

# Palestinian Campaign for Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS)

## A CJPP Factsheet

### BNC member organisations:

- Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine
- Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO)
- Palestinian National Institute for NGOs
- Global Palestine Right of Return Coalition
- Palestinian Trade Union Coalition for BDS (PTUC-BDS)
- Federation of Independent Trade Unions
- General Union of Palestinian Workers
- Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions
- General Union of Palestinian Women
- Union of Palestinian Farmers
- General Union of Palestinian Teachers
- General Union of Palestinian Writers
- Palestinian Federation of Unions of University Professors and Employees (PFUUPE)
- Union of Professional Associations
- General Union of Palestinian Peasants
- Union of Public Employees in Palestine - Civil Sector
- Grassroots Palestinian Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign (Stop the Wall)
- National Committee for Grassroots Resistance
- Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI)
- National Committee to Commemorate the Nakba
- Civic Coalition for the Defence of Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem
- Coalition for Jerusalem
- Union of Palestinian Charitable Organizations
- Palestinian Economic Monitor
- Union of Youth Activity Centers – Palestine Refugee Camps
- Occupied Palestine and Syrian Golan Heights Initiative

## What is the BDS Campaign?

In 2005, Palestinian civil society issued a call for a campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it meets its obligations under international law by:

1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands occupied in June 1967 and dismantling the Wall;
2. Recognizing the fundamental rights of

the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and

3. Respecting, protecting and promoting

related in UN Resolution 194.

The campaign is coordinated by the **Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC)**, established in 2007. [see list of BNC member organizations at left]



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the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipu-

BDS is a strategy that allows people of conscience to play an effective role in the Palestinian struggle for justice.

## Boycott

Boycotts target products and companies (Israeli and international), as well as Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions, that **profit** from the Israeli military occupation and the violation of Palestinian rights.

## Divestment

Divestment (or disinvestment) means targeting corporations **complicit** in the Israeli occupation and violation of Palestinian rights. These efforts encourage companies to use their economic influence to pressure Israel to end its systematic denial of Palestinian rights.

## Sanctions

Sanctions are an essential part of demonstrating **disapproval** for a country's actions. By calling for sanctions against Israel, campaigners educate society about violations of international law and seek to end the complicity of other nations in these violations.