

Kairos Palestine position on the BDS call

The goal of BDS is to end the occupation and secure peace and security for all; it is a non-violent tool. By affirming this tactic, we reject violence and revenge and suggest peaceful ways of ending the occupation. Our analysis shows this is an effective tool. Richard Falk, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, also praises its effectiveness: “[BDS] is also making use of persuasive and coercive non-violent means to secure the human rights of Palestinians living under oppressive and unlawful conditions of occupation that the actions of diplomacy or the authority of the organized international community seem unable to correct. BDS represents the mobilized efforts of global civil society to replace a regime of force with the rule of law in relation to the OPT.”

When the Church of South Africa issued its call for boycott, many churches worldwide rejected that call, claiming that it would hurt the blacks and prevent them from having an influence on the Apartheid regime. The proposed strategy of “constructive engagement” with the Apartheid system proved to be an error of judgment, while the boycott proved to be successful in fighting Apartheid in South Africa. It is hard to understand how the same conclusions – the same errors, the same successes – would not apply to the sin of occupation.

When Martin Luther King called for a boycott of buses in 1956, the same concern as expressed by church leaders about the use of boycott; in this context, too, that non-violent tool proved successful.

We understand President Obama’s allusion - in his speech at the University of Cairo, June 4, 2009 - to the success of non violent resistance of Black Americans and South Africans in their struggle for full and equal rights as a call to BDS. This is in fact, how both peoples, supported by the international community, obliged the oppressors to cease their oppression.

We suggest the use of BDS as a non-violent tool, implying that this is just one among other tools to be used. The main question remains: what should be done? There are many possible methods and solutions to be envisioned and discussed. The Kairos is an invitation for dialogue in the spirit of faith, hope and love. If other viable non-violent alternatives are suggested, they will certainly be positively considered.

Is the BDS movement directed against the occupation or against Israel? On the one hand, the fundamental goal remains the end of occupation. At the same time, the occupation is not a separate system from the policies of the Israeli governments: those governments have supported the occupation, encouraged the control of Palestinian land (through settlements, the wall, the confiscation of Palestinian property), and persistently controlled the life of the Palestinians.

That is why BDS is not a goal in itself, but rather a means by which to pressure the Israeli government to end the occupation and work for justice and peace.

Our question to our brothers and sisters in the Churches today is: Are you willing and able to work with us to restore our freedom? Our freedom will be the only sustainable foundation for both Palestinians and Israelis to live in love, justice, peace and security.

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Fanta, Sunkist
Fruitopia, Lilt
Kia Ora, Sprite
Schweppes(uk)

Nescafé, Perrier, Nesquik, Aero, KitKat, Yorkie, Polo, Quality Street, Rowntree, Maggi, Smarties, Cheerios, Shreddies, Buitoni, Maggi, Carnation, Nestea, Purina

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TOYS

Israeli Toy brands (some made in settlements): Halilit, Edushape, Taf Toys, Interstar (Tip Top Toys), Tiny Love, Rummikub (distributed by many brands)



TECHNOLOGY



COSMETICS & HEALTH CARE

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Kotex, Huggies

REVLON

Johnson & Johnson

All Dead Sea
products inc.
Gadi, SeaSpa,
Ever Since



AHAVA
Essential Dead Sea Treatment



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Bumble and bumble, Michael Kors,
Prescriptives, Bobbi Brown, Flirt!,
Lab Series, American Beauty, Ojon,
Darphin, Donna Karan, Clinique,
Origins, Tommy Hilfiger, Missoni,
Coach, Tom Ford, GoodSkin Labs,
Aveda, Smashbox, Zegna, Kiton,
Jo Malone, Grassroots

L'ORÉAL

Softsheen Carson, Maybelline,
Redken, Kiehl's, Viktor & Rolf,
Giorgio Armani, Diesel, Mizani,
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La Roche-Posay, Matrix,
Shu Vemura, Biotherm,
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