BDS Movement

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https://bdsmovement.net/files/2013/01/BDSNews-Jan13.html

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| [A call from Palestine to the European Union](http://palsolidarity.org/timeforjustice/) |
| http://www.bdsmovement.net/files/2012/12/CallForAction.jpg |
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| On the fourth anniversary of the 2008-09 Gaza massacre, Palestinian organisations called on the EU to suspend its trade agreement with Israel and end the trade in settlement goods. |

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| [Support Palestinian farmers and take action against Israeli agricultural export companies](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2013/farming-injustice-feb9-call-10352) |
| http://www.bdsmovement.net/files/2012/12/CallForAction.jpg |
| Palestinian agricultural organisations are calling for the launching of worldwide campaigns on February 9 against Israeli agricultural export corporations in light of their deep complicity in Israel’s ongoing violations of international law and Palestinian human rights |

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| [BDS roundup: The victories of 2012](http://electronicintifada.net/blogs/nora/bds-roundup-victories-2012)Electronic Intifada has published a great selection of 2012 BDS victories  |
| [Italian Town Councils take a stand for Palestinian rights, oppose companies violating international law](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/italian-town-councils-take-a-stand-for-palestinian-rights-oppose-companies-violating-international-law-2-10252)Province of Bologna: Sasso Marconi votes against the participation of Pizzarotti & C. Spa in the construction of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem high-speed railway that crosses the occupied Palestinian territories. |

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| [BDS provides an effective form of solidarity with Palestinian students in Gaza](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/bds-provides-an-effective-form-of-solidarity-with-palestinian-students-in-gaza-10232)Students and youth groups in Gaza call for BDS action |
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| [Take action: vote for Israeli prison contractor G4S in the 'worst company of the year' awards](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2013/vote-for-g4s-as-worst-company-of-the-year-10357)G4S is up for the Public Eye People’s Award 2013, the ‘name and shame’ award no company wants to win. G4S, the world’s largest Private Military and Security Company, is complicit in Israel’s occupation of Palestine and is profiting from conflict and insecurity around the world. Please take a minute to vote for G4S at [publiceye.ch/en/vote/g4s/](http://www.publiceye.ch/en/vote/g4s/) and then ask your friends to do the same. |
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| [Veolia pulls out of bidding on $7.6 billion North London contract under boycott pressure](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/veolia-withdraws-bid-for-north-london-waste-contract-under-boycott-pressure-10256) |
| http://www.bdsmovement.net/files/2012/12/Veolia_No2VAG.jpg |
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| In the biggest ever victory for the campaign against Veolia, the French multinational that provides infrastructure services to illegal Israeli settlements, the company has withdrawn from bidding on contracts worth £4.7 billion (US$7.6 billion). Veolia had spent two years and considerable financial resources bidding on the contracts but a huge local campaign against the company caused considerable damage to its reputation. Meanwhile in St. Louis, Missouri, a local government body [declined to approve a city contract with Veolia Water](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/st-louis-city-board-votes-to-investigate-veolia-following-public-outcry-10238), putting off the vote until there can be a full investigation into the company’s history. |
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| [ANC votes to support BDS](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/s-africas-ruling-party-the-anc-reaffirms-boycott-of-israel-resolution-10246)

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|  | http://www.bdsmovement.net/files/2012/11/anc-logo3.jpg |
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South Africa’s ruling party, the African National Congress (ANC), at its 53rd National Conference, reaffirmed a resolution supporting the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel campaign. In October 2012, the ANC’s International Solidarity Conference (ISC) declared its full support for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel campaign.   |
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| [New Zealand divests from Israeli arms company Elbit Systems and companies of Israeli settlement-builder Lev Leviev](http://www.bdsmovement.net/2012/new-zealand-divests-from-companies-of-israeli-settlement-builder-lev-leviev-10180)

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| http://www.bdsmovement.net/files/2012/12/nz-saf-150x150.jpg |  |
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The New Zealand Superannuation Fund, which invests money on behalf of New Zealand’s government, announced on December 12 that it is divesting from Israeli military company Elbit Systems and Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev’s company Africa Israel and its construction subsidiary Danya Cebus over their construction of Israeli settlements.  |
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|  | BDS News is the [**BDSmovement.net**](http://www.bdsmovement.net) newsletter published by the [Palestinian BDS National Committee](http://www.bdsmovement.net/bnc), a broad coalition of Palestinian organisations that leads and supports the Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement info@bdsmovement.net  |  |
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