

## **40 years of occupation of the Palestinian Territories**

**On June 9, 2007**

**« THE WORLD SAYS NO TO ISRAELI OCCUPATION! »**

Israel prevents the practice of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people which has to be implemented in the Palestinian Territories occupied by Israel since June 1967, comprising the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip and delimited by the 1949 cease-fire border (the Green line). But Palestinian suffering dates back further to 1948, since nearly 60 years.

Israel has for the last 40 years methodically undertaken the dismantling and the fragmentation of the occupied Palestinian territories. If Israel achieves this policy of annexation and colonization of the Palestinian Territories, what will be left will soon represents only 40% of the occupied territories.

Israel has 40 years ago illegally annexed East Jerusalem in order to integrate it officially into the Israeli territory and has been multiplying unilateral measures aiming to modify the demographic characteristics and the city's status.

For 40 years Israel has confiscated and seized Palestinian land to install settlements. More than 460 000 Israeli settlers have settled down in the occupied Palestinian territories (260 000 in the West Bank and 200 000 in East Jerusalem) and have gained advantage from road networks and infrastructures constructed in the Palestinian territories for the exclusive use of settlers.

The Israeli policy of colonization has been strengthened with the construction of the Wall. 80% of the Wall's layout finds itself inside the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Its objective is to reinforce and finalize the annexation measures of Israeli settlements and of East Jerusalem, which is cut off from the West Bank and which Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza cannot access.

In spite of all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the condemnation stated by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion of the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2004, ruling the illegality of the Wall and reminding the illegality of the settlements and the annexation of East Jerusalem, Israel has continued to stand in violation of international law and international humanitarian law.

The inactivity of the international community regarding the splitting up of the Palestinian territories and the living conditions imposed by the Israeli military occupation cannot continue. Measures have to be taken urgently otherwise this inactivity will lead to the end of any prospect of a just and sustainable peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

That is why, June 9, 2007, will be the date of a Global Day of Action in order to call our governments to:

- **Take effective measures in order to force Israel to withdraw from the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, dismantle all its settlements in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem and its Wall built inside the West Bank and East Jerusalem;**
- **Act for the resumption of negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis through an international conference on the Middle East which will aim the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian State within the 1967 "borders" with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side with Israel and the settlement of the unresolved questions.**

**On June 9, 2007 all together to say NO to Israeli Occupation  
of the Palestinian Territories!**

## **List of Signatories:**

### **EUROPE**

- European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine – ECCP
  - European Jews for a Just Peace – EJJP
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### **AUSTRIA**

- Center for Encounter and active Non-Violence
  - Frauen in Schwarz (Wien)
  - Jüdische Stimme für Gerechten Frieden in Nahost (Österreich)
  - Steirische Friedensplattform, Graz, Austria
  - Solidaritätskomitee für Palästina, Graz, Austria
  - Verein fuer Antirassistische und Friedenspolitische Initiative/Dar al Janub
  - Society for Austro-Arab relations (SAAR)
  - Pax Christi Österreich
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### **BELGIUM**

- Association Belgo-Palestinienne
- Centre National de Coopération au Développement (CNCD-11.11.11)
- Actie Platform Palestina
- Artistes contre le Mur
- AWSA Belgique
- Broederlijk Delen
- Cgé
- CNAPD
- CNCD – 11.11.11
- Codip
- Comité pour les Relations internationales de Jeunesse
- Comission Justice et Paix
- Composantes de la Communauté Arabe de Belgique pour le soutien au peuple palestinien
- Coordination des Femmes citoyennes
- CSC-ACV
- ECOLO
- Femmes prévoyantes socialistes
- FGTB-ABVV
- FOS
- Intal
- Islamic Relief Belgique
- Magasins du Monde-OXFAM
- Mouvement Ouvrier Chrétien (MOC)
- Mouvement Chrétien pour la Paix (MCP)
- Mouvement des Jeunes socialistes
- MIR - IRG
- OXFAM Solidarité/Solidariteit
- OXFAM Wxereld Winkels
- Parti Communiste
- Parti Socialiste
- Pax Christi Vlanderen
- Pax Christi Wallonie-Bruxelles
- PTB
- Quinoa

- Secours populaire Wallonie-Bruxelles
  - Service Civil International (SCI)
  - Solidarité Mondiale
  - Solidarité socialiste
  - Stop USA
  - LCR-SAP
  - Union des Femmes palestiniennes de Belgique
  - Union des Progressistes Juifs de Belgique (UPJB)
  - Vie Féminine
  - Vlaams Palestina Komitee
  - VREDE vzw
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## **FRANCE**

- Arab Commission for Human Rights (ACHR) - Paris
  - Human Rights Defenders in the Arab World - Paris
  - CCIPPP
  - Collectif Judéo-Arabe et Citoyen pour la Paix - Strasbourg
  - Association Pour Jérusalem
  - Plateforme des ONG françaises pour la Palestine: 40 members among them:
    - AFPS (Association France Palestine Solidarité)
    - CCFD (Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement)
    - CEDETIM
    - CEMEA
    - Cimade
    - EMDH
    - ERM
    - GREF
    - Ligue des Droits de l'Homme
    - Secours Catholique-Caritas France
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## **GERMANY**

- Juedische Stimme fuer gerechten Frieden in Nahost (Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in Middle East) - EJJP Germany
  - German Coordination Group Stop-The-Wall
  - Arbeitskreis Nahost (Middle East Dialogue Group)- Berlin
  - Aktionsbündnis für einen gerechten Frieden in Palästina
  - Deutsch-Palästinensischer Frauenverein e.V. ( Union of German and Palestinian Women)
  - Association Germano-Palestinienne
  - Deutscher Freidenker-Verband (German Association of Freethinkers / Association Allemand des Libres Penseurs)
  - Vereinigung für Interantionale Solidarität (VIS) (Association for International Solidarity)
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## **GREECE**

- Greek Committee for International Democratic Solidarity (EEDDA)
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## **ITALY**

- Rete-ECO (Rete degli Ebrei contro l'Occupazione)
  - Action for Peace:
    - ARCI,
    - CGIL,
    - Donne in Nero,
    - Associazione per la Pace,
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- FIOM-Cgil,
  - Pax Christi
  - COCIS (Coordinamento delle ONG per la Cooperazione Internazionale allo Sviluppo)
  - GUS (Gruppo Umana Solidarieta'),
  - Peace Games Uisp,
  - N:EA (Napoli: Europa Africa)
  - COSPE
  - ACS - Associazione di Cooperazione allo Sviluppo
  - RE.TE. ONG
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## **LUXEMBOURG**

- Comité pour une paix juste au Proche-Orient - Luxembourg
  - Iwerliewen fir Bedreete Volleker
  - Action Solidarité Tiers Monde
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## **NETHERLANDS**

- De Gemeenschap
  - Een Ander Joods Geluid
  - Humanistische Partij
  - Nederland Palestina Komitee
  - Stichting Talliq
  - United Civilians for Peace:
  - YWCA Nederland
  - Stichting SIVMO (*Steuncomité Israelische Vredes- en Mensenrechtenorganisaties*)
  - Task Group Turning Point
  - Internationale Socialisten (IS)
  - Coalitie Stop de oorlog
  - Vrijwillige Internationale Aktie (VIA)
  - Socialistische Alternatieve Politiek (SAP)
  - Stichting Hope
  - Vrije Academie Den Haag
  - Transnational Institute
  - Stichting Stop de Bezetting
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## **SPAIN**

- Paz con Dignidad
  - Grupo de ONG por Palestina-Spain (formed by the Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos and Plataforma 2015 y más)
  - Red Solidaria contra la Ocupación de Palestina:
    - Plataforma Solidaridad con Palestina (Sevilla)
    - Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
    - Asociación Hispano Palestina Jerusalén (Madrid)
    - ISM Cataluña / Valencia
    - Asociación Paz Ahora (Madrid, Euzkadi)
    - CSCA (Madrid, Asturias)
    - MP Acción solidaria con Palestina, Canarias
    - Palestinarekin Elkartasuna komite Internazionalistak (Euzkadi)
    - Sodepaz
    - Ecologistas en Acción (Madrid, Valladolid)
    - Xarxa d'enllaç amb Palestina (Barcelona)
    - Boicot. Preventiu (Barcelona)
    - Xarxa Solidaridad Palestina (Valencia)
    - Asociación Paz con Dignidad
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- Interpueblos (Cantabria)
- Asociación Al Quds, (Málaga) y ASPA (Asociación Andaluza por la Solidaridad y Paz)
- PCE (Madrid)
- MEWANDO (Euzkadi)

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## **SWITZERLAND\***

- Arbeitskreis für Zeitfragen Biel,
- Arbeitsstelle Kirche im Dialog (OeME) der Evang.-ref. Kirche des Kantons St. Gallen,
- Association Suisse-Palestine (ASP),
- BastA! Basels starke Alternative,
- Berner Mahnwache für einen gerechten Frieden in Israel/Palästina,
- Bildungsstelle der kath. Kirche Biel/Bienne,
- cfd – l'ONG féministe pour la paix,
- participant-e-s CH du programme d'accompagnement Oecuménique en Palestine et Israël,
- Collectif Urgence Palestine Genève, Nyon, Vaud,
- Comité de la Pétition Palestine,
- Conseil suisse pour la paix,
- Fachstelle Ökumene,
- Mission und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit der Ref. Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn,
- Femmes pour la paix Suisse et Bienne,
- GSsA Groupe pour une Suisse sans armée,
- FriedenJetzt.ch,
- Parti Humaniste,
- Humanrights.ch /MERS,
- Jüdische Stimme für einen gerechten Frieden zwischen Israel und Palästina,
- Jeunes Verts Suisse,
- Katholische Pfarrei Bruder Klaus Biel,
- Kinderhilfe Bethlehem Luzern,
- Medico international schweiz vormals Cenrtale Sanitaire Suisse CSS Zürich,
- OeME-Kommission der Evangelisch-reformierten Gesamtkirchgemeinde Bern,
- Palästina-Solidarität Region Basel,
- Parti Suisse du Travail PoP/PdT,
- Peacemaker Gemeinschaft CH + Zen Peacemaker Kreis CH,
- Steuerungsgruppe der Dekade zur Überwindung von Gewalt der Reformierten Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn,
- Les Verts Suisses,
- WILPF Women's International League for Peace and Freedom,
- Zürcher Mahnwache für einen gerechten Frieden zwischen Israel und Palästina
- Committee for the right of return
- Union of Arab Jurists
- Communauté des Palestiniens en Suisse

\* Swiss organizations listed here are signatories of a similar call "40 years of occupation - enough!" (See [www.urgencepalestine.ch](http://www.urgencepalestine.ch) )

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## **UNITED KINGDOM**

- Palestine Solidarity Campaign
- War on Want
- UNISON