

# BE INFORMED

BDS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

[bdsmovement.net](http://bdsmovement.net)

PALESTINIAN CAMPAIGN FOR  
THE ACADEMIC & CULTURAL  
BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

[pacbi.org](http://pacbi.org)

WHO PROFITS?

[whoprofits.org](http://whoprofits.org)

# GET INVOLVED

WE DIVEST

[wedivest.org](http://wedivest.org)

U.S. CAMPAIGN TO END  
THE OCCUPATION

[endtheoccupation.org](http://endtheoccupation.org)

US CAMPAIGN FOR THE ACADEMIC  
AND CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

[usacbi.org](http://usacbi.org)

ARTISTS AGAINST APARTHEID

[artistsagainstapartheid.org](http://artistsagainstapartheid.org)

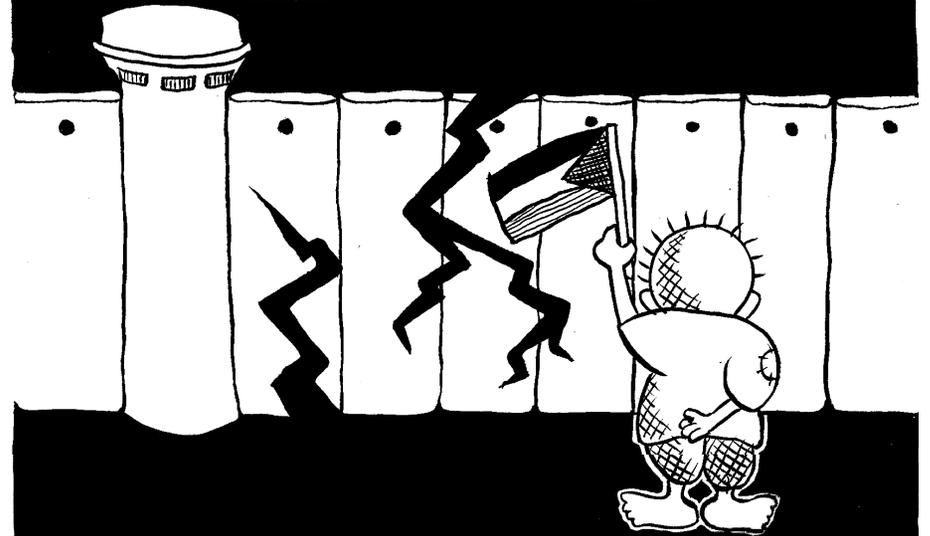
PUNKS AGAINST APARTHEID

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# BDS



## WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS.

*by leila abdul razzaq*



ON 9 July 2005, PALESTINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR **BOYCOTT**, **DIVESTMENT**, & **SANCTIONS** AGAINST ISRAEL UNTIL IT COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

# ISRAELI APARTHEID

**WE**  
**BOYCOTT,**  
**DIVEST FROM,**  
**& SANCTION**

TO ATTACK  
 MECHANISMS  
 THAT SUSTAIN  
 OPPRESSION.

IN THE TRADITIONS  
 OF THE U.S. CIVIL  
 RIGHTS AND SOUTH  
 AFRICAN ANTI-  
 APARTHEID MOVEMENTS.

TO CHALLENGE  
 OUR OWN  
 COMPLICITY  
 IN THE  
 OCCUPATION.

IN SUPPORT OF  
 UNIVERSAL  
 HUMAN RIGHTS

TO HOLD ISRAEL  
 ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
 ITS HUMAN RIGHTS  
 VIOLATIONS.

BECAUSE IT IS THE  
 REQUEST OF PALESTINIANS  
 ON THE GROUND  
 TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
 COMMUNITY.

WE ARE PALESTINIANS, ARABS, AMERICANS,  
 ISRAELIS, MUSLIMS, JEWS, CHRISTIANS, AND  
 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
 WORKING TOGETHER TO OPPOSE OPPRESSION  
 AND INJUSTICE.



# MANY WELL-KNOWN FIGURES SUPPORT BDS.



DESMOND TUTU

JUST AS WE SAID DURING APARTHEID THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR INT'L ARTISTS TO PERFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA IN A SOCIETY FOUNDED ON DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND RACIAL EXCLUSIVITY, SO IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR CAPE TOWN OPERA TO PERFORM IN ISRAEL.

ALICE WALKER

IT IS TIME FOR US, EN MASSE, TO ... SIT DOWN IN THE FRONT OF THE ONLY BUS WE HAVE: OUR VERY LIVES... TO SUPPORT BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS (BDS) AGAINST ISRAEL TO END THE OCCUPATION OF GAZA AND THE WEST BANK.



ROGER WATERS

BDS IS... WORLDWIDE, AND THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, AMONG THEM MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS LIKE MYSELF, WHO FEEL THAT ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION... IS ENTIRELY WRONG... AND MUST BE REVERSED BY ALL MEASURES POSSIBLE... [BDS] IS A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE, NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL TOOL.

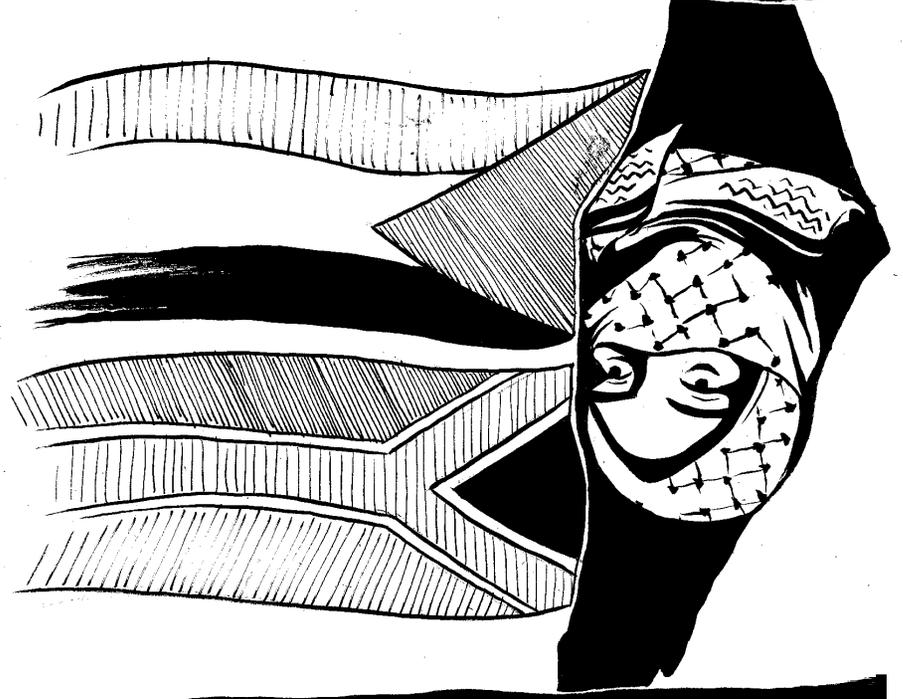
**BDS** IS A RESISTANCE TACTIC.

The call demands that Israel meets its obligations under international law and implements...

- 1) The end of the illegal occupation and colonization of all Arab lands, and the dismantling of the apartheid wall.
- 2) The fundamental rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality.
- 3) The right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.



HISTORICALLY, BOYCOTT HAS BEEN USED BY PALESTINIANS AS A RESISTANCE TACTIC DURING THE 1936-1939 REVOLT AGAINST THE BRITISH MANDATE, AND DURING THE FIRST INTIFADA DURING THE 1980s.

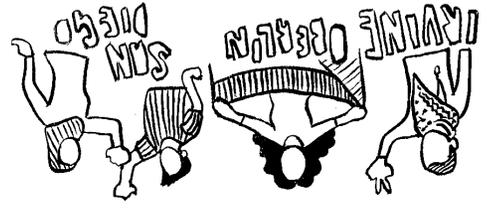


BDS AS WE KNOW IT TODAY WAS INSPIRED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOYCOTT AND DIVESTMENT MOVEMENT, WHICH EVENTUALLY HELPED TO TOPPLE THE APARTHEID REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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# BDS WORKS!

VICTORIES INCLUDE...



2013/ Divestment resolutions passed at Universities



2013/ Stephen Hawking pulls out of the Israeli Presidential Conference in support of BDS.



2011/ DePaul Sabra hummus boycott.

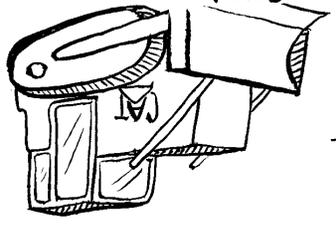


Many artists have also refused to perform or display work in Israel.

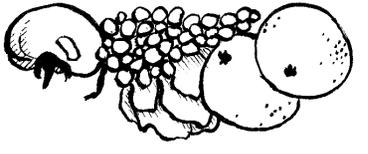
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2013/ Ridges to end contracts at Israeli checkpoints, prisons, and police stations by 2015.

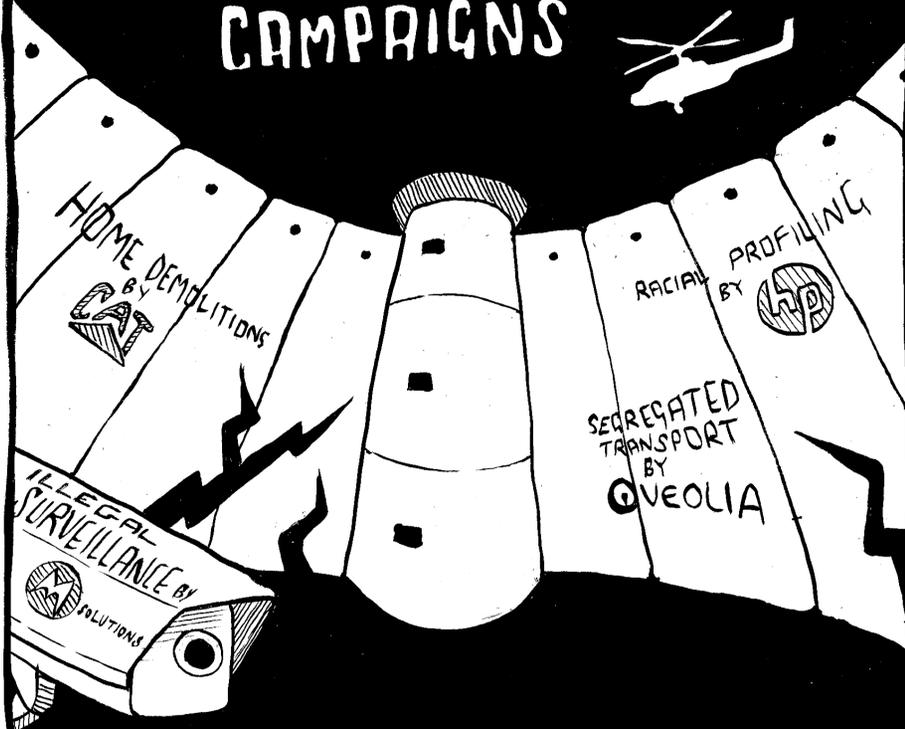


2012/ TIAA-CREF divests from Caterpillar in its Social Choice fund.



2010/ Olympia food co-op begins boycott of all Israeli goods.

# DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGNS



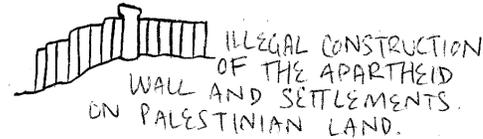
TARGET COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM ISRAEL'S CRIMES. THEY CALL ON INSTITUTIONS TO DIVEST THEIR SHARES FROM THESE COMPANIES, AND URGE THEM TO CEASE COMPLICIT ACTIVITIES.

THE CALL FOR BDS IS A RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST THE INDIGENOUS PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

FOR EXAMPLE...



DETENTION AND TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS



ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE APARTHEID WALL AND SETTLEMENTS ON PALESTINIAN LAND.

SYSTEMIZED RACISM: CHECKPOINTS AND THE PERMIT SYSTEM



MILITARY BRUTALITY AGAINST PEACEFUL PROTESTORS



COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT OF GAZANS VIA MILITARY ASSAULT + THE SIEGE.

