

Plus de 150 organisations internationales soutiennent les militants BDS poursuivis en France

Comme plus de 150 organisations de solidarité avec la Palestine et pour la justice sociale à travers le monde, nous sommes solidaires de tous les militants français pour les droits palestiniens poursuivis en justice et sujet à la répression pour avoir participé à des manifestations appelant à un boycott d'Israël.

Des militants français sont confrontés à des poursuites judiciaires pour leurs actions solidaires depuis 2009. Malgré une décision antérieure qui statuait que le boycott n'est pas illégal et qu'il devrait être autorisé comme faisant partie du droit à la liberté d'expression, trois militants ont été traduits en justice ce mois-ci à Perpignan, sept autres comparaitront à Alençon le 27 juin et d'autres procès auront lieu un peu plus tard dans l'année.

Dans tous ces cas, les militants ont été accusés « d'incitation, de provocation à la discrimination, à la haine ou à la violence contre une personne ou un groupe de personnes, en raison de leur ethnie, de leur race, de leur religion ou de leur nationalité » suite à leur participation à des actions appelant au boycott des produits israéliens dans des supermarchés.

Cet abus dans le recours à la loi contre les discriminations fait partie d'une attaque plus large contre la solidarité avec le peuple palestinien. Des associations pro-israéliennes ont porté plainte contre les militants du boycott et elles ont réussi à faire pression sur le gouvernement français pour

qu'il réprime les actions de solidarité. En 2010, la Ministre de la Justice de l'époque, Michèle Alliot-Marie, a ordonné aux procureurs d'engager des procédures contre les militants BDS.

Souvent, la police demande les noms et adresses des personnes qui participent aux actions appelant au boycott d'Israël, et des agents du Mossad, l'agence du renseignement israélien, ont été déployés pour mettre un terme aux protestations pendant un match de basket-ball qui a eu lieu en France et qui impliquait une équipe israélienne.

Alarmés par l'expansion de la solidarité avec le peuple palestinien et du mouvement BDS en particulier, Israël et les principaux think-tanks israéliens n'ont pas caché leur désir de saboter et de perturber le militantisme solidaire. Amir Sagie, fonctionnaire de haut rang au ministère israélien des Affaires étrangères, a récemment admis que le gouvernement israélien a « fait de lourds investissements » dans la guerre juridique contre BDS en France et dans d'autres pays européens.

A Bernard, Jeanne, Yamina, Alain, Chantal, Christine, Francis, Jo, Nicole et Pierre, à tous ceux qui sont poursuivis et à l'ensemble du mouvement français : nous sommes à vos côtés.

Bien que nous ne puissions être avec vous lorsque vous manifesterez devant le tribunal à l'occasion du prochain procès, le 27 juin, nous exprimons notre soutien sans réserves pour votre travail pour construire la solidarité avec le peuple palestinien face à la répression d'Etat. Nous ne pouvons permettre qu'Israël exporte ses attaques contre les libertés fondamentales en Europe ou nulle part ailleurs. Inspirés par la fermeté de la lutte palestinienne et la détermination du mouvement BDS en France, nous nous engageons à continuer à travailler avec le mouvement BDS de France pour soutenir son travail de résistance à l'oppression et pour continuer à bâtir le mouvement international de boycott d'Israël.

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International solidarity with French BDS activists facing repression June 26 2013

As more than 150 Palestine solidarity and social justice organizations from across the world, we stand in solidarity with all of the French campaigners for Palestinian rights facing legal action and repression for participating in demonstrations calling for a boycott of Israel. French campaigners have faced criminal charges for their solidarity activity since 2009.

Despite a previous ruling that advocating boycott is not illegal and should be permitted as part of the right to freedom of speech, three activists were brought to trial earlier this month in Perpignan, seven more will attend court

on June 27 in Alençon and further trials will take place later this year. In all of these cases, campaigners have been charged with "incitement, provocation to discrimination, hatred or violence against a person or group of persons, due to their ethnicity, race, religion or nation" following their participation in actions at supermarkets calling for a boycott of Israeli goods. This misuse of anti-discrimination law is part of a wider attack on solidarity with the Palestinian people.

French pro-Israel organizations are plaintiffs in many of the cases against boycott activists and have successfully pressured the French government to support repression of solidarity activity. In 2010, then justice minister Michèle Alliot Marie ordered prosecutors to press charges against boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) activists. Police regularly demand the names and addresses of those present at protests calling for a boycott of Israel and Israeli intelligence agency Mossad was deployed to stop protests at a basketball match involving an Israeli team that took place in France. Alarmed by the growth of solidarity with the Palestinian people and the BDS movement in particular, Israel and leading Israeli think tanks have made clear their desire to sabotage and disrupt solidarity activism.

Senior Israeli foreign ministry official Amir Sagie recently admitted that the Israeli government has been "investing heavily" in legal warfare against BDS in France and other European countries. To Bernard, Jeanne, Yamina, Alain, Chantal, Christine Francis, Jo, Nicole and Pierre, to all those facing criminal charges and the whole of the French movement: we stand with you. While we cannot be with you as you demonstrate outside the court at the start of the next trial on June 27, we express our full support for your efforts to build solidarity with the Palestinian people in the face of state repression.

We cannot allow Israel to export its attacks on basic freedoms

to Europe or anywhere else. Inspired by the steadfastness of the Palestinian struggle and the resolve of the French BDS movement, we pledge to continue to work with the BDS movement in France to support their efforts to resist oppression and to continue to build the international movement for a boycott of Israel.

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