



Apartheid Off Campus: UK Universities Must Stop Arming Israel



Israel's system of unjust power continues to intensify, and life for Palestinians under occupation is reaching breaking point. Israel's nation state law officially codifies its long-existing apartheid system against Palestinian citizens of Israel, illegal settlement expansion continues to swallow up Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and Palestinians in Gaza have yet again been massacred with impunity during the Great March of Return – all of which is – made possible by the complicity and funding of government's like Britain's, and of our own institutions and universities.

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) is a peaceful strategy that people of conscience around the world are using to stand up for justice in Palestine. Boycott is a traditional and effective form of people power and has been used by civil and human rights campaigners throughout history. With BDS we

are showing companies that profiting from occupation and discrimination is not acceptable. And we are holding Israel to account where our government has failed to act.

As Israel seeks to consolidate its grip over Palestinian land beyond the point of no return, the need to accelerate and strengthen our campaigning is more crucial than ever. The Palestinian-led BDS movement has proved the most effective tactic for global solidarity. Collectively we can expose and help end UK universities' complicity with Israeli apartheid.

People & Planet began their fossil free campaign just over 10 years ago, and now over 2/3 of UK universities have divested. Students in the UK have the ability to emulate these results and ensure UK universities divest from Israeli apartheid.

Now is the time to stand up and to join the movement and call for an end to the unlawful occupation and siege. We are calling for equality and justice. This year, let's make it

right for Palestine and demand UK universities divest for Palestine!

NATIONAL STUDENT BDS CONFERENCE 2018 REPORT

Students from over 35 different UK universities converged in Manchester on the 1st-2nd September for a national conference on campus Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaigning.

The two day gathering included workshops on researching universities' complicity with Israeli apartheid, effective divestment campaigning, building coalitions on campus, winning the case for BDS, media as a campaign tool, and mobilisation and 'rapid reaction' on campus.

As well as gaining new skills and knowledge, sharing tips from BDS victories and building new links, students heard from a range of speakers including Huda Ammori of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), Alia Malak of War on Want's Palestine Solidarity Project and Alys Samson Estapé from the BNC National Committee.

If you missed the opportunity to attend the conference and would like resources, advice or a divestment campaign workshop for your society, contact: huda.ammori@palestinecampaign.org

Report of the conference: <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/uk-student-conference-driving-forward-campus-bds/>

BDS targets

HSBC

HSBC holds shares in several arms companies which supply the Israeli military with weapons used regularly in attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These include Elbit Systems which makes drones used by Israel in Gaza. It was recently revealed that Elbit's Hermes 450 drone was part of a 2014 attack in which four Palestinian children were killed on a beach in Gaza while playing football. In total, HSBC holds over £800m worth of shares in, and is involved in syndicated loans worth over £19bn to, companies that sell weapons and military equipment to the Israeli government. HSBC is part of the chain of complicity.

Hewlett Packard

HP doesn't just sell computers and printers. It also profits from the oppression of Palestinians. HP

developed the "BASEL" system used at Israeli checkpoints to track and racially profile Palestinians by collecting their biometric data and heavily controlling their movements. HP also provides IT infrastructure used by the Israeli Navy to orchestrate the blockade of Gaza.

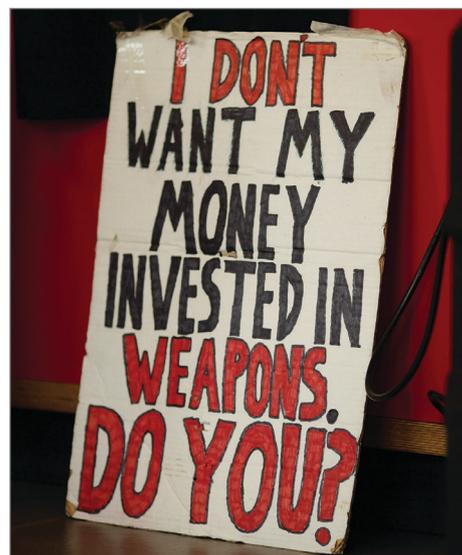
More at: stophp.uk

Caterpillar

Caterpillar breaks international law by creating and continuing to supply armed bulldozers, the main purpose being to demolish Palestinian homes, land and public spaces. The same bulldozing company was responsible for killing American activist Rachel Corrie.

Stop Arming Israel

Trading arms with Israel makes the UK complicit in Israel's continuing violations of human rights and international law. Though Israel routinely uses lethal weapons to wound and kill Palestinian civilians,



UK-made weapons and military technologies continue to be sold to and used by the occupying Israeli forces. UK universities are also conducting research and/or commercialising their research which often ends up in the hands of Israel's arms trade. PSC works with a network of agencies as part of the Stop Arming Israel Campaign to increase pressure on the UK government to end its arms trade with Israel and for UK institutions to end their complicity.

On 3 November 2018, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign will be hosting a conference in London bringing together experts from around the world to examine how the system of apartheid is imposed upon Palestinians. We will look at the response required from activists to support the Palestinian struggle, principally through the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Join us at this unique conference to learn from leading experts about Israel's system of apartheid, and help us organise against it, standing with Palestinians in their fight for freedom and equality.

Get your ticket at www.palestinecampaign.org/events/apartheid-conference-2018/



What you can do

1. Build a BDS Campaign

Start a BDS campaign on your campus to pressure your university to end their complicity with Israeli apartheid. For more information on how to do so, make sure to read "A 10 step guide to starting a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Campaign on Campus. Copies available from the PSC and an online version is available on our website

2. Add your signature

Sign petitions and see our other online actions on the PSC website.

3. Get political

Student communities are a vital part

of the local democracy. Make sure your elected representatives who understand their role in supporting your campaign initiatives and ending the occupation and blockade.

Join Palestine Solidarity Campaign – Palestine urgently needs your support.

Students can join PSC for just £1 a month (£12 annual subscription).

You'll enjoy access to all the information you need to take part in our Parliamentary lobbying, our boycott campaigns, our actions, our media work and much more. You'll also be first to hear about our events, demonstrations and conferences.

Join: online at www.palestinecampaign.org/join or call the office on 020 7700 6192.

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