



Labour Against Apartheid Campaign

Free Palestine, End Israeli Apartheid

There is a growing global consensus that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid. While Palestinians and international solidarity activists have known that Israel is an apartheid state for many years, recently organizations like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Israeli human rights NGO B'Tselem have also adopted the term to describe the system of racial segregation that Israel has imposed on the Palestinian people.

Apartheid, a crime under international law, is legally defined as systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over another.

According to Independent Jewish Voices Canada, Israel is committing apartheid by refusing to provide Palestinians with equal access to water, electricity, healthcare, education, housing, employment, freedom of movement and a range of rights and civil liberties enjoyed by Jewish citizens of the country.

Like all people of the world, Palestinians have fundamental rights to freedom, justice, and equality. As trade unionists, we are compelled to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation, just as we did in the struggle for freedom from apartheid in South Africa.

What is Labour Against Apartheid

The Labour Against Apartheid campaign is coordinated by *Labour4Palestine* to deepen Palestine solidarity in the Canadian labour movement.

Our goals are to:

1. Empower the many unions in Canada that have expressed support for Palestine to move to concrete action by launching Palestine solidarity campaigns.
2. Support those unions that have not yet passed resolutions in support of Palestinian liberation to take those first steps.

Why is Palestine a labour issue?

Like all workers, Palestinian workers are struggling for better wages, benefits, health and safety protections, and rights to collective bargaining. But their struggle is immeasurably more difficult because they are also struggling for their national liberation from decades of Israeli settler-colonization, apartheid and illegal occupation. Palestinian workers must navigate military checkpoints, work permits, segregated roads, and restrictions on freedom of movement and assembly - all of which is intertwined with their struggles for decent work and fair working conditions. They also continue to be subjected to ethnic cleansing, house demolitions, illegal detention, extra-judicial killings and wars of aggression.

In Palestine, the workers' struggle and the struggle for national liberation cannot be separated. In Canada, the fight for workers' rights must be connected to the fight for freedom of all workers in Palestine and around the world. None of us are free until all of us are free.

What you can do: Check out the website at www.labourforpalestine.com; follow us on twitter @Palestinelabour and instagram @labourforpalestine; sign up to our mailing list using the QR code; and stay tuned for updates!

