



Inspiring BDS News from the Americas, Arab World, Europe & Asia



(Women delegates from the World Without Walls delegation to Palestine.)

Dear supporter,

We have great news to share.

This month, a *World Without Walls* delegation with grassroots leaders from Mexico and the United States met with us in Palestine. This group of Latinx and indigenous activists from communities hurt by the US/Mexico border joined Palestinians to build connections and a joint resistance. A resistance committed to strengthening the BDS movement and to challenging both the Israeli Apartheid Wall and the Wall of Shame that President Trump wants to expand.

We at the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) are proud to have co-organized this delegation, and are now building on it towards a November 9 *Global Day of Action for A World Without Walls* with groups from over 30 countries.

In other good news, the **United Nations is producing a list of companies involved in Israel's occupation — taking its first concrete step to hold Israel accountable** for violating Palestinian human rights. And the premiere civil liberties organization in the United States, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), has for the **first time** filed a lawsuit challenging anti-BDS legislation. The ACLU makes clear that the right to boycott Israel for its violations of Palestinian human rights is a constitutionally protected right, and that political boycotts to advance progressive causes have a long and admirable history.

Both these significant developments indicate the growing impact of the BDS movement.

More inspiring, recent BDS news:

1. Denmark's third largest pension fund, Sampension, **excludes four companies** from its portfolio, citing their investments in illegal Israeli settlements. The four companies are all companies targeted by the BDS movement.
2. UN Women becomes the fifth UN agency in Jordan to **drop its contracts with G4S** following a campaign by BDS activists. This comes on the heels of **7 public and private companies** in Jordan also discontinuing their contracts with G4S. G4S is the world's largest security company and is complicit in Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights.
3. **A 16-million strong organization in India declares support for the BDS movement.** The group is the largest organization representing peasants in India. It has vowed to resist the corporate takeover of Indian agriculture by Israeli companies and to stop Israel from

reaping profits in India that finance Israeli military occupation and apartheid.

4. Medical students at Chile's largest university [overwhelmingly vote for BDS](#) to advance Palestinian human rights.

5. BDS activists successfully convince Australian RFDS, one of the largest aeromedical organizations in the world, to [refuse services from the Israeli military and tech company Elbit Systems](#). Elbit Systems is responsible for building Israel's apartheid wall and for producing killer drones used by the Israeli military in its multiple attacks on Palestinian civilians in Gaza . This victory follows an 18-month campaign supported by the Australian public alongside public officials and doctors.

6. Renowned [Portuguese photographers](#) pledge to respect the Palestinian call for BDS by engaging in the cultural boycott of Israel, and call for other Portuguese photographers to join them.

7. Award-winning British filmmaker [Ken Loach donates proceeds](#) from screenings of his latest film to the BDS movement, as a gesture of his support.

8. An [upscale Tokyo department store withdraws](#) products made in illegal Israeli settlements built on stolen Palestinian land.

9. The [Municipality of Cádiz, Spain cancels an Israeli film series sponsored by the Israeli government](#), respecting the Palestinian call to boycott Israeli apartheid. The series was in conflict with the City Council's official commitment to respect the human rights principles set by the BDS movement.

Thank you, as always, for standing with us and being part of this movement in pursuit of freedom, justice and equality.

Solidarity,

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC)

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