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“Palestine is the barometer of Western integrity”

Don't call me a Palestinian of the Palestinian Territories because it is called Palestine.
Don't give me a fraction of my homeland and call it a solution.
Don't give me oppression and call it peace.
Don't give me a Bantustan and call it a home.
Don't give me a prison and call it freedom.
Don't draw the borders of my existence according to your whims and interests and call it a state.
My Palestine is the home that is mine since the dawn of history till the end of history.

Israel: International Relations

1. Israel prepares for 'May Madness'

Israeli sources believe President Donald Trump will abandon the Iranian nuclear deal in May and are analyzing the possible outcomes of a number of other events anticipated that month.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/03/israel-us-iran-syria-palestinians-donald-trump-idf-nuclear.html#ixzz5CORqyITf>

Source: Ben Caspit, Al-Monitor, 20.03.2018

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2. The story behind Israel's secret strike on Syria's nuclear reactor

Israel for the first time acknowledges how nearly a decade ago it located and destroyed a Syrian nuclear reactor built with the assistance of North Korea.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/03/israel-strike-nuclear-facility-syria-desert.html#ixzz5CSbwOKt3>

Source: Ben Caspit, Al-Monitor, 21.03.2018

3. Israel's Gaza nightmare

The Israeli military continues to fear a scenario in which Palestinians break through the Gaza border fence into Israel.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-gaza-strip-hamas-idf-palestinians-avigdor-liberman.html#ixzz5F5nColtX>

Source: Ben Caspit, Al-Monitor, 03.04.2018

4. Israel faces historic decision as new population figures emerge

With the official announcement that the number of Jews and Arabs living between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea had reached parity, Israel is facing a historic decision.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-palestinians-demography-jordan-river-apartheid.html#ixzz5F5qn1Clw>

Source: Yossi Beilin, Al-Monitor, 04.04.2018

5. What's behind Israeli education minister's worldwide quest for Jews?

The report of a committee created by Minister of Education Naftali Bennett to increase the world's Jewish population offers no reasonable explanation as to why this should be a strategic national objective for Israel.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-jews-law-of-return-minister-naftali-bennett-diaspora.html#ixzz5F5v84jU6>

Source: Mazal Mualem, Al-Monitor, 04.04.2018

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6. Netanyahu clashes with left-wing US Jews over migrants, Gaza

The latest actions by Israel's right-wing government are further straining historically bipartisan support in Congress.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/netanyahu-israel-allies-congress-african-migrant-deal.html#ixzz5F6TQkoHT>

Source: [Bryant Harris](#), *Al-Monitor*, 04.04.2018

7. **Will Jordan reclaim sovereignty over controversial land on Israeli border?**

Statements by former Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Salam al-Majali that a tiny strip of land on the Jordan-Israel border — ceded by Israel to Jordan under the 1994 peace treaty and then leased back to Israel — is owned by Jews have stirred a nationwide controversy.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/jordan-israel-special-regime-baqoura-1994-peace-treaty-sold.html#ixzz5F6VQog8m>

Source: [Osama Al Sharif](#), *Al Monitor*, 04.04.2018

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8. **Why Netanyahu's flip-flopping endangers Israel**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu caved under light pressure from the Israeli right and canceled an agreement he'd just reached with the UN on African immigrants.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-netanyahu-un-african-migrants-right-wing-pressure.html#ixzz5F8ExfgQa>

Source: [Ben Caspit](#), *Al-Monitor*, 05.04.2018

9. **Netanyahu's U-turn on migrant deal shows power of his base**

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-benjamin-netanyahu-african-illegal-immigrants-likud.html#ixzz5F8lvxYFX>

Source: [Ben Caspit](#), *Al-Monitor*, 10.04.2018

10. **Dublin Becomes First European Capital to Endorse BDS for Palestinian Rights & Drops Hewlett Packard for Its Complicity in Israeli Apartheid**

On Monday 11 April 2018, Dublin [became](#) the first European capital to endorse the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement for Palestinian rights. Citing Israel's "inhumane blockade and siege of Gaza," the Dublin City Council promised to discontinue all its business contracts with the BDS-targeted Hewlett Packard (HP) branded companies and spin-offs, including DXC Technology, given their [complicity](#) in Israel's egregious violations of Palestinian human rights.

Yesterday, Israel [tried unsuccessfully](#) to bar entry to Dublin's mayor as he was on his way to attend meetings in Ramallah. Israeli authorities mistook his title for his name, [drawing ridicule](#) from Palestinian and other social media activists. Mayor Micheál MacDonncha is currently meeting with Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been peacefully protesting the siege and demanding the UN-stipulated right of Palestinian refugees, who constitute the majority in Gaza, to return to their homes of origin from which they had been forcibly displaced.

Abdurahman Abunahel, Gaza coordinator for the BNC, the largest Palestinian coalition which leads the global BDS movement for Palestinian rights, said:

"Dublin has offered the strongest response to date to Israel's latest massacre against unarmed Palestinian protesters in the occupied and besieged Gaza Strip. This is the most impressive win yet for the BDS movement in 2018. The people of Ireland, with their long legacy of struggle against colonialism, have shown that while governments in the US and Europe are deeply complicit in Israel's crimes of occupation and apartheid, people of conscience stand on the right side of history, against oppression and for freedom, justice, equality and human dignity.

After 70 years of dispossession, 50 years of military rule, and the devastating 10 year siege that suffocates us in the world's largest open-air prison, we need such meaningful solidarity, especially in the form of BDS. In just the last two weeks, the Israeli military, following a shoot-to-kill-or-maim policy, has already killed 30 Palestinian civilians in Gaza and injured over 3,000. By excluding HP companies, the Dublin City Council is taking an important step towards ending security and military ties with Israel and corporations that enable its system of oppression. The most important demand raised by Palestinians in response to Israel's latest massacre is imposing a military embargo similar to the one enacted by the United Nations against apartheid South Africa.

Thanks to Dubliners, Irish supporters of Palestinian rights elsewhere, and growing numbers of BDS campaigners around the world, we Palestinians are in our darkest hours assured that we are far from alone, and that together we can bend the arc of history towards justice."

This victory for Palestinian rights follows on the heels of two other recent victories in Ireland. Earlier this month, the Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO), with over 40,000 members, passed a [resolution](#) which mirrors the [800,000 strong Irish Congress of Trade Unions \(ICTU\)](#) position on Palestine by fully supporting the BDS movement and its aspirations. And less than a week ago, the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), representing [374,000 students](#) in higher education, [voted](#) to do the same.

Just today, Cork, Ireland's third largest city, [called on](#) the Irish government to "condemn" the "recent massacre" of Palestinian civilians in Gaza by the Israeli military and to "take diplomatic action against Israel by expelling a number of its diplomats and recognise the state of Palestine."

Hewlett Packard's violations of Palestinian human rights have been well documented. Aside from [providing](#) services and technology to the Israeli army that maintains Israel's military occupation and siege of Gaza, and [biometric technology](#) that enables the Israeli government to control and enforce its system of racial segregation against Palestinians, HP has been deeply complicit in [enabling](#) the Israeli prison system, notorious for [torture](#) and other human rights abuses.

HP has already suffered financial and reputational damage from BDS campaigns for Palestinian human rights. Several Christian denominations in the US have already [divested from HP](#) at the national level, and 26 Christian congregations across the country have committed to being [HP-Free churches](#) which refuse to buy any HP products. The campaign against HP has attracted

support from faith communities, [student governments](#) and trade unions across the world. Under this pressure, HP has conducted a corporate [re-shuffling](#) that renders the companies involved [no less complicit](#) or subject to BDS campaigns. With this decision, Dublin joins [dozens of local authorities](#) across the Spanish state, Norway, Sweden, France, the UK, Belgium and Australia that have passed resolutions supporting BDS or pledged to avoid doing business with companies targeted by the BDS movement due to their complicity in Israel's violations of Palestinian human rights.

Source: Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC) / Ireland

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) is the largest coalition in Palestinian civil society. It leads and supports the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement for Palestinian rights.

11. Saudi leadership offers Israel a chance

Open declarations alongside discreet talks indicate that Saudi Arabia is ready to engage with Israel, in parallel with a two-state solution process.

Read more: <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/04/israel-israel-saudi-arabia-two-state-solution-palestine.html#ixzz5FBVXaeVz>

Source: Uri Savir, Al Monitor, 15.0.2018

12. Durham City Council passed a resolution prohibiting police exchanges with Israel.

Police exchanges between the U.S. and Israel promote the "worst practices" of militarized policing, and reinforce the abuse of the civil rights of people of color in both countries. In Durham, this practice won't happen in the future thanks to the incredible work of a broad coalition of racial justice and Palestinian solidarity activists.

Durham, NC is the first US city to take this step -- and if we can show there's huge public support for their decision **we can help it become a precedent setting move** that many cities follow. If there's one lesson we've learned over and over again, it's this: the toughest part of the fight is defending against the backlash. **The opposition is going to do everything they can to savage this progressive, forward-looking, visionary decision.**

And you know that false charges of antisemitism are going to be their number 1 talking point to bully the city council into turning from their bold stand. We've seen it before. Just a few months ago, the New Orleans City Council passed - also unanimously - a resolution that in effect endorsed the BDS movement. In just a matter of days, the ADL and other old-guard Jewish institutions mobilized such a backlash that the resolution was rescinded. We need to counter the opposition's dismissive, hurtful message with the truth: this is really about safety for everyone -- and show the Durham City Council and everyone watching they've got huge public support.

For decades Israel has made life hell for Palestinians -- just as they're doing right now with the Gaza protests -- and gotten away with it. But that's starting to change. Senators and congress people are condemning the Gaza protest killings for the first time, and local decision makers are breaking ties too. The more we celebrate these steps forward the more likely it is that others will follow.

Source: US Jewish Voices for Peace, 17.04.2018

13. Israel to lead us to war – A view from Palestine

An Israeli newspaper (Haaretz) had an opinion piece titled "Trump Tells World to Drop Dead as Netanyahu Dictates His Nixing of Iran Deal." But it is not just Netanyahu, it is the whole Zionist establishment that took the decision to challenge a deal agreed to by much of the world and continue to try to start new wars and sacrificing gullible gentiles on the altar of Zionism. Most of the world now understands the ramifications. Israel has nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, violates international law, invades other countries. Israel is still illegally occupying the Syrian Golan and colonizing Palestine. It violates international law with impunity and engages in war crimes and crimes against humanity. But its attack on Lebanon, Gaza, Syria, and Yemen (by proxy) will now escalate to direct confrontation with Iran. Israel hopes Trump will provide all needed military cover even at risk of WWII.

The much maligned Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party scored significant wins in British elections. The media, heavily infested with supporters of the Colonial settler Israeli regime, spun this win negatively even after they failed in all their desperate attempts to stop British voters choosing what is best for them instead of what is best for greedy Zionists. The much maligned resistance axis similarly scored significant wins in Lebanese elections. This despite over one billion dumped by the Saudi regime to prop-up Israel friendly candidates like Saad AlHariri. The Saudi operated media like Al-Arabiya do everything they can to hide the crimes against humanity in places like Yemen and Palestine to normalize the apartheid regime occupying Palestine while continuing to try and vilify anyone who stands up against US and Israeli imperialism in Western Asia.

In Syria, there are desperate US/Israeli attempts to keep the war going. Russia, Iran, China and others are taking control and insist on ending the war. Trump is set to do what his Zionist handlers want him to do: confront Iran and cancel the deal on May 12. This sets the stage for a law of the jungle (but jungles are very nice compared to human greed and war). Oil prices are set to sky rocket and the global economy to nose-dive. Here in Palestine, we had dispensed with elections all together! No elections were held for 12 years for the so called "Palestinian authority". And the Palestine National Council has now moved to become more a cheerleader club for the current 82 year old elder Mahmoud Abbas. The latter is forced to apologize to "the Jewish people" (see Shlomo Sands' book "The invention of the Jewish people") but has never apologized to the 12.5 million disheartened Palestinians for the treachery otherwise known as "the Oslo Accords".

Article by Gideon Levy: Dear Occupiers, Sorry if We Hurt Your Feelings: Not one Israeli statesman today intends to apologize for the Nakba – not for the ethnic cleansing, nor for the exiling. But Abbas had no choice but to apologize for his Holocaust remark

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-dear-occupiers-sorry-if-we-hurt-your-feelings-1.6055095>

As the US moves its Embassy to Jerusalem against International law, take a moment to remember the US Servicemen killed by the deliberate attack of Israel on their ship in international waters: http://ifamericaknew.org/us_ints/liberty-casualties.html

Israel offended Japan's prime minister by serving him dessert in a shoe, something 'despised' by Japanese people
<http://www.businessinsider.com/israel-served-japan-prime-minister-shinzo-abe-dessert-out-of-a-shoe-2018-5>

Palestinian female poet sentenced to jail for a poem urging resistance to colonization
<https://arablit.org/2016/04/27/the-poem-for-which-dareen-tatours-under-house-arrest-resist-my-people-resist-them/>

For Palestinians Under Israeli Occupation, Regard for India Runs Deep: Palestine has been under Israeli military occupation for decades. The author, who spent three months at the beginning of 2018 in the West Bank, writes about his experiences.

<https://thewire.in/diplomacy/for-palestinians-under-israeli-occupation-regard-for-india-runs-deep>

Source: Mazin Qumsiyeh, A bedouin in cyberspace, a villager at home, May 2018

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<http://qumsiyeh.org>

<http://palestinennature.org>

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