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**AFRICA**

[The 2015 World Social Forum](https://fsm2015.org/en) organized on 28 March a demonstration in solidarity with the Palestinian people. All events related to the question of Palestine are available [here.](http://registration.fsm2015.org/wsf2015)

**EUROPE**

[Association belgo-palestinienne](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be/) (ABP) is co-sponsoring the festival [Eye on Palestine](http://www.eyeonpalestine.be/events-3/) from 28 March to 5 April.

[The Dutch Palestine Committee](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl/NPK) (DPC) invited its supporters on 16, 17 and 18 March to attend the [conference](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl/agenda) on the Israeli Occupation and International Law with Michael Deas, a human rights activist Dina Zbidat, a Palestinian citizen of Israel and peace activist.

[Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign](http://www.ipsc.ie/) organized a [national film screening tour](http://www.ipsc.ie/press-releases/palestines-blood-israels-profit-the-lab-national-film-tour-with-director-yotam-feldman) featuring the award winning new documentary about the military-industrial complex in Israel, *the Lab*. A series [of events, conference and protests](http://www.ipsc.ie/upcoming-events) were scheduled.

[Medical Aid for Palestine](http://www.map-uk.org/) (MAP) invites its supporters to [run for Palestine](http://www.map-uk.org/events/edinburgh-kilomarathon) in a fundraising campaign on 29 March 2015 at the Edinburgh Kilomathon. MAP also asks its supporters to contact their MPs and to make them sign the [parliamentary motion](http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/827) on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

[Palestine Solidarity Campaign](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/) (PSC) encourages its British supporters t[o contact their Parliamentary candidates](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/50-days-till-the-general-election/) for the upcoming General Elections and require them to clarify their views on Palestine.

[Palestiniangruppen I Stockholm](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/grupper/stockholm) commemorates the Land Day on 29 March with a [public discussion and book sales](http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=auto&langpair=auto%7Cen&u=http%3A%2F%2Fus3.campaign-archive2.com%2F%3Fu%3Ddc648ccc6e3597da808b16ad8%26id%3D847daa071e%26e%3Dd3e232fb16) on international solidarity with Palestine.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[Al Awda: Palestinian coalition for the right of return](http://al-awdany.org/) invites its supporters on 25 April to attend the [discussion](http://al-awdany.org/2015/03/march-25-mowing-the-lawn-understanding-ongoing-israeli-violence-in-gaza/) entitled ‘Mowing the Lawn – Understanding Ongoing Israeli Violence in Gaza’ organized by NYU Students for Justice in Palestine.

[Canada Palestine Association](http://www.cpavancouver.org/) (CPA) invites its supporters on 19 March to attend [the discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/1572262736365308/) organised by Critical Race and Postcolonial Feminist Theory Group entitled ‘*From Vancouver to Ferguson, Gaza and Beyond...Resisting Settler Colonial/Racial Violence’.* CPA also launches an online petition addressed to Air Canada CEO to put an end to the maintenance agreement signed with Israeli Aerospace Industries, a military defense company.

[Canadian Friends of Sabeel](http://necefsabeel.ca/) will hold a [three-day conference](http://necefsabeel.ca/?page_id=973) from 23 March entitled ‘*Seeking the Peace of Jerusalem: Overcoming Christian Zionism in the Quest for Justice’.*

[The Center for Palestinian Studies](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/) (CPS) is organizing on 25, 26 and 27 March [readings](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/programs/) of plays within the framework of the theatre festival ‘*Permission to Narrate’*. The CPS also invites its supporters on 30 March to the discussion with lawyer Suhad Bishara [on Bedouin "citizens" in the Naqab (Negev)](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/programs/) desert entitled ‘*Contested Normality: Bedouin "Citizens" Under the Supreme Court of Israel’*.

[Churches for Middle East Process](http://www.cmep.org/) (US) are calling their US supporters to send [a letter](http://action.cmep.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=19822) to their members of Congress urging them to relieve the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

[End the Occupation](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/) organized on 26 March an online training entitled *‘Israeli Military Detention: No Way to Treat a Child’*. End the Occupation also calls its supporters to [take action against HP](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4351) complicity with the Israeli Occupation.

[Foundation for Middle East Peace](http://fmep.org/) (US) is organizing a [conference](https://actionnetwork.org/events/jerusalem-divided-or-indivisible?can_id=fe4bf9c6c52e1d2e1a8fe55aeaad77a2&source=email-event-324-jerusalem-divided-or-indivisible&referrer=philip-sweigart&email_referrer=event-324-jerusalem-divided-or-indivisible) on 24 March entitled ‘*Jerusalem, Divided or Indivisible?’* with Yudith Oppenheimer, from Israeli NGO Ir Amim, and Nava Sheer, an urban planner.

[If Americans knew](http://www.ifamericansknew.org/) organized on 22 March [a meeting](http://www.ifamericansknew.org/about_us/events.html) with Alison Weir, journalist and author, to discuss her new book *"Against Our Better Judgment: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel*".

[The Nakba Education Project](http://nakbaeducation.com/) is co-sponsoring with Badil and Zohrot a US Northeast speaking [tour](http://nakbaeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/nakba-education-project-3.jpg) on “The Ongoing Nakba”.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[UNRWA (USA)](http://unrwausa.org/page.aspx?pid=329) is organizing [*The Gaza 5K race*,](http://unrwausa.org/gaza5k) all over the US, in solidarity with Gaza refugee children affected by PTSD and other psychological trauma.

[UNRWA](http://www.unrwa.org/) calls for supporters [donations](http://www.unrwa.org/donate/vision-project) for ‘*The Vision Project’* which aims at developing devices for blind and visually impaired kids in the Gaza Strip.

[The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm) held [a seminar](http://unispal.un.org/databases/dprtest/ngoweb.nsf/f12fded4d0597000852573fc005b9471/5b8224d57b122da185257ddd006868a7?OpenDocument) in Vienna from 31 March to 1 April on the Assistance to the Palestinian People focusing on “Speeding up relief, recovery and reconstruction in post-war Gaza”.