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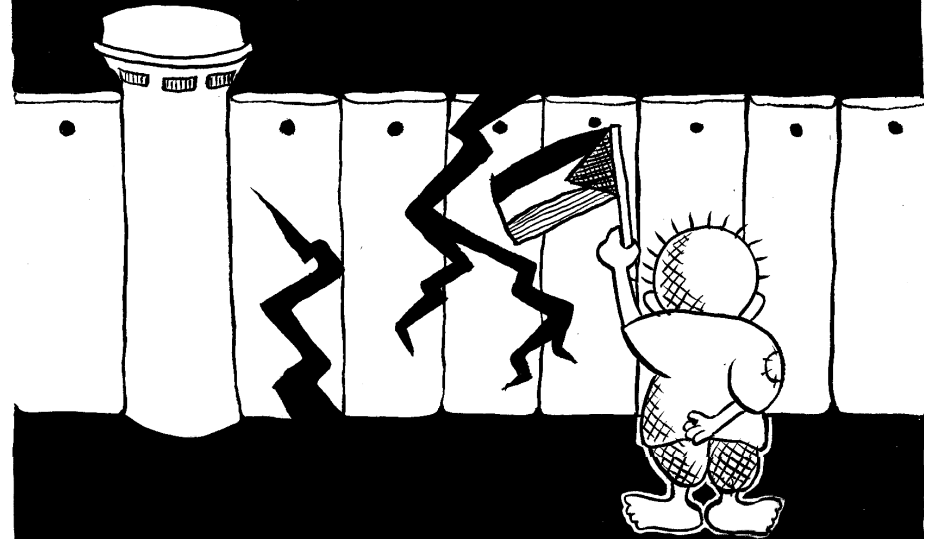
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WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS.

by leila abdul razzaq

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



WE

**BOYCOTT,
DIVEST FROM,
& SANCTION**

ISRAELI APARTHEID

TO ATTACK MECHANISMS THAT SUSTAIN OPPRESSION.

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

TO CHALLENGE OUR OWN COMPLICITY IN THE OCCUPATION.

IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS

TO HOLD ISRAEL ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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

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



MANY WELL-KNOWN FIGURES SUPPORT BDS.



DESMOND TUTU

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

ALICE WALKER

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



ROGER WATERS

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

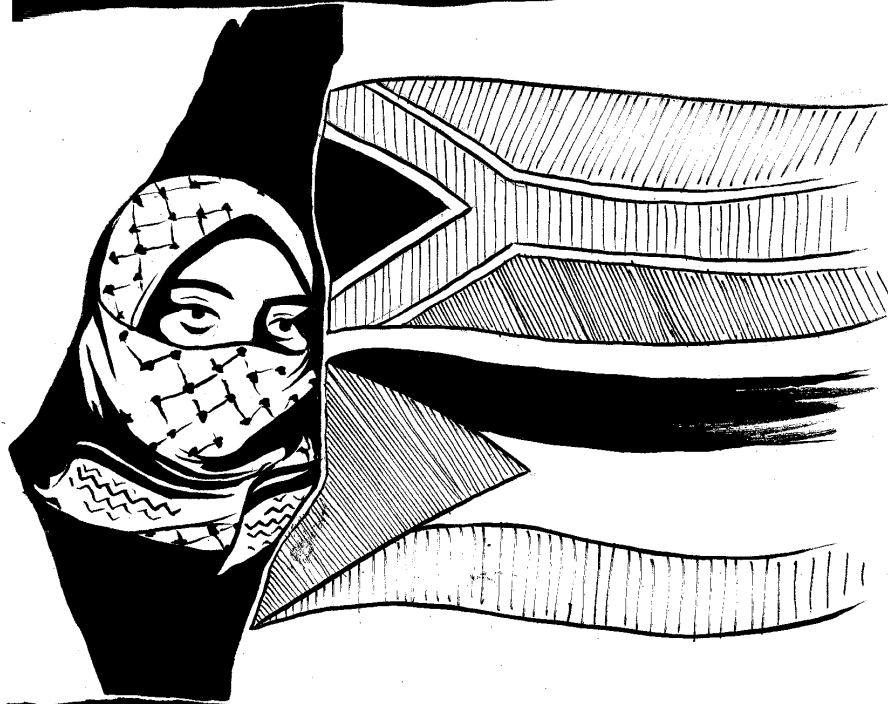
BDS IS A RESISTANCE TACTIC.

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

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



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



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

BDS WORKS!

VICTORIES INCLUDE...



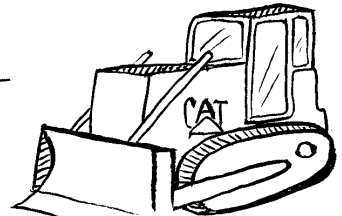
2013/ Divestment resolutions passed at Universities



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



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



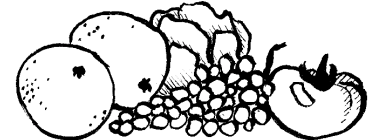
2012/ TIAA-CREF divests from Caterpillar in its Social Choice fund.



2011/ DePaul Sabra hummus boycott.

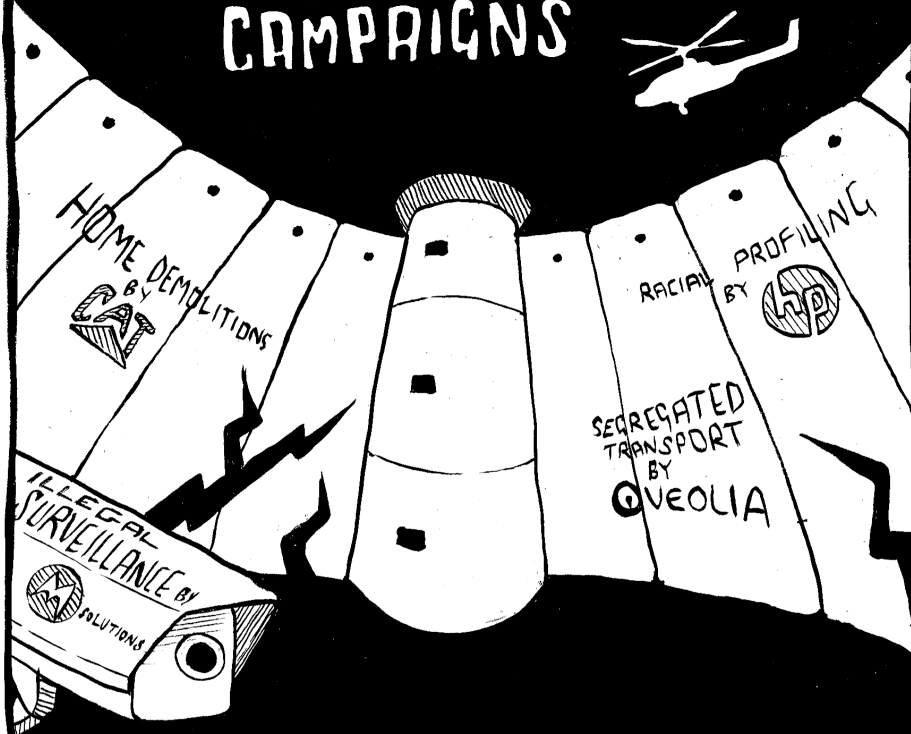


Many artists have also refused to perform or display work in Israel.



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

DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGNS



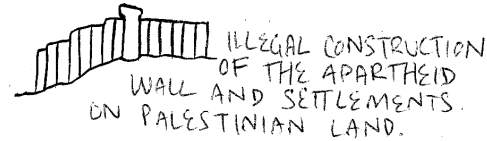
TARGET COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM ISRAEL'S CRIMES. THEY CALL ON INSTITUTIONS TO DIVEST THEIR SHARES FROM THESE COMPANIES, AND URGE THEM TO CEASE COMPLICIT ACTIVITIES.

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

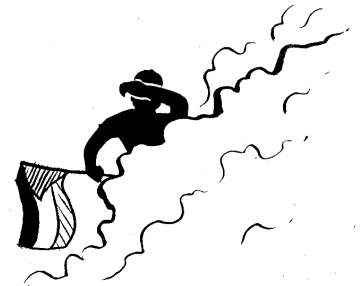
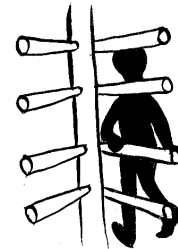
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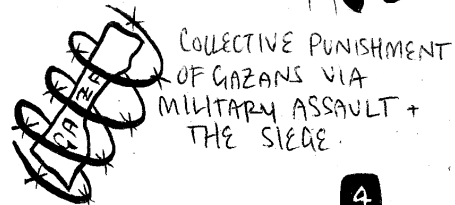
DETENTION AND TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS



SYSTEMIZED RACISM: CHECKPOINTS AND THE PERMIT SYSTEM

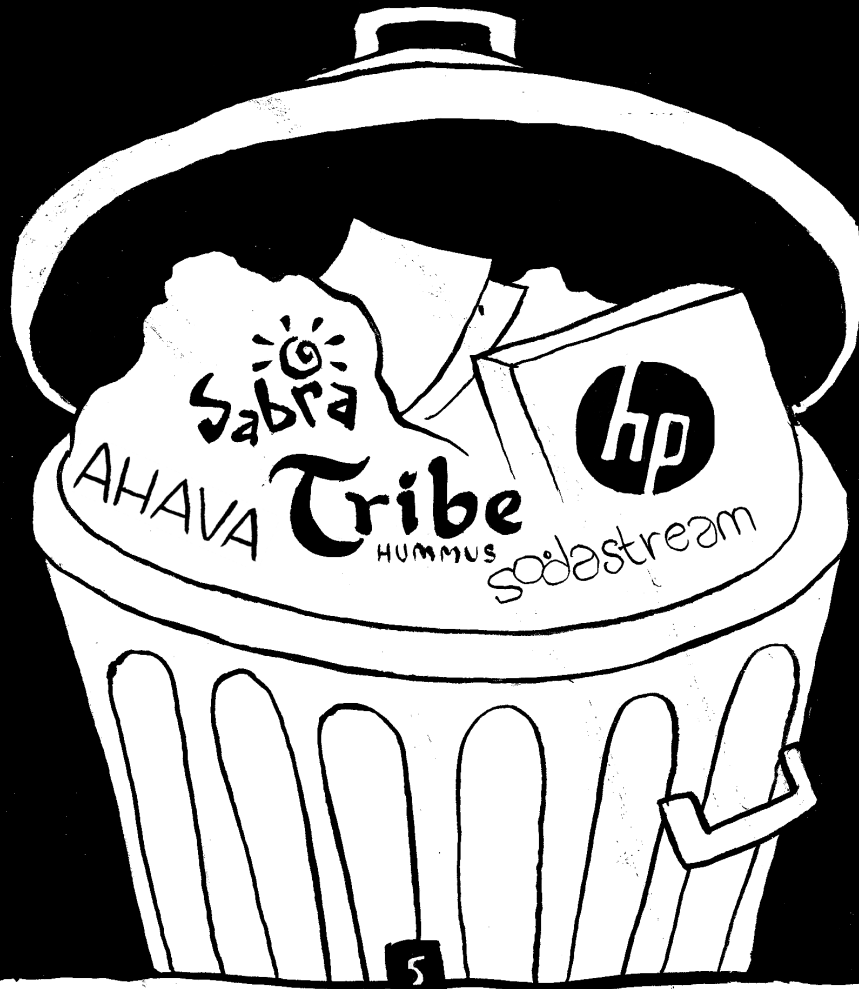


MILITARY BRUTALITY AGAINST PEACEFUL PROTESTORS

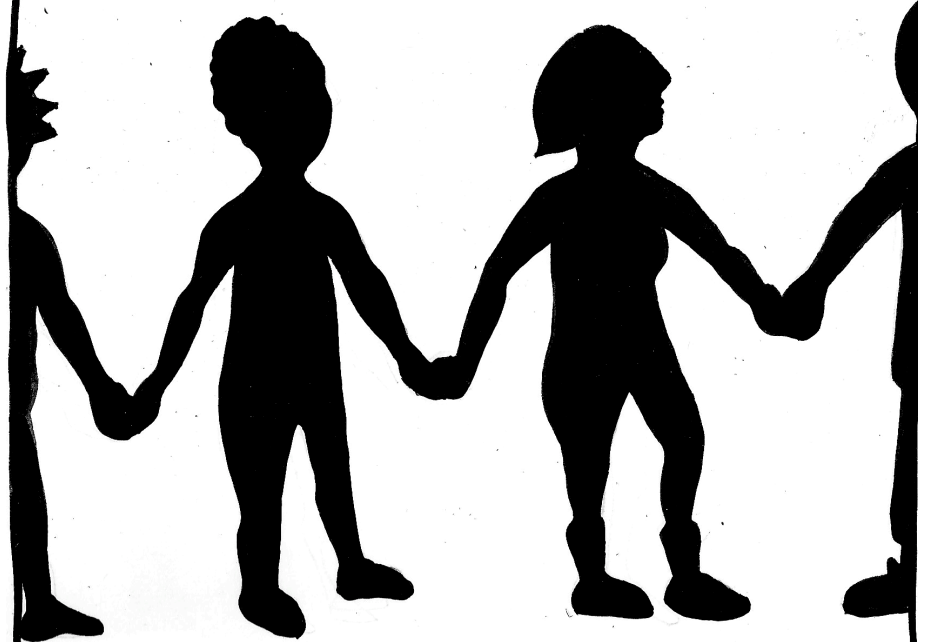


THE CONSUMER BOYCOTT

ALLOWS US TO COMBAT
ISRAEL'S HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES
BY DRAWING ATTENTION TO
COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM
COMMITTING THEM.



THE ACADEMIC & CULTURAL BOYCOTT



IS CHARACTERIZED BY A TARGETED BOYCOTT OF
ISRAELI CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
THAT ARE COMPLICIT IN OR WHITEWASH THE
OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS.

CAMPAIGNS CALL FOR ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMICS,
AND CULTURAL WORKERS WORLDWIDE TO REFRAIN
FROM ENGAGING WITH SUCH ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS.