

Gaza: End the Siege

Since Israel launched air strikes and a ground invasion in July, around 2000 Palestinians, mainly civilians and including 400 children, have died. As Palestinian unions wrote on 6 August:

“Our hospitals, ambulances, and medical staff are all under attack while on duty. Doctors and paramedics are being killed while evacuating the dead.

This is our third massacre in six years. When not being slaughtered, we remain under siege, an illegal collective punishment of the entire population.

Under Siege

Fishermen are shot and killed if they stray beyond a 3 km limit imposed unilaterally by Israel. Farmers are shot harvesting their crops within a border area imposed unilaterally by Israel. Gaza has become the largest open-air prison, a concentration camp since 2006.

This time, we want an end to this unprecedented crime against humanity committed with the complicity and support



Gaza 9 July 2014 boy killed by Israeli airstrike

of your own governments!

We are not asking for charity. We are demanding solidarity,

because we know that until Israel is isolated and sanctioned, these horrors will be repeated.” →



March 2013 fishermen's flotilla protests blockade



To resolve the Gaza crisis, Palestinians demand that Israel end the Siege, open the borders and coastal waters, and release political prisoners who were freed and then rearrested. You can support these just demands, and full Palestinian human rights, through economic pressure — Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS).

G4S

The company hired by Liverpool City Council for crowd management at the International Music Festival supplies security systems to Israeli prisons and detention centres where Palestinians, including children, are detained and frequently tortured after being illegally transferred from the Occupied Territories. That breaks the 4th Geneva Convention.

Please tell the Council you agree with Liverpool writers and creatives including Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Jimmy McGovern, Alexi Sayle, David Morrissey, Pete Wylie and hundreds of others, the Council should end all its contracts with G4S.
change.org/en-GB/petitions/cancel-contracts-with-security-company-g4s-complicit-with-israel-s-illegal-actions

Boycott

Please boycott all Israeli produce. If goods are unlabelled, complain to the management. All supermarkets sell Israeli produce, but the Co-op does not trade with companies like Hadiklaim and Mehadrin which export from the illegal settlements

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on the West Bank. So far, Sainsbury has refused to match the Co-op. Tesco is full of settlement goods. M&S sells Israeli fruit, veg, Delta Galil textiles, and Hadiklaim products. Asda sells Sodastream drinks machines, manufactured in an illegal settlement industrial zone. **We ask supermarket workers to raise concerns through their union, which should support BDS.**

Arms trade

The jets, helicopters, missiles and drones attacking Gaza depend on the global arms trade. UK military export licences to Israel are worth nearly £8bn. **Tell your MP the government should impose an arms embargo on Israel.** Barclays Bank invests £7.3bn in the arms trade, including Israeli drone firm Elbit, Lockheed Martin, Boeing... **Find a better bank.** BAe funds research at the University of Liverpool while a BAe subsidiary upgrades F-16s in Israel. **Help us investigate and challenge military research at the University.**

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