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THE HOTTEST NEWS ON BDS ISSUES



The Jerusalem Institute of Justice is a non-profit human rights organization that promotes and protects the rule of law, human dignity and democracy in Israel and the Middle East.

In the course of our investigation of the activities and intentions of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, we uncovered the true agenda of the its leaders - the destruction of the State of Israel and the undermining of peace efforts in the region.

This eBook contains monthly reports on worldwide BDS activities and Anti-BDS successes from May 2017 to April 2018.

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WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



MAY 2018

USA 

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH RECENTLY VOTED TO DIVEST FROM COMPANIES PROFITING FROM CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

CANADA 

BDS RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN PASSED AT RYERSON UNIVERSITY, YORK UNIVERSITY AND WINDSOR UNIVERSITY.

ENGLAND 

- G4S, THE LARGEST SECURITY SERVICES COMPANY IN THE WORLD, HAS SOLD OFF ITS ISRAELI BRANCH OF ITS OPERATIONS DUE TO BDS-RELATED PRESSURE.
- THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS HAS COMPLETELY BOYCOTTED TECHNOLOGY GIANT HP DUE TO THE USE OF ITS PRODUCTS IN ISRAELI PRISONS AND CHECKPOINTS.

 NORWAY

THE NORWEGIAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, ENDORSED A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.

ANTI- BDS SUCCESS



MAY 2018

FRANCE 

EMANUEL MACRON, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS EXPELLED A MEMBER FROM THE EN MARCHE! PARTY FOR TWEETING PRO-BDS STATEMENTS. THIS IS THE SECOND MEMBER HE HAS EXPELLED DUE TO ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENTS.

USA 

- GOVERNORS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND THE MAYOR OF D.C. SIGNED GOVERNORS UNITED AGAINST BDS, AN ANTI-BDS INITIATIVE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE.
- A BILL WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT PROHIBITS STATE FUNDS FROM BEING INVESTED IN COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN BDS. THE LAW ALSO PROHIBITS STATE-AFFILIATED ENTITIES FROM BOYCOTTING ISRAEL.

 CANADA

A STAFF UNION AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS REJECTED A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL.



WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



JUNE 2017

GERMANY



- A discussion panel at Humboldt University in Berlin, including Israeli Member of Knesset, Aliza Lavie, and Holocaust survivor Deborah Weinstein, was halted by BDS activists, some of who had previously been banned from such events from promoting anti-Semitism.



UNITED KINGDOM

- The High Court ruled that local governments in the UK can now legally enact boycotts of foreign governments, notably, the State of Israel.

FRANCE



- During the Paris Airshow, BDS activists protested in front of the booth of Elbit Systems, an Israeli aerospace and defense company. The protestors called for the leaders of Elbit Systems to be prosecuted in the International Criminal Court.



SPAIN

- The Parliament of Spain has declared that BDS activity is protected by the right of free speech.

SWITZERLAND



- The Swiss Parliament did not pass an anti-BDS bill that would have made it illegal for the Swiss government to give funding to groups engaged in BDS.



ANTI- BDS SUCCESSSES

JUNE 2017

USA



- The state legislature of North Carolina has approved anti-BDS legislation, making it illegal for the state to conduct business with companies that participate in BDS activity. North Carolina is the 22nd state to enact anti-BDS legislation.

- The Kansas State legislature has passed a bill that would prevent the state of Kansas from conducting business with companies that are involved in the BDS Movement. The bill will now go to Governor Brownback for final approval.



CANADA

- The Niagara Regional Council, which governs the Niagara region in Ontario, Canada has condemned BDS in a vote of 24-2.

AUSTRIA



- A hotel in Vienna was scheduled to host a pro-BDS talk that compared apartheid to South Africa to the current security measures in Israel, but cancelled before the day of the event. The talk was to be given by an Islamic theologian who is known for his anti-Semitic rhetoric and had previously funded a Palestinian terrorist.

WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



JULY 2017

USA



- The Israel Anti-Boycott Act is a federal piece of proposed legislation with bipartisan support that would penalize companies participating in the boycott against Israel. The ACLU has taken issue with the Act stating that free speech would be infringed upon if it's passed. Several U.S. Senators have declared their intentions to reconsider the bill.
- 98% of the delegates from the Mennonite Church voted in favor of BDS resolution at their biannual convention.



IRELAND

- Michael Higgins, the President of the Republic of Ireland, welcomed Omar Barghouti, the founder of the BDS movement at a trade conference in Belfast where Barghouti was being honored.

UNITED KINGDOM



- Roger Waters, an English musician and co-founder of Pink Floyd has compared the State of Israel to Nazi Germany.



GERMANY

- In order to raise funds for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) a designated terrorist group, the Democratic Committee of Palestine hosted an event in Berlin. The event was held in the same building that houses the offices to a socialist newspaper.



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JULY 2017

UNITED KINGDOM



- BDS activists called for the English band Radiohead to cancel their show in Tel Aviv. The band rejected their demands and played their longest show in 11 years.



FRANCE

- French President, Emmanuel Macron, has stated that anti-Zionism is a new, reinvented form of anti-Semitism. The statement was made at a ceremony in Paris commemorating the 13,000 Jews that were sent to their deaths from the place where the ceremony was held.

CANADA



- After being denied participation in the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Social Justice Week, Hasbara, a pro-Israel organization, took legal action. The Student Association issued an apology, an invitation to participate in the future, as well as the payment of a settlement for an undisclosed amount.

Around The World

AUGUST 2017

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WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



CANADA



• Unifor, Canada's largest private sector union has adopted a BDS resolution. Despite the theme of the resolution package being "Solidarity for a Better World, no other resolutions were passed having to do with alleged human rights abuses.



GERMANY

• A total of 6 participants from Arab countries and the United Kingdom backed out of the Pop-Kultur music festival in Berlin, Germany due to the fact that Israeli investors were involved.

SPAIN



• The BDS chapter in Catalonia blamed the terror attack that took place in August on the foreign policy of European governments.



UNITED KINGDOM

• A survey was conducted by Campaign Against Anti-Semitism. 78% of Jews polled said that they feel "intimidated by tactics used to boycott Israel" and "81% said that media bias against Israel was fueling persecution of Jews in Britain."



PORTUGAL

• More than 40 Portuguese photographers announced their intentions to boycott any professional invitations from the State of Israel or Israeli institutions that they deem complicit in the "occupation."



ANTI- BDS SUCCESSES

AUGUST 2017

USA



• The U.S. delegation to the United Nations is attempting to stop the U.N. from publishing a "blacklist" of international firms conducting business in Israeli settlements that exist within land claimed by the Palestinians that would be used for a future state.

• In May, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), a pro-BDS group, interrupted an event with IDF reservists at the University of California, Irvine. The protestors screamed and spit at the IDF reservists causing the speakers to file an official complaint with the school. In an unprecedented action, UC Irvine has placed the protesting students on a two year probation for their behavior. They must also consult with a representative of the dean's office before hosting an event on campus.



• The city of Frankfurt has approved of a bill that bans municipal money from going to any groups or individuals that would promote the BDS movement against Israel. The Mayor of Frankfurt has declared BDS to be anti-Semitic and stands firmly against this attack on the Jewish State.

WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



SEPTEMBER 2017

UNITED NATIONS



• The United Nations has sent out letters to 150 companies doing business in the West Bank notifying them that they will soon be added to a boycott database. Israel has reported that some of the companies have already not renewed their contracts with Israel.



IRELAND

• An academic boycott conference was held in Dublin at Trinity College. Three anti-BDS researchers who intended to present their findings were banned from participating.

GERMANY



• A synagogue in Ulm, Germany has been vandalized twice in the past two months by the same perpetrator. German officials in the city deny that the attacks were anti-Semitic; however, some Jewish groups claim otherwise. Many leaders in the city of Ulm are supportive of the BDS movement, making their denial of anti-Semitic motives for the attacks questionable.



MOROCCO

• Upon arrival in Tangier to perform at a music festival, Israeli musician Noam Vazana was met with protests. BDS activists demonstrated throughout the city, including in front of her hotel, with some even calling for her expulsion from Morocco.



ANTI- BDS SUCCESSSES

SEPTEMBER 2017

GERMANY



• The city of Frankfurt, following suit with other major German cities, has taken massive steps against the BDS movement. Frankfurt, known for being a financial and business center, has outlawed any BDS activities from taking place in public spaces within the city. The city has also announced that any organization that supports BDS will have their public subsidies subsequently revoked.



UNITED KINGDOM

• Prime Minister Theresa May held a special dinner at her residence celebrating the Balfour Declaration, which stated the British support for a Jewish homeland in the land of Palestine. During her opening remarks, she reiterated her support for Israel.

• Speaking at the World Jewish Congress, Member of Parliament Sajid Javid, stated that despite calls for the UK to apologize for the Balfour Declaration, this request would never happen.

CANADA



• The undergraduate student union at McGill University, one of the top universities in Canada has voted 11-0 with one abstention to uphold the organization's anti-BDS stance.

Around The World

OCTOBER 2017

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WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



OCTOBER 2017

CANADA



• Despite passing a resolution that bans BDS, the student council at McGill University is facing trouble in regards to BDS. A Jewish student was denied a seat on the council once it had been identified that he was active in a number of Jewish causes, specifically those with pro-Israel ties.



IRELAND

• Steven Salaita, an American professor who came under fire in 2014 for tweets deemed as anti-Semitic, spoke at a conference on academic freedom hosted by Trinity College Dublin.

JAPAN



• The Mitsukoshi department store in Tokyo, the largest of its kind in Japan, decided to pull all products made in Israeli settlements from its shelves.



INDIA

• The farmer's wing of the Communist Party of India has come out in support of the BDS movement. They said in a statement that they are doing so to "raise awareness among Indian farmers to prevent Israel and its corporations from reaping profits in India that finance military occupation and apartheid in Palestine." The group numbers 16 million people.



ANTI- BDS SUCCESSSES

OCTOBER 2017

USA



• The governors of Maryland and Wisconsin have signed orders that prohibit their respective states from doing business with firms that support the BDS movement.



UNITED NATIONS

• The special rapporteur for the UN's Human Rights Council and Canadian lawyer, Michael Lynk, pushed for economic sanctions on Israel, bringing up the international community's response to South Africa's occupation of Namibia as a precedent for such sanctions. The US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, condemned Lynk's assertion, saying that Israel is mistreated by the UN.

AUSTRALIA



• Stuart Robert, an Australian Member of Parliament, condemned BDS as anti-Semitic. He stated that those who promote BDS should be denounced and that Australia loves and is a friend to Israel.



AUSTRIA

• The Austrian National Union of Students almost unanimously passed a resolution against BDS.



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NOVEMBER 2017

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WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY

NOVEMBER 2017



EUROPE

This year, European governments have pumped tens of millions of euros into NGOs that support various forms of BDS

SPAIN



Hundreds of the elected officials in Spain endorse BDS for Palestinian rights, setting a new BDS precedent in Europe



BELGIUM

The prestigious Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium announced its withdrawal from a confidential EU-funded research project with the Israeli police



EUROPE

Over 20 countries issued an international call urging premier cycling event 'giro d'italia' to move its big race starting point out of Israel

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BDS SUCCESS



NOVEMBER 2017

USA



Trump's decision to move the US Embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem after years of denial from previous presidents, is just a reflection of Trump's pro-Israel views



BRITAIN

Music icon Boy George and his band started their world tour in Tel Aviv which marked their first concert in the Jewish state in 30 years

JAPAN



The largest sale of an Israeli pharmaceutical company, Heuroderm, is being sold to Japan for 1.4 million



TEXAS

In order to receive aid after hurricane Harvey, locals were asked to sign a form stating that they didn't participate in boycotting Israel

Around The World

DECEMBER 2017

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WORLDWIDE BDS MOVEMENT



DECEMBER 2017

A MEMBER OF THE BERKLEY CITY
COUNCIL HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF
DISMISSING A SITTING
COMMISSIONER FOR NOT
SUPPORTING THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL



PALESTINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY CALLS FOR SANCTIONS ON
ISRAEL TO STRIP ISRAELI/TRUMP ALLIANCE WHICH
UNDERMINES PALESTINIAN RIGHTS



THE SINGER LORDE WAS MOVED
BY THE PRO-BDS MOVEMENT TO
CANCEL HER UPCOMING SHOW IN
TEL-AVIV

3,000 PLANNED HOMES BEING BUILT ON
SETTLEMENTS ARE WALLOWING IN LIMBO
BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO BUILD OR
MARKET HOMES OVER THE GREEN LINE



DECEMBER 2017

ANTI- BDS SUCCESS

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS SET
ASIDE
72 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS FIGHTING
THE CAMPAIGN TO BOYCOTT THE JEWISH
STATE



NORWAY IS
REPORTEDLY SET TO
CUT FUNDING FOR
PALESTINIAN NGO'S
THAT SUPPORT
BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL

IN NEW YORK A STUDY BETWEEN 4
COLLEGES REVEALED THAT MOST
STUDENTS SHOWED LITTLE
SUPPORT FOR ACADEMIC
BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL



FIVE STATE TV AND RADIO
STATIONS WILL NOT BROADCAST
ROGER WATERS UPCOMING
CONCERTS IN GERMANY DUE TO
ACCUSATIONS OF HIM BEING PRO
BDS



WORLDWIDE BDS MOVEMENT



JANUARY 2018

NORWEGIAN MP BJORNER MOXNESS HAS NOMINATED THE BDS MOVEMENT FOR THE 2018 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. HE SAYS THE AWARD WOULD HELP TO LEGITIMIZE THE BDS MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE



A U.S. FEDERAL JUDGE HAS BLOCKED ENFORCING A NEW KANSAS LAW THAT MADE IT ILLEGAL TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL. THE ACLU ARGUED THAT THE LAW WAS A VIOLATION OF FREE SPEECH. THIS RULING IS THE FIRST TO ADDRESS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF U.S. STATE LAWS AGAINST BDS

A BILL PENDING IN THE IRISH PARLIAMENT WOULD BOYCOTT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM SETTLEMENTS AND "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES." A NUMBER OF PROMINENT ISRAELIS HAVE PETITIONED THE IRISH PARLIAMENT TO SUPPORT THE BILL



MULTI-PHASE GIRO BICYCLE RACE IS PLANNED TO INCLUDE ISRAEL THIS YEAR. PRO-BDS PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS ARE THREATENING THE GIRO'S INCLUDING AN ISRAEL PHASE. BDS CO-FOUNDER OMAR BARGHOUTI HAS CALLED ON THE GIRO TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL AND HE PROMISES DEMONSTRATIONS TO SUPPORT THE BOYCOTT.



JANUARY 2018

ANTI- BDS SUCCESS



AT A DEBATE IN DALLAS, AN AUDIENCE OF AMERICAN BUSINESS PEOPLE VOTED DECISIVELY THAT FORMER HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR ALAN DERSHOWITZ SOUNDLY DEFEATED HARVARD PROFESSOR CORNELL WEST ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT BDS WILL HELP RECONCILE ISRAEL AND PALESTINIANS.



DERSHOWITZ ARGUED AGAINST BDS



WITH THE STATE'S ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW, NEW JERSEY CUT TIES AND DIVESTED FROM DENMARK'S DANSKE BANK. THE DANISH BANK HAD DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BUSINESSES OPERATING IN "SETTLEMENT AREAS" IN ISRAEL.

IN SPAIN, THREE RECENT COURT RULINGS HELD THAT BDS POLICIES ARE DISCRIMINATING AND ILLEGAL.



NORWAY, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLES OF SWITZERLAND AND HOLLAND, DECIDED TO CUT FUNDING TO PRO-PALESTINIAN NGOS.



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FEBRUARY 2018

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WORLDWIDE BDS MOVEMENT



FEBRUARY 2018

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FEBRUARY 2018

NORWAY

NORWEGIAN MEMBER OF PARLIMENT
NOMINATED THE BDS MOVEMENT FOR THE NOBEL
PEACE PRIZE

IRELAND

THE IRISH SENATE ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO
VOTE ON A BILL THAT WOULD CRIMINALIZE
TRADE WITH ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL KEEP
RATIONING WATER AND REFUSED TO RECEIVE
HELP FROM ISRAEL

USA

A FEDERAL COURT IN KANSAS SUSPENDS THE
STATE'S ANTI-BDS LAW, CLAIMING IT
VIOLATES FREE SPEECH

FRANCE

PAYPAL SHUT DOWN THE ACCOUNT OF A FRENCH
ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ADVOCATING FOR BDS,
STATING IT VIOLATES FRANCE'S LAW BANNING
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN

SPAIN

THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTCADA IN BARCELONA
HAS WITHDRAWN ITS DECISION TO ENGAGE IN BDS,
MAKING IT THE 14TH BDS AGREEMENT REVOKED
IN SPAIN

USA

AMERICAN RAPPER AZEALIA BANKS REFUSES TO
CANCEL HER CONCERT IN ISRAEL DESPITE
PRESSURE FROM SOME FANS, SAYING IT WOULD
BE ANTI-SEMITIC TO DO SO

EGYPT

AN EGYPTIAN COMPANY WILL BUY \$15 BILLION OF
ISRAELI NATURAL GAS OVER THE NEXT TEN
YEARS, DEMONSTRATING INCREASING ECONOMIC
TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT

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MARCH 2018

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MARCH 2018

ISRAEL



BDS CALLED ON NETFLIX TO PROHIBIT THE ISRAELI SERIES "FAUDA" ON AN UNDERCOVER WEST BANK UNIT. BDS CLAIMS THAT THE SERIES IS PROPAGANDA FOR WAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY ISRAEL

IRELAND



64,5% OF STUDENTS VOTED FOR THE TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN STUDENTS' UNION TO SUPPORT BDS AND START THEIR OWN BDS GROUP

ENGLAND



IN NOVEMBER 2017 THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE STOPPED A PALESTINIAN ACADEMIC FROM CHAIRING A TALK ON BDS. NOW THE UNIVERSITY APOLOGIZED

WORLDWIDE

IN 20 CITIES THE #RELOCATETHERACE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION WAS HELD. PARTICIPANTS CALLED TO MOVE THE START OF THE GIRO D'ITALIA RACE AWAY FROM JERUSALEM



FRANCE



PPAYPAL SHUT DOWN THE ACCOUNT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT IN FRANCE, BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS BDS

BRAZIL



THE BRAZILIAN MUSICIAN AND FORMER CULTURE MINISTER GILBERTO GIL ANNOUNCED TO PLAY A SHOW IN ISRAEL IN JULY. BDS HAS URGED GIL TO CANCEL SHOWS IN THE PAST, BUT HE HAS HOLD FIRM

USA



THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VOTED AGAINST A PRO-BDS REFERENDUM



CANADA

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA VOTED AGAINST A PRO-BDS PROPOSITION. THE PRESIDENT ALSO SPOKE AGAINST BDS

WORLDWIDE BDS MOVEMENT



APRIL 2018

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APRIL 2018

USA

51 STUDENT GROUPS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SIGN A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BDS AND SAYING THEY WILL NOT WORK WITH PRO-ISRAEL GROUPS ON CAMPUS

IRELAND

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL PASSED TWO BDS RESOLUTIONS AND CALLED ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO EXPEL ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR

AUSTRALIA

OVER 37 PROFESSORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SIGNED A PLEDGE TO BREAK ALL TIES WITH ISRAEL, FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BDS MOVEMENT

TUNISIA

TUNISIA BANNED FOUR ISRAELI ATHLETES FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE TAEKWONDO WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAUDI ARABIA

SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ATLANTIC, RECOGNIZED THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO A STATE ON THEIR OWN LAND

ENGLAND

THE LEAD SINGER OF JAMIROQUAI, JAY KAY, REASSURED HIS FANS THAT THE BAND WILL PLAY IN ISRAEL DESPITE PRESSURE TO CANCEL THE SHOW

USA

THE PRESIDENT OF BARNARD UNIVERSITY REJECTED A STUDENT REFERENDUM CALLING FOR BDS

ARGENTINA

THE ARGENTINIAN NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM IGNORED CALLS FROM THE BDS MOVEMENT TO CANCEL ITS MATCH IN JUNE IN ISRAEL



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