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**NGO ACTION NEWS**

**15 May 2015**

**EUROPE**

The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) organized Nakba commemorations in [Brighton](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/nakba-commemoration-brighton-and-hove-psc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) and [Bristol](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/nakba-commemoration/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) on 15 May and in [London](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/london-nakba-commemoration/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More), [Nottingham](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/commemorating-67th-anniversary-nakba/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) and [Sheffield](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/nakba-commemoration-sheffield-psc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) on 16 May. PSC also organised a [sponsored walk](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/sponsored-walk-palestine-womens-scholarship-fund/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+Election+day+-+over+1%2C000+...&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) in favour of Palestine Women’s Scholarship Fund in Manchester on 10 May. Sheffield PSC was organising the [Sainsbury’s boycott](http://www.sainsburyscampaign.org/) and [Town Hall demonstration](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/sainsburys-boycott-town-hall-demonstration-sheffield-psc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) in Sheffield on 16 May.

Brighton and Palestinian Artists Together were organising a day of celebration of Palestinian culture on 21 May. The event “[Brighton to Palestine with Love 2015](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/brighton-to-palestine-with-love-2015/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More)” brought together in Brighton an exhibition of photographs, a play, short films, sale of fair trade products and craft and a live concert.

[Mosaic Rooms and Verso](http://mosaicrooms.org/event/book-launch-return-a-palestinian-memoir/) invited participants to the [launch of the book](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/book-launch-return-a-palestinian-memoir/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+the+ongoing+Nakba+%28catastrophe%29&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) “Return: A Palestinian Memoir”*,* by internationally best-selling author Ghada Karmi which will be held in London on 20 May.

The Palestine Association in Stockholm was organising a [demonstration](https://www.facebook.com/events/1569800976626481/) in Stockholm on 15 May to commemorate the Nakba.

[Nederlands Palestina Komitee](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl/) supported the Nakba commemoration in Amsterdam on 15 May and the Vigil "Light for Gaza" in Rotterdam on 17 May.

Le [Comite pour une paix juste au Proche-Orient](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/)screened the movie “The Gate Keepers” in Luxembourg on 20 May. On 8 June, it will organise a conference on Palestine in Luxembourg. On 16 June, a conference will be held with Yehuda Shaul (Breaking the Silence) on the organization’s latest report on “Operation Protective Edge”.

The Neimënster Abbey hosted the [exhibition](https://www.neimenster.lu/fr/Culture/Offre-diversifiee-Calendrier-shop-visites/Programmation/Expositions/Breaking-the-Silence-Thursday-30-April-2015-5-00-00-pm) by the organization “Breaking The Silence” in Luxembourg from 18 April until 3 May.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[Canadian Friends of Sabeel](http://necefsabeel.ca/) organised a conference on “[Seeking the Peace of Jerusalem:
Overcoming Christian Zionism in the Quest for Justice”](http://necefsabeel.ca/?page_id=973), in Vancouver from 23 to 25 April 2015.

The Israel-Palestine Working Group held its monthly meeting in New York on 14 May.

[New America New Yok City](http://www.newamerica.org/nyc/this-is-how-we-fought-in-gaza/) is inviting participants to a conversation with Breaking the Silence's Avner Gvaryahu and Eman Mohammed, the first female Palestinian photojournalist in Gaza. The conversation will address the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and the human consequences of Israeli military policies on the ground in Gaza. The [event](http://www.newamerica.org/nyc/this-is-how-we-fought-in-gaza/) will take place in New York on 28 May.

[Breaking the Silence](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/), will also discuss the report [“This is How We Fought in Gaza”](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/pdf/ProtectiveEdge.pdf) and its implications for human rights, security and the rule of law in Israel, in an [event](https://actionnetwork.org/events/this-is-how-we-fought-in-gaza?can_id=fe4bf9c6c52e1d2e1a8fe55aeaad77a2&source=email-event-61-this-is-how-we-fought-in-gaza&email_referrer=event-61-this-is-how-we-fought-in-gaza) organized by the Foundation for Middle East Peace and hosted by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C on 1 June.

Defence for Children International-Palestine will speak on [Defending Palestinian Child Prisoners and Victims of Israeli Actions](http://www.dci-palestine.org/r?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fevents%2F848509065187036%2F&e=7322ba74008853e5c9674a2fbd253350&utm_source=dcipalestine&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=jvp_event_june9&n=3) in an event organised in New York on 9 June.

The Palestinian Youth Movement is organising a [Youth Leadership Summer School Programme](http://www.pymusa.org/summer-school-2015.html) in Southern California from 26 July to 2 August.

In commemoration of UNRWA's 65th anniversary, the Agency together with the Israel Palestine NGO Working Group invites NGO representatives to a Chatham House discussion. The speakers will be three Palestine refugees coming from the West Bank and Gaza. The discussion will take place on 3 June at Quaker House, 247 East 48th Street, New York from 10am-12pm. RSVP to JDStreet@afsc.org.

New America NYC is inviting participants to an event "[Achieving a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine](https://www.newamerica.org/nyc/achieving-a-just-peace-in-israelpalestine/)" in New York on 4 June. The discussion will feature Yousef Munayyer, Executive Director of the US Campaign to End Israeli Occupation.

**UNITED NATIONS**

UNRWA will hold a conference to commemorate its 65 years of service to the Palestine refugees at the UN Headquarters in New York on 2 June.

**WORLDWIDE**

The first ship of the Freedom Flotilla III departed on 10 May from Stockholm for Gaza, and was expected in the French harbour of Brest on 22 May.