



Canadian BDS Coalition

...working together to promote justice for Palestinians.

Canadian BDS Coalition 2023 report

The Canadian BDS Coalition

The following is a report on the work of the Canadian BDS Coalition during 2023. Our 20+ member organizations include country-wide, regional and local groups from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island.

The Canadian BDS Coalition was formed in 2016 to bring together organizations in Canada that support the call for boycott, divestment and sanctions in support of the Palestinian Civil Society Call.

About the Canadian BDS Coalition

The Canadian BDS Coalition is comprised of groups in Canada that support the global Boycott Israel movement targeting Israel's system of settler-colonialism, occupation, and apartheid towards the Palestinian people.

The Canadian BDS Coalition currently has member groups from across the country, as well as a number of national organizations. Read more about our members near the end of the report. See our [Canadian BDS Coalition Members](#).

The Canadian BDS Coalition is composed of pro-Palestine solidarity groups across Canada and works independently in support of boycott, divestment and sanctions activities against Israel, within the Canadian context, addressing local challenges and concerns.

Read our [Basis of Unity](#).

Coalition Campaigns from Shut Down Elbit/Shame on Scotiabank to boycott apartheid wine, to military embargo, to divest from Canada's public pensions, learn more about the campaigns that you can work on for a free Palestine! [Check out our current campaigns](#).

Read more about the various accomplishments of the Canadian BDS Coalition and affiliated organizations, as well as BDS as an international solidarity movement in our 2023 report.

What is BDS?

BDS, or boycott, divestment and sanctions, is a strategy that allows people of conscience around the world to play an effective role in the Palestinian struggle for justice.

For many decades, calls for boycott have been part of the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

<https://bdscoalition.ca/about-bds/>

In July 2005, Palestinian civil society organizations issued a call for a campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights. A truly global movement against Israeli Apartheid is rapidly emerging in response to this call.

The Canadian BDS Coalition works to confront the complicity of Canadian and multinational corporations and governments in the ongoing Israeli occupation, apartheid and colonialism inflicted upon the Palestinian people.

The Founding of the Canadian BDS Coalition

The inaugural conference call was held in April 2016, with the indication that there was interest in moving towards a shared Basis of Unity in support of the Palestinian civil society call for boycott, divestment and sanctions.

The Canadian BDS Coalition is composed of pro-Palestine solidarity groups across Canada and works independently in support of boycott, divestment and sanctions activities against Israel, within the Canadian context, addressing local challenges and concerns. [Read the full Basis of Unity.](#)

[Learn more](#) about the Coalition.

Over the almost eight years there have been 20+ member groups from across Canada. See the [current members](#) of the Canadian BDS Coalition.

Social Media Presence

Check out the Canadian BDS Coalition at:

Twitter: [@Canadian_BDS](https://twitter.com/Canadian_BDS)

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bdscoalition/>

Web Site: <https://bdscoalition.ca/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BDSCoalition>.

The Canadian BDS Coalition has a mailing list of about 20,000 and sends out regular action updates. You can subscribe at: <https://bdscoalition.ca/contact/> (scroll down to “sign up for updates”)

Check out [Canadian BDS Victories](#)



A few of our victories over the years.

Feature campaign: check out “Apartheid-Free” organizations and businesses and “Boycott/List of Shame”

Apartheid-Free Zones and the Boycott/Shame List



At the Canadian BDS Coalition, one of the questions we receive most frequently is: “Which products and businesses should we boycott? Which businesses should we support, if we want to support Palestinian rights and liberation?”

Of course, the campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions isn’t just about individual consumer choices — it’s about building collective power and challenging Israeli apartheid through cultural boycott, academic boycott and military embargo, in addition to the economic boycott of Israeli products and products produced by corporations profiting from the occupation. However, there are some key companies and products that are the targets of national and global boycott campaigns that we highlight on our “**List of Shame.**” This list also highlights Canadian companies that profit from occupation or that donate to, support and market occupation products. We view this list as a helpful tool to help individuals decide how to direct their shopping — but also for local Palestine solidarity groups, labour unions, social justice campaigners and others to find intersections around corporate complicity and determine local targets for campaigning.

Of course, we also want to highlight the businesses, organizations, labour unions, social enterprises and others that are committed to having apartheid-free spaces, **Apartheid-Free Zones.** These are businesses or organizations or community spaces that have committed to support the three principles of the BDS

campaign, namely that Israel must meet its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully comply with the precepts of international law by:

1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the 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.

Apartheid-Free Zones are spaces of active solidarity with Palestine, and we invite your business, organization or space to officially become apartheid-free and commit to these principles!

We invite you to let us know about complicit companies and businesses, and to designate your organization or business an apartheid-free zone and list it here! Follow the links below to read the list of Apartheid-Free Zones, the List of Shame, and to nominate Apartheid-Free businesses or to warn about complicit companies.

- [**Apartheid-Free Businesses and Organizations List**](#)
- [**Boycott List/List of Shame**](#)
- [**Nominate an Apartheid-Free Business or Organization**](#)
- [**Inform us about a Complicit Company for the Boycott List/List of Shame**](#)

Check out:

- [Shame on Canadian Media](#)
- [Retailers selling Israeli products and supporting Israeli military and other pro Israel activities](#)
- [Corporate pro-Israel sponsor shame list](#)
- [Canadian financial institutions supporting apartheid Israel](#)
- [Canada Political Shame List](#)

During the last several months of 2023, the website views increased to about 15K views a week, with many of these being the shame list.

2023 Campaign Highlights

Action you can take: [Letters you can send](#) (updated December 2023)

Feature Campaign

Activists around the world vow to #ShutElbitDown



Activists around the world vow to **#ShutElbitDown**. This **Shame on Scotiabank/Shut Elbit Down** campaign of the Canadian BDS Coalition gained momentum with actions across the country throughout the year, including at the Scotiabank headquarter and at the Giller Prize Ceremony.

Read more: [Activists around the world vow to #ShutElbitDown](#)

[Photo/Video Highlights from Vancouver Nov. 18 Rally/March , Shame on Scotiabank, #ShutElbitDown, November 21, 2023](#)

[Shame on Scotia Bank for funding genocide: Shut down Elbit comes to the Scotia Giller Prize and Scotia HQ, November 20, 2023](#)

[Photo Gallery Week of Action: Shame on ScotiaBank, #ShutElbitDown, September 25, 2023](#)

[Week of Action: September 16-23, 2023: Tell Scotiabank–Divest from Elbit Systems, Divest from War Crimes \(poster & downloadable leaflet\), August 26, 2023](#)

[Join the campaign to let Scotiabank know that we are not going to sit idly by while they invest in Israeli war crimes, June 18, 2023](#)

[Scotiabank #ShutElbitDown, June 8, 2023](#)

2023 Ramadan: Boycott Israeli dates. Break fast with Palestinian Medjoul
This Ramadan pledge to not buy Apartheid Medjoul

For the fifth year the Canadian BDS Coalition provided information to support boycotting apartheid Medjoul and souring Palestinian medjoul

BOYCOTT ISRAELI DATES!

75% of Medjoul dates are marketed as "Products of Israel" - grown on stolen Palestinian land. Of those, the majority are grown on illegal Israeli colonial settlements on the Palestinian West Bank. **Don't break your fast with apartheid!**



DON'T BUY THESE DATES OF APARTHEID:

WATCH OUT! CHECK THE LABEL:

In past years, Golden Valley Dates in Canada have been Israeli Apartheid products. This year, Golden Valley has brought in authentic Palestinian dates from Palestine Gardens/Sinnokrot. **Be careful - check the label!**

BUY THESE PALESTINIAN PRODUCTS AND SUPPORT JUSTICE!

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News / March 22, 2023, About 200 people have committed to check their local retailers across Canada and beyond, and to let any retailers know that if they are carrying Israeli apartheid medjoul this Ramadan, that is haram. People from Saskatoon, London, Montreal, Nepean, Calgary, Toronto, Edmonton, Elora, Mississauga, Ottawa, St. Anthony, Courtney, Guelph, Holland's Landing, Kelowna, Halifax, ... [Read More »](#)

Take Action: Letter Campaign to Tell International Cellars to Stop Profiting off Israeli War Crimes

The long standing don't drink with Apartheid campaign continued, with action related to telling International Cellars to stop profiting against war crimes



[International Cellars Inc: Wine Merchants or War Crimes Profiteers](#), February 22, 2023

People were invited to join the Canada Palestine Association, Canadian BDS Coalition and Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network to expose and denounce companies and governments complicit in Israeli war crimes — specifically International Cellars. End War Crimes Profiteering! **#BoycottIsraeliApartheid** Send a letter here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-international-cellars-to-stop-profiting-off-israeli-war-crimes>

Bringing the Fruits of Colonization to Your Store Shelves! Wine Merchants ... [Read More »](#)

Apartheid is not Stylish

RETAIL BOYCOTT CALLOUT

Israeli FOX GROUP

Fox Group Canada is an Israeli retailer, managing four brands in 33 locations across Canada; **NIKE Canada**, **MANGO Canada**, **FOX Home Canada** and **LALINE Canada**. Fox Group is planning to open multiple new stores across Canada over the next ten years. FOX GROUP ISRAEL operates Nike Israel, Mango Israel, Foot Locker Israel, American Eagle, Aerie, Shilav, Billabong, Quicksilver, Yanga, SACK's, The Children's Place, Flying Tiger-Copenhagen Israel, Dream Sport, Disney Licensee, Jumbo Greece, Minene, Sunglass Hut, Ruby Bay, and Boardriders, in Israeli colonies/settlements, occupied East Jerusalem and apartheid Israel.



Canadian retailers in Israel

ALDO GROUP (CALL IT SPRING & GLOBO SHOES)

There are about 20 store locations across apartheid Israel, and Ramot in occupied East Jerusalem

LULULEMON

Now operates in apartheid Israel and plans to expand.

Israeli NAOT Shoes

Naot Shoes operates in the illegal Gush Etzion settlement and across apartheid Israel. There are six retail locations in Canada. As well, many other shoe stores, as Naot Footwear, Walking on a Cloud, Ovation Shoes, SoftMoc, and Call it Spring.

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News / December 15, 2023, Apartheid Israel opens up business in Canada Fox Group Nike Canada, Laline Canada, Mango Canada or Fox Home. These brands are now managed by Fox Group, an Israeli based retailer. Fox retails four brands in Canada. Read more: [Apartheid is not Stylish](#)

BOYCOTT LALINE

LALINE IS AN ISRAELI BEAUTY BRAND COMPANY, THAT SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S PRO-APARTHEID ACTIVITIES. THEY USE ARGAN OIL AND DEAD SEA PRODUCTS WHICH ARE OFTEN EXTRACTED ILLEGALLY FROM PALESTINIAN LANDS. THESE PRODUCTS ARE LINKED TO THE COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF ISRAEL'S COLONIES (A.K.A. "SETTLEMENTS"), TARGETED AS PART OF THE BOYCOTT OF APARTHEID ISRAEL.



LOCATIONS

- 1680 Richmond St U033A, London, ON
- 1800 Sheppard Ave E, North York, ON
- 2960 Kingsway Dr, Kitchener, ON
- 3401 Dufferin St, North York, ON
- 300 Borough Dr, Scarborough, ON
- 25 The West Mall, Etobicoke, ON
- 5000 Hwy 7, Markham, ON
- 220 Yonge St, Toronto, ON
- 419 King St, Oshawa - ON

Boycott Laline. Nothing beautiful about apartheid. Locations in Canada.

[Read More »](#)

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Boycott Puma until they are apartheid-free!



News / December 15, 2023

PUMA has announced it will end its sponsorship of Israel's national soccer league (the IFA) in 2024. PUMA's announcement comes in the midst of Israel's genocidal violence in Gaza and it follows years of international pressure against PUMA for its sponsorship of the IFA.

The Canadian BDS Coalition has pointed out that PUMA signed a multi-year partnership in August 2021 with Maccabi worth millions of dollars. The Maccabi Playtika Tel Aviv play with Puma uniforms and exact copies of the uniforms are available for purchase in the club's stores. The Canadian BDS Coalition has indicated that their support for boycotting Puma would continue as long as this and any other apartheid agreements are in place. Read more



Puma Toronto Women's Run Series: Apartheid is not stylish, February 13, 202

Support the Call from Palestinian Christian Churches



News / December 13, 2023

Palestinian Christian churches have called for canceling “unnecessary festive activities” in the Holy Land; the Canadian BDS coalition urges all our supporters to heed this call from our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters, the first believers and guardians of the Christian holy places. We call on Canadian churches, Canadians of conscience and all those who ...[**Read More »**](#)

[Several thousand letters](#) were sent over several days to the Canadian Council of Churches & its members churches.

Boycott Tempo and its many associated brands

BOYCOTT TEMPO

TARGET THE TOP BRANDS
(LOGOS HIGHLIGHTED HERE)

BEVERAGES

- PEPSI (ALL PEPSI BRANDS)
- TROPICANA
- MIRINDA
- GATORADE
- MOUNTAIN DEW
- GATORADE
- GATORADE ZERO
- OCEANSPRAY
- MANZANITS SOL
- 7UP
- LIPTON
- BUBLE
- MSUCLE MILK
- AQUAFINA
- PROPEL
- SIERRA MIST
- ALVALLE (VEGETABLE SOUP)
- EVOLVE PROTEIN BEVERAGE
- HEALTH WARRIOR
- LIFE WTR
- TAZO (TEA)
- PURE LEAF
- ROCKSTAR
- SODASTREAM
- SIMPLY (FRUIT JUICE)
- SOBE
- SOULBOOST
- STARRY
- STARBUCKS BEVERAGES
- YATCHACK ENERGY TEA
- PERRIER
- SAN PELLEGRINO
- AQUA PANNA
- NESTLE WATER
- CULLIGAN WATER

PLEASE REVIEW **WHY** TEMPO AND
IT'S PARTNERS HAVE HONOURED
'THE BOYCOTT LIST OF SHAME'.

OTHER

- NUT HARVEST
- ROLD GOLD (PRETZELS)
- CAP'N CRUNCH (CEREAL)
- BARE SNACKS (FRIED DRUIT SNACKS)
- GAMESA (COOKIES)
- GRANDMA'S (COOKIES)
- SABRA (HUMMUS)
- JACK LINKS (JERKY)
- QUAKER (OATS)
- PASTA RONI (PASTA)
- PEARL MILLING COMPANY (MAPLE SYRUP)
- ELITE CHOCOLATE

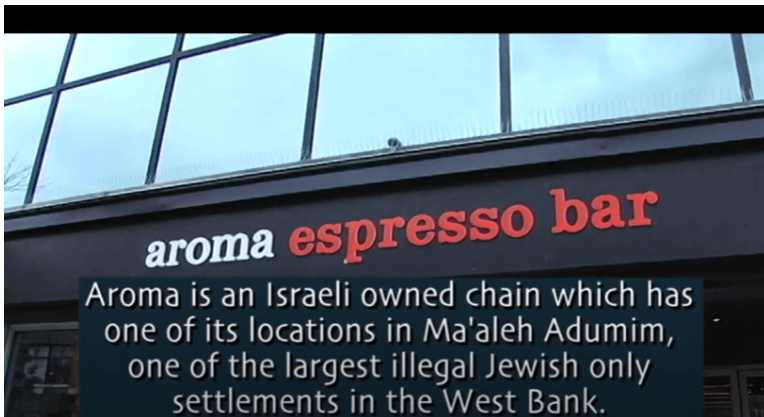
CHIPS

- SUNCHIPS
- LAYS
- FUNYUNS
- FRITOS
- CHEETOS
- DORITOS
- TOSTITOS
- SANITAS
- RUFFLES
- CHESTERS
- HILO LIFE
- MUNCHOS
- MUNCHIES
- SABRITAS
- MAUI STYLE
- MISS VICKIES
- RED ROCK DELI
- STACY'S
- NATUCHIPS
- SABRITONES
- RUFFLES

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“Tempo Beverages and its subsidiaries are the exclusive distributors to the Occupied West Bank, benefiting from access to a captive Palestinian market. [Read More »](#)”



Aroma supports Israeli military and settlements, complicity with war crimes does not taste good A private Israeli chain of coffee shops. The company operates branches in Canada and other places. The company operates a branch in the settlement of Maale Adumim in the occupied West Bank, and buys milk from settler dairy farms.

**“Our brands stem from the same heart”
Apartheid, not a “playful style”**

ALDO
GROUP



ALDO

CALL IT SPRING

GLOBO

Take Action: Tell Aldo that Apartheid is not a “playful style”

Aldo is complicit with Israeli war crimes and apartheid is a crime. Aldo has been identified by the Israeli research organization, Who Profits, as a company operating in the colonial settlement neighborhood of Ramot in occupied East Jerusalem. [Read More »](#)

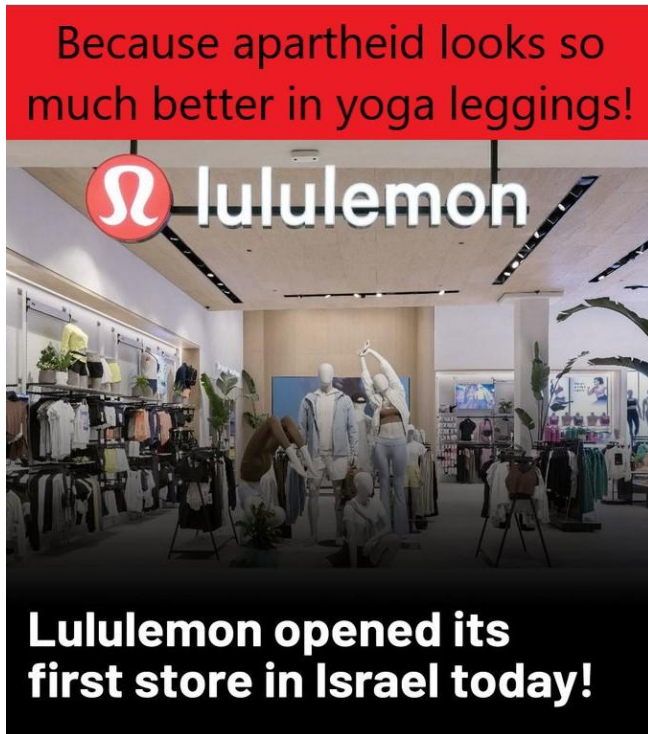


Boycotting Indigo & No subsidies for war crimes

News / December 17, 2023

#BoycottIndigo The Canadian BDS Coalition endorsed the following Take action: Write a letter to Canada Revenue Agency: No subsidies for war crimes—investigate HESEG Foundation, Also learn more about the Indigo and HESEG connection Solidarity with the Peace 11. **Boycotting Indigo & No subsidies for war crimes**

Lululemon: Dressing up Apartheid!



News / June 8, 2023

Recently, Lululemon opened its first store in Israel and apparently has plans to open seven more. Zionists seem to be excited, and even the Israeli consulate general in Toronto posted about the opening. It would seem nothing dresses up apartheid

<https://bdscoalition.ca/2023/07/15/take-action-lululemon-dressing-up-apartheid/> like yoga leggings! The Coalition joins in a campaign calling for a boycott of lululemon.

Lululemon: Dressing up Apartheid!
[Read More »](#)



[Take Action: Lululemon Dressing up Apartheid!](#)

News / July 15, 2023

Lululemon recently opened its first store in Israel and has plans to open seven more. Israeli officials were quick to promote the inaugural opening. Even the Israeli consulate general in Toronto tweeted about it, expressing how “excited” they were. It would seem nothing dresses up apartheid like yoga leggings! Take Action: write to lululemon CEO Calvin McDonald, [Read More »](#)



#BoycottZara ramps up, the chair for the Israeli franchise is a Canadian-Israeli who hosted MK Ben-Gvir in 2022

News / December 12, 2023

In October 2022, the Canadian BDS Coalition joined the Palestine call to #BoycottZara after Canadian-Israeli Joey Schwebel, the chair of the Israeli franchisee for Zara, hosted right-wing MK Itamar Ben-Gvir for a political gathering leading to calls from Palestinians in historic Palestine (1948) to call for #BoycottZara.

Shame: Montreal company as the authorized supplier for the Israel Ministry of Defense: water bottles & coffee mugs for the Israeli military



News / December 12, 2023

A Montreal based authorized supplier for the Israel Ministry of Defense—providing bottles and mugs to the Israeli military! Watch for products on Amazon, in stores and from their own site. Even as genocide and war crimes continue, asobu shows its pro Israel

support. But why wouldn't they—they are an official supplier of the Israel Ministry of Defense.

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This is my last HP Stickers and Pledge

The campaign continued with people ordering stickers.



On the streets across Canada and Quebec–Stay in the Streets!

News / October 26, 2023

Over the last two weeks dozens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands and small gatherings are happening across Canada and Quebec. In big cities and in small towns. Creative, pop up, responsive actions, and large mass demonstration. Coalition members have organized and have joined others organizing, and have been attending actions organized by others. **[Read More »](#)**

RBC Prevalled in holding unethical investment in Palantir despite stocks plummeting 70% January 27, 2023

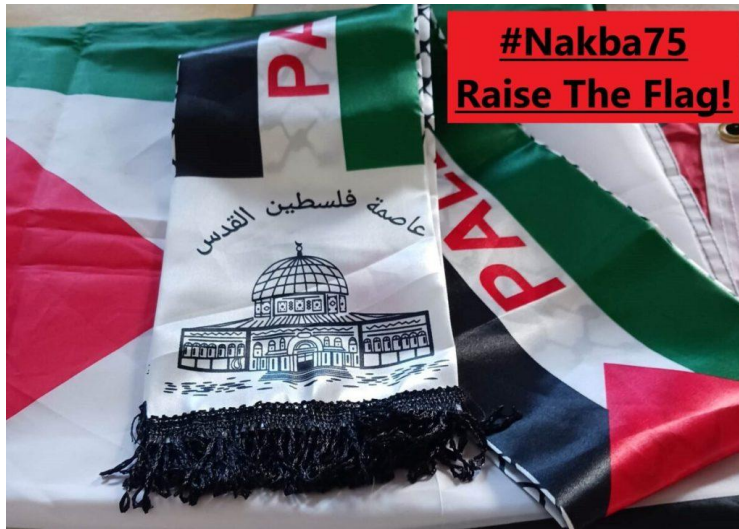


Shame on RBC: \$1.6 M Canadian “humanitarian” aid to Israel & continues to be invested in Artificial Intelligence (AI) predictive system to Israeli security forces to identify people in occupied Palestine,
October 2023

WHY IS FINANCING THIS?

We join together to call out the Royal Bank of Canada on its ongoing colonialism from Turtle Island to Palestine, March 19 2023

#Nakba75 Activist Kit: Raise The Flag



[#Nakba75 Raise the Flag. Join Actions Across the Country](#)

Events, News / May 7, 2023. The Canadian BDS Coalition urges you to join us next weekend in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and other locations at Nakba75 demonstrations. Sunday, 14 May 1 pm Vancouver Art Gallery Vancouver VANCOUVER, ALL OUT FOR PALESTINE

Until Return and Freedom! Raise the Palestinian Flag! Join us to mark 75 years of Palestinian human rights violations.

[Read More »](#)



[Nakba75 Actions from St. John's to Vancouver, from Saint John to Saskatoon, a few pictures from across Canada](#)

News / May 20, 2023

Nakba75 Actions from St. John's to Vancouver, from Saint John to Saskatoon, a few pictures from across Canada, [Read More »](#)



CANADA PENSION PLAN: DIVEST FROM ISRAELI WAR CRIMES! **#CPPDIVEST**

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[Take Action: Tell Canada Pension Plan to drop \\$10+B investments complicit with Israeli war crimes](#)

News, Take Action / June 23, 2023

The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board continues to hold \$10+ B in companies complicit with Israeli war crimes. Say no to our public pension funds supporting Israeli war crimes. **[Read More »](#)**

still \$12.5B
CDPQ has at least \$14B of Quebec public pension invested in Israeli war crimes



**Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec :
Se désinvestir des crimes de guerre israéliens!**



Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec sheds Israeli police training but still invests \$12.5 Billion of Quebec pensioners money in Israeli war crimes

News / June 12, 2023 Le français suit Immediate release June 12, 2023 Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec sheds Israeli police training but still invests \$12.5 Billion of Quebec pensioners money in Israeli war crimes On June 1, 2023, it was reported that Allied Universal had ended its complicity with Israeli war crimes due to a strong.. [Read More »](#)

La CDPQ a au moins 14 milliards de dollars de cotisants et de bénéficiaires de pensions du Québec investis dans les crimes de guerre israéliens, 20 mai 2023

CDPQ has at least \$14B of Quebec pension contributors and recipients public pension money invested in Israeli war crimes, May 20, 2023

Canada exported over \$21 million in military goods to Israel in 2022, including over \$3 million in bombs, torpedoes, missiles, and other explosives.

CANADA: STOP ARMING ISRAEL

[Canada: Stop Arming Israel](#)

News / October 18, 2023

Weapons companies across Canada are making a fortune off of the carnage in Gaza and the occupation of Palestine. As we mourn the thousands of people who have been killed in the past few weeks we refuse to stand by and allow the only true winners in war — the weapons manufacturers [Read More »](#)

[200 Workers block access to Toronto weapons-maker, L3Harris, amidst blockades at three other weapons plants arming Israel in Ontario and Quebec, Canada Stop Arming Israel, November 10, 2023](#)



[Armed Drones Killing in Palestine! Armed drones purchase underway in Canada!](#)

News/ July 6, 2023 With Israel's first ever weaponized drone strike in the Palestinian West Bank in June 2023 killing three Palestinians, including a 15-year-old boy, and the recent use of armed drone strikes in Jenin, we call for no armed drones in Canada, no armed drones anywhere! The Canadian government is moving quickly to award a contract

[Read More »](#)

STOPPING ISRAEL'S KILLER DRONES

ACTIVISTS & DRONE SURVIVORS SPEAK OUT ON SCOTIABANK/ELBIT

MOHAMMED ALZAZA
Palestinian refugee from Gaza now in Canada and a drone attack survivor.

RONNIE BARKAN
Anti-Zionist, Anti-Apartheid activist facing trial in Britain for taking direct action to shut Elbit down.



TUESDAY, JULY 18 - 7 PM
1803 E 1ST AVE, VANCOUVER

[July 18, Vancouver: Stopping Israel's Killer Drones: Scotiabank, #ShutElbitDown](#)

Events / July 13, 2023

BREAKING: After Parliament adjourned for the holiday season, the Canadian government just quietly released plans to purchase their first fleet of military armed drones

The government's own brief lays out horrifying scenarios for how these drones are to be used.

One describes surveillance of peaceful protest in Canada.

Another features a drone bombing "Fighting Age Males" in the Middle East after spotting one of them "holding a radio or cell phone."



ACT NOW
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#NoArmedDrones

[Quietly Canada purchased first fleet of military armed drones](#)

News / December 22, 2023

The Canadian BDS Coalition initiated the call in August 2021 for Canada to not proceed with the armed military drones procurement. After Parliament adjourned for the holiday season 2023, the Canadian government just quietly released plans to purchase their first fleet of military armed drones for both domestic surveillance and attacks overseas.

BOYCOTT ISRAEL

Israel also markets Halva in Canada. All sales of Israeli goods help Israel's brutal occupation of Palestine.



Be very wary of store wrapped halva, **Thrifty Foods in BC (owned by Sobeys)** carries Israeli halva which it cuts and wraps in store (It is labelled as Israeli). Other stores do not label its origin if it is from Israel.

Walmart (on line) carries PLANTX brand - made in Israel – another reason to boycott Walmart! Check the label; it is marked.



Boycott apartheid Halva BCCF in Victoria, a member of the Canadian BDS Coalition, has called for a boycott of apartheid Halva. Check out the details, and download the handout. Boycott Sadaf. Look for alternatives for Halva that are NOT apartheid.



Palestinian Solidarity Committee Saint John Podcast with Hanna Kawas

News / June 12, 2023

Congrats to Coalition member, Palestinian Solidarity Committee Saint John for their Palestine Solidarity Voices Podcast. Check out their two-part interview with Hanna Kawas, chair of the Coalition member, Canada Palestine Association. Learn about the long history of boycotts going back to 1948. [Listen »](#)



Take Action: Mount Allison should not be conferring an honorary degree for Deborah Lyons

News / May 13, 2023



No Israeli Military Visits in Canada

News / March 23, 2023

Take one minute to write to the Canadian Attorney General & Justice Minister Lametti, with copies to the presidents of Toronto Metropolitan University and University of Manitoba.

Tell Minister Lametti to take immediate steps to ensure a thorough investigation occurs before allowing Lt. Col Eyal Dror or any other current [Read More »](#)



Why did the Canadian Anti Hate Network Chair promote anti-Palestinian hate?

News / January 11, 2023

Take action: write a letter. Take a minute to write to the Board of The Canadian Anti-Hate Network. Tell them they must ask Farber to erase his tweet and apologize to those he smeared or release a statement

distancing the organization from his smear. Ask the Canadian Anti-Hate Network to make a statement condemning Regavim and the Canadian organizations ... [Read More »](#)

Other statements, campaigns and actions during the year included:

The Racist, Apartheid State Of Israel Is Offended!

News / December 22, 2023

The original article was published by Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU), a member group of the Canadian BDS Coalition, written by Bruce Katz, founding member and co-president of PAJU, on December 18, 2023

CRA asked to investigate charities supporting Israeli military

News / December 23, 2023

Original article in rabble.ca Karen Rodman, December 18, 2023 A recent access to information request by Just Peace Advocates is shining a light on the billions of dollars Canadian charities are sending overseas.

The Canadian BDS Coalition joined Joint Statement against the attack on free speech,
Canadian Music Public Affairs Council, December 1, 2023

Five Canadian MPs gone to Israel to show their solidarity with the extreme-right government,
PAJU, November 27, 2023

Israel's Bombardment of Al-Ahli Hospital, October 26, 2023

UN Database update dropped several companies but does not impact the complicity of Canada and Quebec pension plans in war crimes, July 21, 2023

Jenin invasion underlines the need for BDS in Canada: Isolate the occupier! July 6, 2023

The Coalition joins the call to Free Walid Daqqah! July 6, 2023

Scotiabank #ShutElbitDown, June 8, 2023

Ontario NDP to apologize to Sarah Jama and stand in solidarity with detained Palestinians, May 5, 2023

The Harmful Impact of Raising the Israeli Flag on Palestinian Residents in Saint John, May 4, 2023

The Canadian BDS Coalition endorses the Liberation Conference April 24, 2023

Environmental racism and corporate colonialism revealed at RBC's AGM, April 24, 2023

FIFA removes right to host U-20 World Cup to Indonesia due to its rejection of Israel's participation, while Israeli military attack during match in Palestine, April 7, 2023

Israeli attacks on Palestinian worshippers at al-Aqsa Mosque, April 7, 2023

From Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) The Guardian: Revealed: the hacking and disinformation team meddling in elections, February 18, 2023

Civil Society Organisations Welcome Barcelona's Suspension of Institutional Relations with Israel, February 22, 2023

Banner Drops 4 Palestine (Vancouver), February 13, 2023

Irwin Cotler as a False Humanitarian, February 13, 2023

Stop the War, Stop NATO International Weekend of Action – February 23-26, 2023

Quand les terroristes appellent leurs victimes "terroristes" (PAJU), 5 février 2023

Ontario Gov't Cements Ties with Apartheid Israel (CPA-Vancouver), February 5, 2023

Canadian Taxpayers should not be subsidizing settler colonialism and its military, January 27, 2023

Coalition joins 140+ organizations in call for the Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian prisoners, January 11, 2023

Highlights over the last almost 8 years

2016-2017

Air Canada terminates their main contract with Israel Aerospace Industries

[Air Canada ends Complicity with Israel](#) This campaign launched in June 2017, built on a several year long campaign of the Canada Palestine Association. The Coalition campaign was international and included strong labour support in Canada. On November 5, 2017, the Canadian BDS Coalition announced that Air Canada had informed them that Air Canada had canceled its contract with Israel Aerospace Industries midterm.

The Canadian BDS Coalition announced this as a partial victory as Air Canada continued with a small maintenance contract with Israel Aerospace Industries and still sold Sabra products on board. See the release [here](#).

[Read our full Canadian BDS Coalition report from 2016-2017](#)

2018

[Don't Dance on the Ruins of Palestinian Childhood](#)

Over 10,000 signatures on the campaign when BC Ballet and two other organizations danced under sponsorship of the Government of Canada, and the cities of Vancouver and Montreal, at the Israeli CanaDanse Festival. The campaign was initiated by the [Canada Palestine Association](#) in Vancouver.

Not silenced! [The Canadian Court ruled](#) that Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions activists were denied free speech and campaigning rights when the City of Montreal tore down their posters highlighting an Israeli atrocity during an election campaign in Canada. This action was brought forward by [BDS Quebec, a member](#) of the Canadian BDS Coalition.

In 2018, the Israeli government declared the Canadian BDS Coalition **the only Canadian organization** on the apartheid state's strategic affairs ministry BDS 'Map of Hate.'

[Read our full Canadian BDS Coalition report from 2018](#)

2019



[Raptors Don't Go](#) declared victory

The Canadian BDS Coalition in October 2019 announced that the [#RaptorsDontGo](#) campaign has been successful. Our campaign was launched in June 2019, immediately following the Raptors victory in the NBA championship; and after team co-owner Larry Tanenbaum received [extensive coverage](#) in the Israeli media stating he would bring the team to visit Israel if they won the

championship. The Israeli Embassy in Ottawa highlighted the issue, and [tweeted](#) the Raptors promising “we’ll call you...to help with the arrangements”. [Read the full release.](#)

The Current is Cut Between [Hydro-Québec and Israel Electric](#). On August 27, the Coalition BDS Québec, a member of the Canadian BDS Coalition, published a [press release](#). Hydro Quebec immediately sent a [letter](#), signed by its chief – Public Affairs and Media, stating that the decision not to renew the HQ-IEC agreement had no political impact, which we strongly doubt. [Read more](#) including about the campaign across the country.

Also, in 2019 check out:

Partial Victory: [Bombardier pulls out](#) of Israeli settler railway

[#IVotePalestine campaign](#)

50+ Artists say [Show Courage](#) Céline

[Read our full Canadian BDS Coalition 2019 report](#)

2020

[#BoycottPuma Canadian BDS Coalition endorses letter calling on Puma to end its sponsorship of the Israel Football Association](#)

[100K+ letters sent to Canadian Members of Parliament & Diplomats in support of Palestine Human Rights Defender and the Coordinator of the BNC Mahmoud Nawajaa](#)

[After Canadian BDS Coalition campaign where 50+ artists, with strong support publically from Roger Waters, tells Celine Dion to cancel her apartheid concerts, she instead cancels her Lebanon concert, seems #BDS was getting her nervous perhaps?](#)

[Ramadan 2020: Know where your dates are from!](#)

[Boycott TEVA – Apartheid is BAD Medicine](#)

[Read our full Canadian BDS Coalition report 2020 report](#)

2021

[Don’t make us complicit in war crimes! BC Government: Stop Profiting off Israeli War Crimes](#)

[Royal Bank of Canada Colonialism from Turtle Island to Palestine](#)

[Thousands of Canadians say: CPPIB stop investing our public pension in war crimes: The third call, this one post-election](#)

[#NoIsraeliArms4Canada](#)

[The Canadian BDS Coalition supports the Statement of the International Community to Support and Protect Palestinian Civil Society](#)

[#IVotePalestine in September 20 Election](#)

[NDP and Green Candidates speak out for justice for Palestine](#)

[BDS Coalition initiates for 120 organizations globally calling for two-way arms embargo on Israel](#)

[Palestine Solidarity and the Boycott Movement: An Intergenerational Dialogue](#)

[Boycott Israeli dates. Break fast with Palestinian Medjoul](#)

[Statement of Solidarity with Samidoun](#)

[The Canadian BDS Coalition joins 550+ organizations in call to the UNHRC for Sanctions to hold Israel accountable](#)

[The Canadian BDS Coalition is pleased to join to urge: Stevie Wonder in saying no to Israeli apartheid!](#)

[Canadian BDS Coalition member group, Vegans for BDS, calls for PlantX to respect the demands of Palestinian civil society](#)

[Read our full Canadian BDS Coalition 2021 report](#)

2022

Initiated the Apartheid Free & Shame list campaign: [Apartheid-Free Zones and the Boycott/Shame List](#)

[End Two Way Military Trade Between Canada and Israel](#)

Don't Drink Apartheid: campaign by the Canada Palestine Association

[Tell the BC Government to pull Israeli Apartheid Wines Now!](#)

[Vancouver, Victoria hold new actions to highlight #BoycottIsraeliWines](#)

[International Day of Solidarity/Boycott Israeli Wines Picket in Vancouver](#)

[Boycott Israel, Boycott TEVA, Free Palestine! Solidarity with Olivia Zémor!](#)

[Dozens of fellow artists & civil society organizations ask Justin Bieber to say NO to Apartheid](#)

[Canadians continue to call on Puma \(Canadian office\) to end its complicity with Israeli Apartheid](#)

[Tell Harbourfront art-washing of apartheid is not acceptable. Cancel Israel's L-E-V troupe performance.](#)

[Boycott Apartheid, Boycott WIX](#)

[2022 Ramadan: Boycott Israeli dates. Break fast with Palestinian Medjoul](#)

[What is the CPPIB really up to?](#)

[CPPIB Invests our public pension in Israeli war crimes](#)

[Les investissements de la CDPO dans les crimes de guerre israéliens approchent les 5 % de son portefeuille](#)

[CDPO investment in Israeli War Crimes is approaching 5% of the portfolio](#)

[#IVotePalestine Ontario provincial election](#)

[Stop the smear campaigns against Palestinian Advocacy!](#)

[The Canadian BDS Coalition is part of initiating #KickOutApartheid](#)

[Stop the Race – Don't Collaborate with Israeli Apartheid](#)

[Metrobus Ads Denounce Apartheid practices of Israeli Government](#)

[The Coalition joins 105 Organizations Submission on Montreal Based WSP's Illegal Settlement Enterprise to UN Database](#)

[Canadian BDS Coalition tabled at Roger Waters concerts](#)

[The Coalition is pleased to Co-present "Boycott" with "Blacklisted" at the 2022 Toronto Palestinian Film Festival](#)

[Coalition member, Justice for Palestinians-Calgary launches #CAFOutOfCalgary](#)

[Join in Palestine initiated #BoycottZara following Canadian-Israeli Joey Schwebel, the chair of the Israeli franchisee for Zara, hosting MK Itamar Ben-Gvir](#)

[Canada Revenue Agency: end subsidies to Israeli settler colonial organization, Regavim](#)

[Read the full 2022 Report](#)

Reports from Member Organizations

CPA 2023 Year in Review – Forward to Return and Liberation!



Canada Palestine Association in Vancouver had another busy year in 2023, particularly during the last 3 months as we joined with forces all over the world to demand an end to the Israeli genocide in Gaza. From boycott campaigns (Scotiabank, Israeli wines) to Nakba75 to presentations with our indigenous brothers and sisters to weekly demos/rallies/marches/ since Oct. 7: all these actions were done to keep the voice and struggle of the Palestinians alive.

We closed out the year by joining with other allies in multiple local events (collage below) and by recommitting to uphold Palestinian liberation and to bring an end to the settler colonialist ideology of Zionism, that has unleashed so much death and destruction on the Palestinian people.

Report of CPA events, statements and other items for 2023

Events and Campaigns:

- [Tell International Cellars to Stop Profiting off Israeli War Crimes – Action Network](#)
February 19, 2023
- [Boycott Israeli Wines/Commemorate Palestine Land Day](#)
April 1, 2023

- [Nakba75 Vancouver](#)
May 14, 2023
- [Photo Gallery for Nakba75 Vancouver](#)
May 16, 2023
- [Palestinian and Indigenous Solidarity](#)
May 16, 2023
- [Lululemon: Dressing up Apartheid!](#)
May 30, 2023
- [Vancouver picket/flash action: Freedom for Walid Daqqah and Scotiabank #ShutElbitDown](#)
June 4, 2023
- [#StopScotiabank #ShutElbitDown](#)
June 14, 2023
- [Vancouver Week of Action to #ShutElbitDown](#)
July 18 & July 22, 2023
- [Photo Gallery from Vancouver Events to say Shame on Scotiabank and #ShutElbitDown](#)
July 22, 2023
- [Shame on Scotiabank, #ShutElbitDown Picket](#)
September 23, 2023
- [Photo Gallery Week of Action: Shame on ScotiaBank, #ShutElbitDown](#)
September 24, 2023
- [Vancouver Stands with Palestine](#)
Oct. 9, 2023
- [Photo Gallery Oct. 13: All Out 4 Palestine!](#)
Oct. 13, 2023
- [Rally/Vigil October 19th, Vancouver City Hall: We Stand with Palestine](#)
Oct. 19, 2023
- [Vancouver March for Palestine October 21](#)
Oct. 21, 2023
- [Vancouver Events 4 Palestine, Defense Fund](#)
Oct. 28, 2023
- [Events in Solidarity with Palestine](#)
Nov. 3, 2023
- [Shut It Down for Palestine – Nov. 9, 5:30 pm Vancouver](#)
Nov. 9, 2023
- [Photo Gallery, Vancouver & Surrey Stand with Palestine](#)
Nov. 7, 2023
- [Vancouver, Nov. 12: Emergency Action in Solidarity with Gaza](#)
Nov. 12, 2023
- [Vancouver: All Out 4 Palestine](#)
Nov. 18, 2023
- [Photo/Video Highlights from Vancouver Nov. 18 Rally/March](#)
- [Vancouver Event Nov. 25](#)
Nov. 25, 2023

- [Nov. 29 Vancouver meeting: Labour in Solidarity with Palestine](#)
Nov. 29, 2023
- [Vancouver rally, Dec. 2 at 3 pm](#)
Dec. 2, 2023
- [Photo Gallery: Vancouver4Palestine actions Dec. 2](#)
- [Report on Rally & March Dec. 9](#)
Dec. 9, 2023
- [Scotiabank #ShutElbitDown](#)
Dec. 17, 2023
- [Dec. 16 Action in Burnaby, led by Health Workers](#)
Dec. 16, 2023
- [Vancouver4Palestine on Dec. 22](#)
Dec. 22, 2023
- [Dec. 30/Banner Drop for Palestine](#)
Dec. 29, 2023



CPA Statements:

- [Ontario Gov't Cements Ties with Apartheid Israel](#)
February 1, 2023
- [International Cellars Inc: Wine Merchants or War Crimes Profiteers](#)
February 19, 2023
- [Statement regarding Israeli attack on Palestinian worshippers at al-Aqsa Mosque](#)
April 5, 2023
- [B'nai Brith Canada is desperate to shut down support for Palestine!](#)
April 18, 2023
- [Palestine Solidarity Goes Back to its Roots](#)
May 11, 2023
- [Tell Scotiabank to Divest Now from Elbit Systems](#)
June 14, 2023

Articles:

- [Palestine solidarity must say NO to Zionism](#)
Mondoweiss, January 21, 2023
- [Wine merchants or war crimes profiteers?](#)
Mondoweiss, February 25, 2023
- [Palestine Solidarity Goes Back to its Roots](#)
Al Mayadeen, May 5, 2023
- [Palestine Solidarity Goes Back to its Roots](#)
PAJU, May 10, 2023
- [La solidarité avec la Palestine revient à ses racines](#)
PAJU, May 11, 2023
- [ناشطون يتظاهرون أمام بنك كندى احتجاجا على استثماره فى شركة أسلحة إسرائيلية](#)
Aljazeera June 5, 2023
- [Canada's Scotiabank is funding Israeli war crimes](#)
Mondoweiss, June 10, 2023
- [Activists vow to #ShutElbitDown](#)
Al Mayadeen, July 25, 2023
- [My Palestinian mother-in-law and the generation of survivors](#)
Mondoweiss, September 3, 2023
- [My Palestinian Mother-in-Law, and the Generation of Survivors](#)
CPA, September 3, 2023
- [Scotia Bank benefits from weapons "battle-tested on Palestinians, Lebanese and Syrians"](#)
NorthStar September 19, 2023
- [My Moral Compass Lies Buried Under the Rubble in Gaza](#)
CPA, Oct. 26, 2023
- [Western Morality is Buried Forever under the rubble in Gaza!](#)
Al Mayadeen, Nov. 17, 2023
- [Why I hate Zionism... and so should you!](#)
Al Mayadeen, Dec. 16, 2023

Videos & Interviews:

- <https://cpavancouver.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/BDS-Vancouver-Nov-18-1700423115107.mp4>
- <https://twitter.com/i/status/1705913231447928903>
- <https://twitter.com/i/status/1718463140034445807>
- <https://cpavancouver.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/scotiabank-elbit-1.mp4>
- <https://cpavancouver.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ShutElbitDown2.mp4>
- <https://youtu.be/3INGYssTjig>
- <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Nw1uZe63S2E>
- <https://cpavancouver.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Shame-on-Scotiabank.mp4>
- <https://cpavancouver.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Tracking-War-Crimes-Profiteering.mp4>
- [Gurpreet Singh of Spice Radio interviewed Hanna Kawas on the Israeli genocide against Palestinians in Gaza](#), Oct. 16, 2023
- [Gurpreet Singh interviewed Hanna Kawas on the expulsion of Sarah Jama](#), Oct. 26, 2023
- [Gurpreet Singh interviewed Hanna Kawas on UN general Assembly Resolution for immediate ceasefire in Gaza](#), Dec. 17, 2023

Social Media:

CPA Facebook pages:

(all likes are generated organically; on principle, we refuse to pay for ads or for posts promotions)

- [Canada Palestine Association](#) (8.4K Facebook followers)
- [BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish Territories](#) (1.6K Facebook followers)
- [Boycott Israeli Wines – Don’t Drink with Apartheid](#) (3.1K Facebook followers)
- [Stop G4S in Canada – Boycott and Divest from G4S](#) (1.1K Facebook followers)
- [Boycott TEVA – Apartheid is BAD Medicine](#) (1.8K Facebook followers)

CPA Facebook groups:

- [Canada Palestine Association](#) (4.6K members)
- [Voice of Palestine](#) 2.2) [صوت فلسطين](#) (K members)
- [Air Canada: We are not On-Board with Human Rights Violations](#) (748 members)

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram:

[BDS Vancouver/Canada Palestine Association](#) (2671 Followers)

[Instagram – cpavancouver](#) (2991 followers)

[Read](#) the original report from Canada Palestine Association

Oakville Palestinian Rights Association (OPRA)

This year, we met with several politicians across Canada to push for their support and to advocate for Palestinian rights within parliament, specifically by pushing the brief that was created by Defence of Children International Palestine for the International Human Rights Sub-Committee [\[link here\]](#). We

continue to reach out to school board representatives across Halton/Peel/Hamilton to support Palestinian initiatives and we have created this resource to be shared [\[link here\]](#), and will continue to promote reports and documents created by other organizations to be amplified within our community. We also were invited to speak on a show within Halton called Building Bridges on the myths about the situation in Gaza - the episode can be streamed here [\[link\]](#). This past year our organization underwent many changes and are now focusing on a new strategic plan to be finalized early 2024. Our focus will be to create more opportunities for educational, cultural and political workshops & webinars.

BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish Territories

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BDS Vancouver was formed to help solidify our contribution in Vancouver to the global Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement against Israel. We organize actions, campaigns and events to boycott Israeli products and complicit corporations, and to demand accountability from the BC and Canadian governments for their involvement in perpetuating crimes against the Palestinian people.

2023 ended with unprecedented support and a global cry for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS). Vancouver joined hundreds of thousands of people in the streets from every corner of the world to draw local attention to Canada's ongoing complicity in Israeli war crimes and demand an end to the genocidal policies of Israel against the people of Palestine.

The year began with local activists exposing International Wine Merchants for their profiteering from the displacement and theft of Palestinian land and resources. This company is responsible for the distribution of Israeli wine (produced in occupied Palestine or the Golan Heights) throughout western Canada. For the past 15 years, Vancouver has campaigned to force the publicly-owned BC liquor store to stop stocking Israeli apartheid wine!

In March we commemorated Palestinian Land Day with a demonstration at a downtown liquor store to once again demand freedom for Palestinian political prisoners and that the BC government rid Israeli wines from the shelves of BC liquor stores. Samidoun Prisoner Solidarity Network Vancouver, the International League of Peoples' Struggle, the Masar Badil Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement and other internationalist groups joined the call. We will continue to protest and call out the current (and past) BC governments and those corporations which benefit from war crimes, violations of international law and complicity in war crimes from the sale of Israeli apartheid wines.

On May 14th BDS Vancouver/Coast Salish Territories joined Samidoun, the Palestinian Youth Movement, Canada Palestine Association, Solidarity for Human Rights UBC and the International League of Peoples' Struggle in a commemoration of the 1948 Nakba and ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people. Hundreds participated in a march to the US consulate to denounce America's bankrolling of Israel's war crimes, Canadian complicity and the 75 year denial of the right of Palestinians to return to their homeland. Speakers expressed support for the Palestinian resistance and the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea.

During the summer our campaign "Shame on Scotiabank" and #Shut Elbit down was the focus during the summer. Scotiabank, the world's largest foreign investor in Israeli arms company, Elbit Systems, provides a total of \$500 million. The week of action to #ShutElbitDown included an event "Stop Israel's Killer Drones" with Ronnie Barkan who faces trial in Britain for his political action against Elbit; and Mohammed Alzaza, a recent refugee from Gaza, gravely injured by an Israeli drone attack in 2011. We vowed to continue our exposure of Scotiabank's investment in weapons which kill, maim and wound Palestinian children.

It was encouraging that an online Action Network letter to demand Scotiabank divest from Elbit Systems received over 7,600 signatures: <https://actionnetwork.org/tell-scotiabank-to-divest-from-elbit-systems>

In September other Canadian cities joined us in taking to the streets with the demand that Scotiabank divest from Israeli war crimes. Obviously, Canada's third largest bank did not appreciate the exposure of its genocidal investments! In Vancouver, for the second time, the branch targeted suddenly closed early and in Montreal, police were called on the protesters

Israel's most murderous assault on the already-beseiged Gaza Strip began on October 7th. At year's end the area continues to be pounded with relentless bombing leveling entire neighbourhoods, killing 21,000 Palestinians (over 70% are women and children) wounding 55,000. Thousands are still buried under the rubble, the forced displacement of almost the entire population has occurred and those surviving face starvation, lack of water and even the most basic medical supplies and care.

This inhumanity and the most brutal round of Israel's ethnic cleansing has had a powerful effect on the global demand for BDS. In Canada, Scotiabank's investment in Elbit Systems had been a lightning rod for protest across the country. Activists, many of whom have never been active in BDS work, have taken up the cause to demand Scotiabank's divestment from Elbit Systems and the manufacture of Israeli weapons. Highly-spirited protests have occurred at Scotiabank branches throughout the country, and a sit in at the bank's Toronto head office was part of an international day of action targeting companies which collaborate with Israeli war crimes.

A dramatic action took place at the November Scotiabank Giller Literary Award Gala where protestors carried signs "Scotiabank Funds Genocide" and interrupted the evening with verbal denunciations of

Scotiabank's complicity in Israeli war crimes. As a result of this daring action, two arrests were made. An open letter from an organization "Canadian Authors Respond" received over 2,100 signatures from writers, editors and publishers calling for the withdrawal of charges, the divestment of the Giller Prize from Scotiabank, an end to the genocide in Gaza and an end to the 75 year occupation of Palestine.

According to the NGO Armed Conflict Location and Events Data Project, from October 7th to November 24th, over 7,283 pro-Palestine events took place in more than 118 countries.

During the three months of Israel's ethnic cleansing of Gaza, Vancouver area residents have continued to come out in unprecedented numbers. At various downtown and metro area protests the Palestine youth and their allies organized marches, vigils, occupation of transit stations, malls, visits to MPs' offices, and disruption of political fundraisers for PM Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly. Health Care Workers Alliance for Palestine national call to action led to a great and lively turnout and action at a Burnaby shopping mall. An Indigenous-led rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery expressed support for the anti-colonial struggle of all oppressed people from Turtle Island to Palestine.

As the year ends, the death toll in Gaza mounts, and does international support for the Palestinian struggle! Across the globe students, teachers, workers, health care providers and every day people are raising their voices to chant "From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will be Free! The harassment, censorship and threats facing Palestine supporters is not new but the acceleration and level of intimidation is a concern. It does not diminish the Palestine international solidarity movement; in fact as Israel continues its barbarous assault of Gaza, people of conscience across the globe will continue to take to the streets to show their undying support for a free Palestine and the BDS movement will continue to reach new levels of success.

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Regina Peace Council

During 2023 the Regina Peace Council organized and supported many activities in solidarity with Palestine. We co-sponsored a special gathering to honour Jewish and Palestinian people who had lost their lives with Making Peace Vigil. We also co sponsored another gathering with the Palestinian Solidarity Movement paying tribute to all the Palestinian people killed by Israel. We attended many rallies during the year calling for a ceasefire and justice for the Palestinians. Some of our statements made it into the media. We always attend rallies with our placards calling for the governments of US, Israel, and Canada to act for peace.

Anti-Imperialist Alliance – Ottawa (AIA Ottawa)

AIA Ottawa is a group of people opposed to Canadian and US imperialism, both within Turtle Island and abroad. We aim to raise consciousness and take action against the destructive policies of Canadians along with US governments and businesses, which seek to subordinate the people of the world and profit off of their oppression. Our goal is a world in which all nations and peoples have the freedom to develop as equals.

AIA Ottawa is currently focused on the struggle against settler colonialism, resource extraction and towards Palestinian liberation.

In 2023, the Anti-Imperialist Alliance continued its work in resisting Canadian and American militarism and foreign intervention, while focusing critically on expanding solidarity actions with Palestine. In this year, we have worked closely with other local organizations in the national capital region in support of the Palestinian struggle against oppression. These solidarity actions have increased in frequency towards the end of 2023 in response to events unfolding in Palestine. AIA has been in attendance and worked to promote critical rallies against Canada's complicity in the ongoing genocide in Gaza, including pro-ceasefire rallies outside of Liberal Party fundraisers, as well as regular Palestine solidarity marches taking place in Ottawa. AIA was part of an emergency rally against the silencing of pro-Palestine activists on Canadian university campuses after the University of Ottawa cancelled a planned screening and guest speaker about Canadian imperialism and its ongoing involvement in the genocide being committed against Palestinians. AIA was also a co-sponsoring organization of a Teach-In and discussion called "Canada Out of Palestine", which discussed building an anti-imperialist movement against Canadian complicity in Zionist occupation of Palestine and genocide of Palestinian people.

AIA looks forward to continuing critical support and solidarity with Palestine in this upcoming year and advancing the struggle against Canada's role as a supporter of the oppression of the Palestinian people.

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<https://linktr.ee/anti.imperialist.alliance>

Niagara Movement for Justice in Palestine-Israel (NMJPI)

NMJPI is currently an informal movement to rally persons in Niagara and elsewhere to commit passionately to ACTIONS that will bring about permanent peace and fuller well-being for all in Palestine-Israel, founded on justice for both Palestinians and Israelis. We believe that, given the prevailing circumstances in the region, the most effective vehicle to accomplish this goal is the global **Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS)** movement targeting the Government and businesses of Israel and the illegal settlements encroaching on Palestinian land.

Update, December 2023, follows::

The web page for NMJPI was established in 2020 but we, as a movement, have been functioning for several years before that.

In our efforts to promote action, we have mainly resorted to email and social media methods to provide relevant information and encourage recipients to engage in personal contact with officials in government as well as in companies and organizations that do business with the apartheid regime of Israel.

Beginning in 2022 and continuing in 2023, we held monthly demonstrations at the office of the MP for St. Catharines, **Mr. Chris Bittle** (we also attempted to meet with **MP Vance Badawey** but were stood up at the last moment after an appointment was scheduled).

These demos were intended to call attention to the need for URGENT action if a “Third Intifada” was to be averted. They were called “**HIGH NOON**” Demos because they started at Noon but, more importantly, because the term “High Noon” suggests that “an event or **confrontation** which is likely to decide the final outcome of a situation” (Google “High Noon”) was imminent unfortunately, the call of these “High Noon” demos went unheeded by officials and our worst nightmares were realized and unfolded on 7 October.

Since then, NMJPI has been engaged in frequent, approximately weekly, highly scaled up rallies/protests/demos attempting to get the Government of Canada to categorically demand an immediate Ceasefire in the ongoing **GENOCIDE** and an immediate END to its root cause, the **OCCUPATION**. These scaled up **ACTIONS** have drawn out a lot more people, even hundreds, than in previous years. A number of these have been undertaken in conjunction with newly arisen organizations, notably the Niagara Palestine Coalition which is associated with the Arab Palestine Association of Ontario. Our efforts have also drawn the active support of members of local and regional labour unions.

We intend to continue our efforts unabated and invite more of the mainstream public to join us, recognizing that the **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY** that are being perpetrated against the People of

Palestine are being carried out with the **COMPLICITY** of the Government of Canada and, therefore, **in each of our names**.

One of our members, a veteran of many visits to Palestine (as also **others** in our movement) visited the West Bank again in November. Her visit was hugely appreciated by our Palestinian sisters and brothers while recognized as a sign that we deeply care. . . .

Website: www.nmjpi.org

More Info: info@nmjpi.org

Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network

Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network is an international network of organizers and activists working to build solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in their struggle for freedom.

Samidoun is active locally in Canada, working closely with other organizations in Vancouver, but also with chapters across Canada.

Samidoun provides a global calendar of resistance that provides details about actions across Canada and Quebec and around the world.

<https://samidoun.net/2023/12/calendar-of-resistance-for-palestine-2024/>

Check out in details the work that Samidoun was involved in during 2024:
<https://samidoun.net/category/news/>

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Solidarity With Palestine- St. John's Newfoundland

Palestine Solidarity - St Johns has been working tirelessly to inform, protest, and publicize the worsening situation in Palestine. Membership in the group as well as the Facebook Solidarity page has increased significantly. Many of the new members are young, proving that this issue is rapidly becoming a significant issue to a younger demographic.

The group shares information with each other, an email list and FB page. We have been busy in our efforts to liaise with other groups to maximize the effect of the messages.

Letters are written to politicians, newspapers, arms manufacturers, banks, and other institutions associated with the occupation. We sign and share petitions as well as add our names to proposed actions.

We have fielded protests from 'Honest Reporting' and 'B'nai B'rith'.

There have been well attended vigils, marches and protests weekly since October 7. Media outlets have been interested and have been interviewing various volunteers regularly.

We are in touch with friends, relatives and colleagues in Palestine to assure them that we are continuing to work on their behalf.

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HR4A (Human Rights for All) in Saskatoon 2023 highlights.

Sponsored and facilitated antisemitism workshop.

Film documentaries on Palestine screenings in various locations followed by discussions.

Campus event with Dr. Priscilla Settee speaking on parallels between Turtle Island's and Palestine's Indigenous People.

RBC and Scotiabank demonstrations using Canadian BDS Coalition handouts.

Meeting with all NDP MLAs in Saskatoon on HR4A.



Since Oct 8:

Meeting with Saskatoon mayor demanding ceasefire.

Vigils, weekly rally and march, human chain, recurring pop-up demonstrations at MP offices (rotating).

Created petition demanding Premier Moe apologize after smear campaign directed against advocacy group and NDP. (in progress)

Weekly protest at Starbucks, Tim

Horton's, Scotiabank, (now with PAJU pamphlets as well, with permission), CTV, CBC.

Banner drops, several mall walk - through targeting H&M.

Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023



Mettre fin au génocide!
POUR UN EMBARGO MILITAIRE CONTRE ISRAËL

End the genocide!
FOR A MILITARY EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL

La 1ère bombe nucléaire larguée par les É-U. sur **Hiroshima** **15,000** tonnes
Nuclear bomb dropped by the US on Hiroshima

Israël a largué plus de **25,000** tonnes d'explosifs sur **Gaza** entre le 7 oct. et le 2 nov. 2023
Israel has dropped more than 25,000 tonnes of explosives on Gaza between Oct 7 - Nov 2, 2023

Israël est un pays respectable au cœur de la barbarie : vraiment ?

Israel is a respectable country in the heart of barbarism: really?

The Zionist colonial project is carried out through Israel's systematic violations of international law:

1. L'exode forcé de centaines de milliers de Palestiniens en 1948, et le refus de reconnaître le droit au retour de ces réfugiés et à des indemnités pour dommages subis.
2. À partir de 2002, l'érection d'un mur d'apartheid qui vise à séparer les populations juives des populations palestiniennes, à annexer des terres fertiles et les sources d'eau et à briser la continuité territoriale du territoire palestinien.
3. L'imposition d'un blocus maritime et terrestre à Gaza par Israël depuis 2007. Gaza est devenu la plus grande prison à ciel ouvert dans le monde et les récentes attaques et bombardements israéliens contre des populations civiles et leurs institutions (écoles, lieux de cultes, hôpitaux, etc) n'est qu'un exemple de plus qui démontre les crimes contre l'humanité perpétrés par Israël.

The Zionist colonial project is carried out through Israel's systematic violations of international law:

1. The forced exodus of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in 1948, and the refusal to recognize the right of return of these refugees and to compensation for damages suffered.
2. From 2002, the erection of an apartheid wall which aims to separate Jewish populations from Palestinian populations, to annex fertile lands and water sources and to break the territorial contiguity of Palestinian territory.
3. The imposition of a maritime and land blockade on Gaza by Israel since 2007. Gaza has become the largest open air prison in the world and recent Israeli attacks and bombings against civilian populations and their institutions (schools, places of worship, hospitals, etc.) is just one more example of the crimes against humanity perpetrated by Israel.

40 ans d'emprisonnement illégal

LIBERTÉ POUR GEORGES ABDALLAH

Nous sommes ici aujourd'hui pour honorer tous les prisonniers palestiniens et leurs alliés et particulièrement pour Georges Abdallah, incarcéré en France depuis 1984.

La prise de la Bastille s'est produite à Paris, en France, le 14 juillet 1789, lorsque les révolutionnaires ont pris d'assaut la prison médiévale et libéré tous les prisonniers politiques.

Ce 14 juillet, nous sommes solidaires de Georges Abdallah et de tous les prisonniers palestiniens dans les prisons israéliennes. Nous exigeons la libération de Georges Abdallah.

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ancien prisonnier politique d'Europe et est éligible à la libération à été entravée par les gouvernements français et américain à chaque tournant.

Georges Abdallah est visé pour son engagement dans la lutte pour la libération de la Palestine, pour son rôle de penseur révolutionnaire et son implication dans le Front populaire de libération de la Palestine (FPLP) et les Fractions armées révolutionnaires libanaises (LRAF).

Le procès de Georges Abdallah qui l'a condamné à la réclusion à perpétuité en 1987 a été marqué par des irrégularités.

L'un de ses avocats – Jean-Paul Mazurier – s'est révélé être un agent d'un service d'espionnage français et certaines des preuves contre Abdallah ont également été révélées avoir été fabriquées.

Le renseignement français, américain et israélien. Malgré cela, la validité de l'essai et ses résultats n'ont jamais été formellement contestés en dépit de nombreuses tentatives.

Nous reconnaissons que son arrestation et sa détention sont une tentative d'étouffer l'esprit révolutionnaire palestinien et nous exigeons également

- PAJU members have participated in all of the pro-Palestinian demonstrations held in Montreal since October 8th, 2023 in support of the Palestinian Youth Movement organizers
- On December 4th, 2023, PAJU co-president Bruce Katz spoke on behalf of PAJU at the CinemaPolitica Queer Films for Palestine held at Concordia University: [QUEER CINEMA FOR PALESTINE – Montreal Premiere with guests! - Concordia University](#)
- Since February 2001 PAJU has held a weekly vigil where its members have distributed literally thousands of leaflets explaining the nature of Israeli apartheid and why the BDS movement is important. This continued in 2023. During the intertemperate season of winter, PAJU moves its vigil indoors to various Montreal metro (subway) stations where members continue to distribute the PAJU leaflets.

- In 2023 PAJU took up the Canadian BDS Coalition campaign against Scotia Bank/Elbit. In December three separate pro-Palestinian demonstrations converged in front of the Scotia Bank headquarters in Montreal where some 500 demonstrators vociferously denounced Scotia Bank's link to Elbit. PAJU will continue the campaign in 2024

- In November of 2023 PAJU helped to organize a sit-in to protest the censure of a Palestinian film festival that was to take place at Cinema du Parc in Montreal:

<https://paju.org/sit-in-and-joint-statement-against-censorship-at-cinema-du-parc/>

- On July 14, 2023 PAJU organized a rally in support of Georges Abdallah, a Palestinian political prisoner in France who has been imprisoned for more than two decades:

<https://paju.org/vigil-in-support-of-georges-abdallah-july-14-montreal/>

- PAJU joined Just Peace Advocates to bar Naftali Bennett from speaking in Caada

- Since February of 2001 PAJU has issued a weekly news bulletin featuring events and issues related to Palestinian issues and the Palestinian reality on the ground. This continued in 2023 and will continue indefinitely: paju.org

- In 2023 as in other years PAJU issued a number of press releases:

<https://paju.org/five-canadian-mps-gone-to-israel-to-show-their-solidarity-with-the-extreme-right-government/>

- <https://paju.org/paju-statement-israels-bombardment-of-al-ahli-hospital/>

<https://paju.org/deconstructing-bill-blairs-lie-about-israels-bombing-of-the-al-ahli-baptist-hospital/>

- Reply to François Legault <https://paju.org/paju-press-release/>

- <https://paju.org/legal-brief-filed-to-bar-former-israeli-pm-naftali-bennet-from-canada/>

<https://paju.org/a-call-to-the-palestinian-people-in-the-shatat-diaspora-and-the-palestine-liberation-and-solidarity-movement/>

- <https://paju.org/israels-violent-attack-on-worshippers-at-the-al-aqsa-mosque/>

- <https://paju.org/declaration-de-paju-sur-le-deces-du-pere-robert-assaly/>

PAJU also published a number of original articles in 2023:

- <https://paju.org/the-racist-apartheid-state-of-israel-is-offended/>

- <https://paju.org/how-montreals-pro-israel-lobby-intimidates-public-officials/>

- <https://paju.org/the-violence-comes-from-concordia-university-not-the-students/>

<https://paju.org/a-friend-of-oligarchs-and-right-wing-ukrainian-nationalists-chrystia-freeland-and-canadian-imperialism/>

<https://paju.org/fr/le-sionisme-du-national-socialisme/>

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Socialist Action / Ligue pour l'Action socialiste

Endorsed and attended dozens of actions in solidarity with the Palestinian people across the country over the past year. We also played an important role in the campaign to defend MPP Sarah Jama who was expelled from the ONDP MPPs caucus at the Ontario Legislature for her principled support to the victims of the Zionist genocide. [Check out this](#) and other actions on our [webpage](#).



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<https://www.justpeaceadvocates.ca/>

2023 Overview



During 2023, Just Peace Advocates

- 25+ requests for help related to legal concerns with 80% of those since early October 2023, finding lawyers who could provide advice

- [28 letter writing campaigns](#), with over 120K actions reaching over 6 million inboxes
- [25+ media releases](#) to list of 2500 media contacts across Canada & internationally
- mailing list of over 40,000 subscribers
- 75+ e-blasts to our followers, with [120 news items](#)
- [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels
- [Legal Resources and Tactical Guide for Palestine Human Rights Advocacy & Activism](#), a [comprehensive Canadian legal resources and tactical guide](#) for Palestine human rights advocacy & activism, and other related [resources](#)
- legal network of 100+ lawyers
- numerous [op-eds and mention](#) in publications such as Rabble, TRT World, The Toronto Star, CBC, Spring, Palestine Chronicle, Radio Canada, TVA, Nouvelles, Arab News, Al Mayadeen, Middle East Monitor, Electronic Intifada, The Jurist, the Israel National News and others
- a dozen [webinars](#) all coordinated in collaboration with other organization
- unique research such as revealing IHRA included in the [Ontario anti-racism strategy](#), analysis of [public pensions](#) for investments in war crimes, releasing [Canada's shameful response to the International Criminal Court](#)
- [mapping](#) details associated with Canadian charities and asking [CRA to investigate, Colonialism in not Charity](#)
- [Canada's shameful UN voting record](#) from 1947 onward
- submission to the [UN Universal Periodic Review](#) regarding Canada, don't expect a Human Right Council seat in 2028!
- [Canadian sanctions](#) are incompatible with the general principles of international law
- campaigns to hold the [Canadian government, political parties](#), agencies such as the [CFIA](#), media, [churches](#) and other institutions accountable
- legal cases included mandamus filed with federal court to [request to ban Naftali Bennett](#) from Canada, [notice of intention](#) to seek prosecution of Canadian politicians for complicity in war crimes in Gaza
- Moderated ["Embracing Responsibility: Canada's obligation towards Palestine under international law"](#) in Ottawa for Law for Palestine on May 31, 2023.
- Campaigns such as [Canada Stop Arming Israel](#), [No Armed Drones](#), [Sanctions off Syria](#), Free [Alex Saab](#), Justice for [Hassan Diab](#)
- Justice work in support of [Kashmir](#) included [Green Party condemning](#) Canada's attendance of G20 in occupied Kashmir, and work in support of [human right defenders](#)
- Work was undertaken through our partnerships, in networks and coalitions, across Canada, in Palestine and around the world

Also the report can be read on our website:

[Read our full 2023 report](#)

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The Canadian BDS Coalition Guide for Canada of Economic Boycott

BOYCOTT

[What can I do? Economic Boycott.](#)

Speaking with your economic buying power – an age old tactic

[Check it out.](#)

Over the years: 25+ Student Led BDS Victories on Canadian University Campuses

Read more:

<https://bdscoalition.ca/2018/07/13/20-victories-for-boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-on-canadian-university-campuses/>

Canadian Labour Has Been Supporting Boycott, Divestment for almost two decades

Read more:

<https://bdscoalition.ca/2018/07/13/canadian-labour-has-been-supporting-boycott-divestment-for-a-dozen-years/>

Canadian BDS Coalition Member Organizations

BC

Barnard-Boecker Centre Foundation (BBCF)

The Barnard-Boecker Centre Foundation was incorporated as a registered non-profit society in 1996 in British Columbia. The director is Theresa Wolfwood of Victoria. The aims of BBCF are:

1. To create, to develop, and to encourage programs that promote social justice, peace, sustainability, diversity and community, through research, writing, film and art; and
2. To organize public events that will contribute, globally and locally, to knowledge and awareness.

[Website](#)

BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish

BDS Vancouver was formed to help solidify our contribution in Vancouver to the global Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement against Israel. We organize actions, campaigns and events to boycott Israeli products and complicit corporations, and to demand accountability from the BC and Canadian governments for their involvement in perpetuating crimes against the Palestinian people.

[facebook](#)

Canada Palestine Association

Canada Palestine Association, Vancouver has been carrying on solidarity work for the Palestinian people since 1980. CPA supports the Palestinian people's struggle to realize their human and national rights including the right to self-determination and the right to return. It opposes Zionism because of its exclusionist, aggressive and racist nature and also opposes anti-Jewish and anti-Arab racism (for more details see our Basis of Unity). CPA also endorses the general boycott against Israel and against all those who enable Israeli ethnic cleansing, war crimes and Apartheid.

[website](#)

Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA) Victoria

CAIA Victoria formed in 2006 as a response to the growing threat to peace in the Middle East created by the Israeli government. We are a network of concerned individuals and organizations working to end this apartheid system. We believe that justice will not be achieved without equal rights for everyone in the region, regardless of religion, ethnicity or nationality.

We understand Israeli apartheid as one element of a system of global apartheid. To this end, we stand in solidarity with all oppressed groups around the world, in particular, the indigenous people of North America.

We oppose all forms of racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Saskatchewan

Regina Peace Council

The Regina Peace Council was formed in 1949. It focuses on issues of peace, disarmament, development, and international solidarity. It is a member of the [Canadian Peace Congress](#) which in turn is affiliated with the [World Peace Council](#). We publish *Saskatchewan Peace News* four times a year, which is available free in hard or email copy to anyone interested in checking it out by emailing Ed Lehman at edrae1133@gmail.com.

The Regina Peace Council believes that justice for the Palestinian people is a key requirement for having peace in the Middle East and in the world.

Human Rights for All (HR4A)

“Human Rights for All started as a local Saskatoon group after the May 2021 bombing of Gaza. HR4A opposes all forms of racism and discrimination.

Our present focus is to create awareness of the Israeli system of apartheid, and the ways Canada supports it, by engaging with local peace and justice groups, the general public, and members of parliament and the legislative assembly. We recognize BDS as a valuable tool in dismantling apartheid.”

Contact: bdscoalition@gmail.com

Ontario

Anti-Imperialist Alliance – Ottawa (AIA Ottawa)

AIA Ottawa is a group of people opposed to Canadian and US imperialism, both within Turtle Island and abroad. We aim to raise consciousness and take action against the destructive policies of Canadian and US governments and businesses, which seek to subordinate the people of the world and profit off of their oppression. Our goal is a world in which all nations and peoples have the freedom to develop as equals.

AIA Ottawa is currently focused on the struggle against settler colonialism, resource extraction and towards Palestinian liberation.”

[Facebook](#)

Contact: aiaottawa1968@gmail.com

GT4BDS (Greater Toronto 4 BDS)

Toronto based group that organizes campaigns, actions & supports BDS work.

Contact: bdscoalition@gmail.com

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Al Quds Committee – Toronto

Al Quds or Jerusalem Day is an annual, international Muslim-sponsored event that happens in the holy month of Ramadan the Friday just before Eid and is designated to both educate and encourage people of conscience to work for just peace for the people of Palestine. Al Quds days in Toronto bring together people of various faiths and non-faiths, that include Muslims, Christians, Jews and atheists. Al-Quds is an expression of support for the Palestinian right to self-determination, and against the annexation of Jerusalem, with East Jerusalem encompassing the third-holiest site in Islam, the Al Asqa Mosque.

[Website](#)

Oakville Palestinian Rights Association (OPRA)

The Oakville Palestinian Rights Association (OPRA) is a community organization that creates awareness and provides opportunities for collective action towards the rights and freedoms of

Palestinian people around the world. OPRA has no religious or political affiliation and welcomes anyone who is committed to promoting the rights of the Palestinian people according to accepted and established international law.

Our mission includes:

- Economic action through BDS - awareness and campaign support
- Political accountability against illegal occupations, detainment of prisoners (including children) and the Canadian government's complicity with Israel
- Creating educational resources about Palestine to be shared within organizations such as school boards, governments & businesses to advocate for accurate knowledge of the situation, and inclusive language in all diversity policies.

[Contact](#) | [Linktree](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War

The mission of the Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War is to press harder for peace challenging every political leader to stand with the people in pursuing peace over war.

[Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Contact](#)

Niagara Movement for Justice in Palestine-Israel (NMJPI)

NMJPI is currently an informal movement to rally persons in Niagara and elsewhere to commit passionately to ACTIONS that will bring about permanent peace and fuller well-being for all in Palestine-Israel, founded on justice for both Palestinians and Israelis. We believe that, given the prevailing circumstances in the region, the most effective vehicle to accomplish this goal is the global **Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS)** movement targeting the Government and businesses of Israel and the illegal settlements encroaching on Palestinian land.

[Website](#)

[Contact](#)

Quebec

Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU)

PAJU was created in November 2000 in response to the Second Palestinian uprising (Intifada) against the occupation of Palestinian land by Israel. PAJU has worked to build support in Quebec for the struggle of the Palestinian people. Its members work to promote justice and peace in Palestine and to end Israel's occupation and colonization of Palestinian land.

We actively promote the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against Israel, distribute information and organize cultural and political activities in support of the Palestinian cause.

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

New Brunswick

The Palestine Solidarity Committee Saint John (PSCSJ)

The Palestine Solidarity Committee Saint John (PSCSJ) is a group made up of Canadians, Arabs, and Palestinians living in Saint John. We formed in 2018 to raise awareness about the struggles of Palestinians and the human rights violations committed by the Israeli government against them.

Twitter: @pscsgnb

Facebook: [facebook.com/PSCSJNB](https://www.facebook.com/PSCSJNB)

Email: pscsgnb@gmail.com

Newfoundland and Labrador

Solidarity With Palestine

We are a loose coalition of individuals who work in St. John's toward justice in Israel/Palestine.

[facebook](#)

National

Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice

Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ) is a national, liberal religious organization founded to actively promote Unitarian values through social action.

CUSJ develops and maintains a vibrant network for social action, at the local, national, and international levels, for the relief of:

- Discrimination based on religious, racial, sexual orientation or other grounds
- Violations of the human rights of individuals or groups
- Poverty and economic injustice
- Environmental degradation
- Breaches of peace, security and the democratic process

[website](#) | [facebook](#)

Just Peace Advocates/Mouvement pour une Paix Juste

A Canadian based independent human rights organization promoting **Just Peace/Paix Juste** through the rule of law and respect for human rights in Canada and around the world for the Palestinian people and those that stand in solidarity for the human rights of the Palestinian people.

Our vision is to provide a civil society voice focused on government, institutional and society's accountability to the rule of law, and the standards of international human rights and humanitarian law for the rights of the Palestinian people.

The work of Just Peace Advocates is accomplished through research, monitoring, education, communications, advocacy, programs and services.

Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network

Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network is a network of organizers and activists working to build solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in their struggle for freedom. We work to raise awareness and provide resources about Palestinian political prisoners, their conditions, their demands, and their work for freedom for themselves, their fellow prisoners, and their homeland. We also work to organize campaigns to make political change and advocate for Palestinian prisoners' rights and freedoms, including boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaigns against the Israeli state and complicit corporations and institutions.

[website](#) | [facebook](#) | [twitter](#) | [instagram](#)

Socialist Action

Socialist Action / Ligue pour l'Action socialiste is an organization of revolutionary socialists across the Canadian state, active in the labour movement, social justice, international solidarity, feminist and environmental campaigns. SA/LAS supporters work to build the NDP Socialist Caucus, Quebec Solidaire, support for indigenous peoples' struggles, as well as anti-war,

anti-poverty and human rights movements. SA/LAS is in solidarity with the Fourth International worldwide.

[website](#)

About the Coalition

The Canadian BDS Coalition is comprised of groups in Canada that support the global Boycott Israel movement targeting Israel's system of settler-colonialism, occupation, and apartheid towards the Palestinian people.

The BDS movement is founded on [the call](#) made by more than 170 Palestinian civil society organizations on July 9, 2005, inviting people across the world who support freedom, justice and equality for the people of Palestine to boycott, divest from, and press for sanctions against the State of Israel until it meets its obligations under international law by:

1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the 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.

The aims of the Coalition are to:

- promote, support and help coordinate boycott, divestment, and sanctions activities in Canada;
- provide Canadians with resources to help them understand and take action in support of the Palestinian call for BDS;
- promote and defend the right of Canadians to freedom of expression in support of BDS.

[Coalition members](#) share a common commitment to pursuing just peace through the realization of freedom, justice, and equality for Palestinians, without which a lasting peace is impossible to achieve. Any Canadian group or organization that supports the [BDS call](#) and [endorses the Coalition's Basis of Unity](#) is invited to join.

Coalition members engage in elements of BDS that are most relevant to their own communities. The Coalition's actions and positions reflect only member groups that choose to participate in the specific initiative and are not necessarily the position of all member groups.

The Coalition also works with many organizations across Canada, in Palestine and internationally who work towards a just peace in the region.

Canada needs more BDS, not less!

The BDS National Committee (BNC) has publicly noted on their website that they asked our coalition to "remove BDS from its name". After serious discussion, we informed them that we respectfully decline this request, and even amended our Basis of Unity to state that our "Coalition is not affiliated with the BDS National Committee..". However, as the BNC felt it was imperative to make this contradiction [public](#), we feel obliged to respond and explain our reasoning.

The BNC has been aware of our Coalition since its inception and even included our [victory](#) in the #AirCanadaComplicity [campaign](#) in their annual report "[Top BDS Moments of 2017](#)". We have always been steadfast in our support of Boycott Israel campaigns and will continue to be so. This new unfortunate contradiction with the BNC will not diminish our commitment to the Palestinian people's struggle nor our belief in the importance of boycott actions.

Our founding minutes detailing our basis of unity from April 2016 highlighted why the name Canadian BDS Coalition was chosen – *"New Name: Canadian BDS Coalition. (Good unequivocal answer to the Parliamentary condemnation)"*

This was in response to the February 2016 condemnation of BDS in the Canadian House of Commons and the logic of it still stands today. Recently, PM Trudeau again went out of his way to discredit BDS during his [salute](#) to Israel's "Independence Day".

For nine months, in 2021 we dedicated significant time and resources to try and resolve this contradiction with the BNC. They first brought up issues regarding our internal processes and decision-making, but in the end the main criticism focused on the public defense (by some of our member and friend groups) of the right of the Palestinian people to engage in armed resistance against occupation. They said this went against their policy of non-violence and endangered the BNC's security. The Coalition decided we could not in

good conscience sanction groups who made vital contributions to the solidarity work based solely on such an argument.

Furthermore, we have always felt that the strength of the global boycott movement lies in its de-centralization, with local groups and committees determining what tactics best fit their context. As one of the few Canada-wide organizations that proudly carries BDS in its proper name, it would be both harmful and counterproductive to change our name now. Canada needs more BDS, not less!!

During 2022, the BNC asked Twitter to remove the Canadian BDS Coalition Twitter as “impersonating” BDS. Twitter suspended the Canadian BDS Coalition account, but subsequently reinstated [the Canadian BDS Coalition Twitter](#) account.

Basis of Unity

The following is the Basis of Unity for the Canadian BDS Coalition.

The Canadian BDS Coalition is composed of pro-Palestine solidarity groups across Canada and works independently in support of boycott, divestment and sanctions activities against Israel, within the Canadian context, addressing local challenges and concerns. The Coalition is not affiliated with the BDS National Committee (BNC).

The Coalition:

A. Endorses the [Palestinian Civil Society Call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\)](#). These non-violent punitive measures should be maintained until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people’s inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law by:

1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the 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.

B. Regardless of its national and/or geographic location, any company, organization or institution that is empowering Israeli settler colonization, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, apartheid or is complicit in them, and accordingly is subject to the economic, academic, and cultural boycott call.

C. We believe in the universality of human rights, and that the injustices that befell the Palestinian people should be rectified.

D. We recognize that Zionism is a supremacist ideology which has created a settler colonial state in historic Palestine. We support the establishment of a secular democratic State of Palestine in the historic land of Palestine with equality before the law for all citizens regardless of religion, ethnicity or gender.



Your donations are important to ensure the required work associated with research, campaigns and outreach here in Canada in order to support freedom, justice and equality for the people of Palestine. **Your donations are welcomed by e-transfer to: bdscoalition@gmail.com.**