palestinians. <https://www.map.org.uk/>

Give Puma the boot

Puma is the main sponsor of the Israel Football Association (IFA), which includes football clubs based in illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land. More than 200 Palestinian teams have called on Puma to end its support for Israel's military occupation by terminating its sponsorship deal with the IFA.

As one of the world's top athletic apparel makers, Puma's sponsorship brings international legitimacy to the IFA and helps keep its direct involvement with violations of human rights and international law.

Puma's exclusive licensee in Israel, Delta, was listed in the UN database of complicit settlement companies

The Boycott puma campaign Give Puma the Boot is an international campaign and the previous days of action involved twenty countries

The action is biting. A Puma attorney recently admitted to a Palestinian rights supporter that the #BoycottPuma campaign is making their lives "miserable." Malaysia's largest university has ended a sponsorship deal with Puma in solidarity with the call from Palestinian teams. UK football club Chester FC decided not to renew with Puma, citing "ethical working practices" among its selection criteria. Premier League club Liverpool FC, which was in talks with Puma, also opted for another sponsor.

What can you do - Take Action Online:

There will be a third online Puma day of action is on May 4th before the Puma AGM on the 7th May to remind Puma shareholders that complicity in Israel's illegal settlements is immoral and makes Palestinian families even more vulnerable at a time of global pandemic. For the on line action you can do on that day look at:

<https://bdsmovement.net/puma-day3>

Palestinians Prisoners in Israeli Jails - Appeal for Their Safety

SUPPORT PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

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PSC WEBINAR CONVERSATION WITH:

BRAD PARKER, DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL-PALESTINE

RANDA WAHBE, ADDAMEER PRISONER SUPPORT #HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL, 6-7PM

Around 5,000 Palestinian prisoners appealed, on Wednesday, to concerned local and international bodies to ensure their own safety, inside Israeli jails. The prisoners' appeal came in response to the widely-spread

Coronavirus, worldwide and in Israel, where the prisoners are jailed.

A statement released by the prisoners read; "Increasingly, we feel unsafe inside Israeli jails, as the Coronavirus is said to have spread in many world countries and in Israel itself. Recently, the Israeli government has reportedly announced a series of preventive measures for its' own citizens, while it continues to neglect us, despite the relevant international laws that stipulate the proper treatment for us. What if the Corona virus plagues us."

Currently, Israel holds approximately 5,000 Palestinian prisoners, including more than 150 juveniles and 43 women. Despite the signing of the Oslo peace accords by Israel in 1993, the Israeli policy of detaining Palestinians has not ended.

Extracted from <https://imemc.org/article/palestinians-prisoners-in-israeli-jails-appeal-for-their-safety/>

WEBINAR: Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners Thurs. 16th April @ 6pm

To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/v5QufuGrqT4tBXhhIMJVsGvjD1CEVmUEYw>

Join this informative webinar focusing on the treatment of Palestinian prisoners and child detainees and discussing UK actions to get involved with!

SPEAKERS

Brad Parker, Defence for Children International - Palestine

Randa Wahbe, Addameer Prisoner Support & Human Rights Association

Louise Regan (Chair), Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Day of Solidarity with the Palestinians Nakba 14th May

Between 1947 and 1949, Zionist paramilitary forces ethnically cleansed and eradicated over 500 villages and towns in Palestine, displacing 750,000 Palestinians and taking over 78% of the land. Palestinians call this process the 'Nakba', or catastrophe.



Today, an estimated 7 million Palestinian refugees are scattered around the world. 5 million live in refugee camps in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. These refugees are denied their right of return by Israel; a right demanded by tens of thousands of Palestinians protesting in Gaza over the last year. To date, at least 351 protesters at the 'Great March of Return' have been killed inside Gaza by Israeli snipers, including journalists and children. A further 7000 protesters have been wounded by live ammunition. This treatment of Palestinian civilians is not exceptional; the Nakba did not end in 1948. Israel routinely uses lethal violence against Palestinian civilians; demolishes Palestinian homes and villages; imposes apartheid policies upon Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories; colonises Palestinian land through unlawful settlement building; and imprisons both adults and children in a military detention system notorious for torture and ill-treatment.

<https://www.palestinecampaign.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/Nakba-Factsheet-2017-2.pdf>

We had planned a protest at the Town Hall but Covid 19 ended that idea. We are organising a film for 14th May.

We hope people will put a Palestinian flag or picture up in their windows on 14th May.

Sheffield PSC and the Children's Centres, Gaza:

As an organisation, we have been strongly connected to the people of Gaza for quite some time. The Children's Centres which we support are one expression of our solidarity and commitment. There are three long-established projects (Afaq Jadeeda/New Horizons

in Nusseirat Refugee Camp, Never Stop Dreaming in Khan Younis; Al Asria in Jabalia Refugee camp). Our latest project has a name that speaks for itself: The Healing Centre. Each project has developed its own service and together they make an important contribution to children's well-being - not least by showing we stand with them.

Never has this work been more needed. To find out more, including how to support the projects, please click the link below."

<http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/childrensprojects.pdf>