

END ISRAEL'S ILLEGAL 40-YEAR OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE

VANCOUVER EVENTS

Dr. Naseer Aruri: 40 years of Occupation and the Prospects for Peace

June 6 at 7 pm, Vancouver Public Library

Dr. Naseer Aruri, renowned Palestinian intellectual, Chancellor professor at Massachusetts University, past member of the Palestinian government speaks at the VPL Central Branch on the topic: *'40 years of occupation and the prospects for peace.'* For more information email: support@canpalnet.ca or phone: 604-298-9638.

40 Years of Occupation and Resistance: Palestinian and Israeli Films

May 31, June 1 at 7pm, Rhizome Cafe

June 8 at 7pm, Palestine Community Centre

Palestinian and Israeli Film Series at Rhizome Cafe (317 E. Broadway) and the Palestine Community Centre (1874 Kingsway). Films include: May 31: "Frontiers of Dreams and Fears" (Mai Masri) and "A Caged Bird's Song" (Sobhi al-Zobaidi); June 1: "Raised to Be Heroes" (Jack Silberman), selections from IS.REALS #1 (Indymedia); and June 8: "The Fourth Room" (Nahed Awwad) and "Private" (Saverio Costanzo). Admission is \$5-\$10 sliding scale. For more information email: info@jewsforajustpeace.com or phone: 604-676-3611.

National Day of Action to Boycott Chapters/Indigo

June 9 1pm-5pm, Chapters Bookstore (Robson/Howe)

Picket Chapters Downtown Store - part of the National Day of Action to Boycott Chapters/Indigo. The controlling shareholders of Chapters/Indigo take your money and use it to directly support Israeli soldiers enforcing the illegal and brutal occupation of Palestine. For more information email: boycottapartheid@gmail.com or phone: 604-220-0451.

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End the 40-Year Israeli Military Occupation of Palestinian Land— The Longest In Modern History

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End Harper's Support for the Israeli Siege and Perpetual Warmaking Peace in the Middle East is Impossible Without Justice for the Palestinian People

THE OCCUPATION

In June 1967 Israel invaded and occupied the West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

The UN Security Council unanimously ordered them to leave but Israel arrogantly refused to comply. Israel went on to repeatedly violate the Geneva Conventions, crucial international laws created because of the horrible experience of World War 2 Nazi occupations. Israel took Palestinian lands, displaced Palestinians, and built huge Jewish-only colonies. Israel drained the water resources and created segregated roads for Jews-only.

Now Israel is building a massive wall on Palestinian land, one that dwarfs the Berlin Wall, to isolate Palestinians inside unsustainable ghettos. The World Court has declared this wall illegal and ordered it be torn down. But Israel arrogantly continues to defy international law and world opinion.

THE SIEGE

In January 2006 the Palestinians had a genuinely democratic election, as certified by the Carter Centre observer teams, headed by President Jimmy Carter.

But Israel didn't like the result and imposed a financial and military siege on the occupied territories. Israel called on every country to cut-off even humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people. Israel is trying to blackmail Palestinians into abandoning the government they had freely and peacefully elected. **Stephen Harper was the first government leader in the world to praise the Israelis for their siege and to join the international financial blockade of the Palestinians.**

A recent Oxfam report describes the results of the siege: Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are suffering "devastating" humanitarian consequences as incomes plummet, debts mount and essential services face meltdown. Oxfam found that 46% of Palestinians now do not have enough food to meet their needs; that the number of people in deep poverty (defined as living on less than 50 cents a day) nearly doubled in 2006 to over one million people—most of them women and children.

The Oxfam report calls for an immediate end to the international financial blockade of the Hamas-led Palestinian government.

END THE OCCUPATION – END THE SIEGE! END HARPER'S SUPPORT FOR BOTH!

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