

# SUPPORT PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS BOYCOTT ISRAELI APARTHEID!



Israel is a racist apartheid state with an appalling human rights record. It violates International law and defies over 60 UN Resolutions on a daily basis. It continues to steal Palestinian land and vital resources such as water, expand its illegal settlements in the West Bank and build its illegal apartheid wall. It enforces its brutal occupation through a policy of humiliation, discrimination, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, human rights abuses, ethnic cleansing, murder and War Crimes.



In the assault on Gaza last year, Israel slaughtered over 1400 people, including over 300 children. It maintains its illegal and barbaric siege of Gaza. As a result, chronic malnutrition of children is rampant while patients suffer unnecessarily and die due to lack of medicines and access to proper medical care by Israel.

Palestinian civil society and the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) seek a complete boycott of Israel, including a sporting boycott, similar to that which helped end South African apartheid.

**We urge Irish football fans to stand against Israeli apartheid and show solidarity with the Palestinian people by joining our protest.**

We also urge fans not to travel to Israel for the second leg of this tie. The Irish people helped end South African apartheid by supporting that boycott campaign. We can help bring an end to Israeli Apartheid and secure Palestinian freedom by supporting the campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel.



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# LOVE FOOTBALL - HATE APARTHEID!

**While some people may suggest that sports and politics shouldn't mix, we believe there is no place in sport for racism or teams who act as ambassadors for racist or apartheid states.**



Attempts by the Palestinian national team to participate in International competitions are consistently hampered by Israel. Travel restrictions, such as refusing players exit visas, as well as a complete ban on travel between the West Bank and Gaza makes training virtually impossible and has led to cancelled internationals.

In October 2007, Israel refused the team exit visas to play a FIFA World Cup Qualifier second leg in Singapore, resulting in the awarding of the game to Singapore and Palestine's exit from the competition.

In May 2008, Israel again refused them exit visas to allow them take part in the AFC Challenge Cup, a competition in which they were expected to be contenders for the title and to secure a place in the 2011 Asia Cup.

In 2006, Israel bombed their stadium in Gaza. In 2009 three footballers, Ayman Alkurd, Shade Sbakhe and Wajeh Moshtahe were murdered by Israeli bombs during the month long 'Cast Lead' assault on Gaza.



**Ayman Alkurd - murdered by Israel in 2009**

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