

Action BDS au salon VIVATECH 2018 : NON à l'innovation au service de l'apartheid !

Samedi 26 mai 2018, une vingtaine de militant-es de la campagne BDS France « Boycott – Désinvestissement – Sanctions » ont investi l'espace dédié à Israël dans le salon international consacré à l'innovation technologique et aux start-up, Viva Technology 2018.

[English below]

Les militant-es sont intervenu-e-s avec slogans, pancartes et prises de paroles à l'intérieur de ce salon pour dénoncer la présence et la propagande d'un pavillon [sponsorisé par le gouvernement israélien, labellisé « Saison France-Israël »](#) et pour demander l'annulation de cette saison.

Par la présence de ce pavillon à ce salon, l'État d'Israël est mis à l'honneur et se vend comme étant la « Start up Nation », un pays attractif, à la pointe de l'innovation technologique, capable d'assurer notre sécurité, et d'améliorer nos vies.

Mais en réalité, la véritable identité de marque d'Israël est la colonisation, l'occupation et l'apartheid :

- Israël dépossède le peuple palestinien de sa terre depuis 70 ans
- Il impose au peuple palestinien une politique d'apartheid, comme le rappelle l'O.N.U (Rapport Tilley-Falk du 15 mars 2017)
- Il bafoue systématiquement les résolutions de l'O.N.U contre l'occupation, le blocus de Gaza, le Mur, la colonisation, le droit au retour des réfugiés
- Détient des milliers de prisonniers, hommes, femmes et

enfants palestiniens en « détention administrative » :
sans charges ni jugements

- Il tue des civils palestiniens en toute impunité.

Le dernier exemple en date, est le carnage de ces dernières semaines contre les Palestiniens de Gaza qui manifestent pacifiquement contre le blocus qui leur est imposé depuis 11 ans et pour leur droit au retour. 116 personnes ont été abattues de façon délibérée par les snipers de l'armée israélienne et plus de 13 000 ont été blessées dont certaines très grièvement.

Voilà ce qu'est le vrai visage de l'État d'Israël : un État d'apartheid, raciste et colonial qui pratique le nettoyage ethnique, réprime, emprisonne et assassine des civils résistant pour leurs droits fondamentaux en tant que peuple.

Par l'organisation de la saison croisée France-Israël, et à travers les nombreux événements dans le domaine de la culture, des technologies, de l'innovation, des sciences, de l'économie, qui vont être organisés ces prochains mois en France et en Israël, la France a fait le choix de soutenir le régime israélien d'apartheid, de contribuer à «blanchir» l'image d'Israël et de se faire complice de ses crimes.

[Nous demandons donc l'annulation de la saison France-Israël.](#)

Il n'est plus possible qu'Israël soit ainsi mis à l'honneur, il est temps que cet État soit isolé, sanctionné et que ses dirigeants rendent enfin des comptes.

SAISON FRANCE-ISRAËL : ANNULATION !
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GAZA, GAZA : ON OUBLIE PAS !

La campagne BDS France à Paris

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The presence of this pavilion at the fair showcases Israel, selling itself as a “Start-up Nation”, an attractive country at the cutting edge of technological innovation capable of ensuring our security and improving our lives.

But in reality Israel’s true brand identity is one of colonisation, occupation and apartheid:.

- Israel has dispossessed the Palestinian people of their land for 70 years.
- It imposes an apartheid system on the Palestinian people, as demonstrated in the UN report of 15 March 2017 (Falk-Tilley report).
- It systematically flouts all the UN Resolutions against the occupation, the blockade of Gaza, the Wall, the colonisation, the refugees’ right of return.
- It incarcerates thousands of Palestinian prisoners – men, women and children – through its “administrative detention”, i.e. without charge or trial.
- It slaughters Palestinian civilians with total impunity.

The latest example is the bloodbath of the past weeks during peaceful protests by the Palestinians of Gaza against the blockade imposed on them for 11 years and for their right of return. 116 Palestinians have been deliberately killed by Israeli army snipers and over 13,000 have been wounded, some

of them severely maimed.

There we have the true face of the State of Israel: an apartheid, racist and colonial state which practises ethnic cleansing, which oppresses, imprisons and massacres civilians struggling for their basic rights as a people.

By organising the France-Israel Season with numerous events to be held in France and Israel in the coming months relating to culture, technology, innovation, science, and the economy, France has made the choice to support the Israeli apartheid region, to help “whitewash” Israel’s image, and to become an accomplice in its crimes.

We demand the cancellation of the France-Israel Season. It is impossible that Israel be honoured in this way, it is high time that this state be isolated and punished and that its leaders be held to account.

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Sur Twitter :

Action BDS, cet après-midi, au salon [#VivaTech2018](#), pour protester contre la présence du pavillon « Israël », sponsorisé par le gouvernement israélien et labellisé « Saison France-Israël ». pic.twitter.com/YpWfJsfsYi

– BDS France (@Campagnebds) [26 mai 2018](#)

Vidéo du Parisien :

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