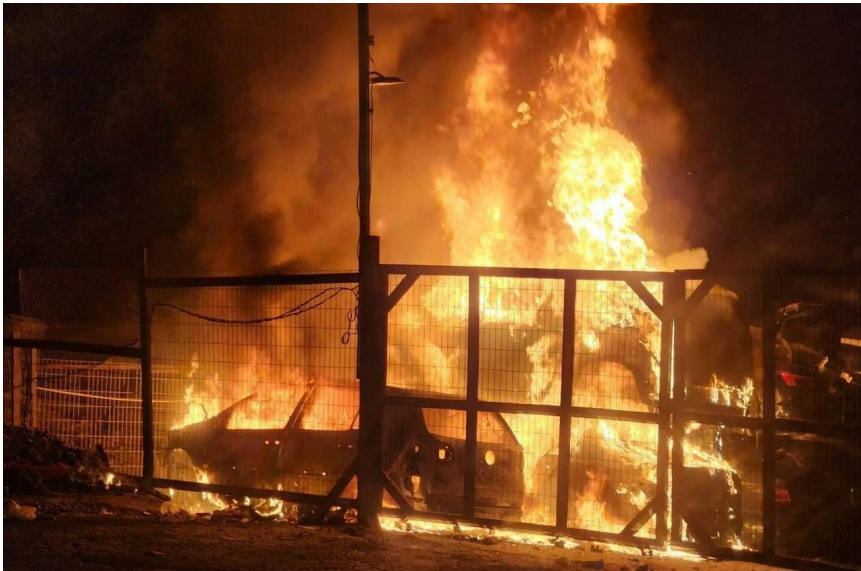


Palestinians under racist attack



Huwara burning – settler violence is approved by Israeli ministers

On the night of 26 February, hundreds of Israeli settlers attacked Huwara and three nearby Palestinian villages. They torched hundreds of homes, businesses, a school and many vehicles. One Palestinian man was shot dead, 400 others were injured and thirty homes were destroyed. An Israeli general described the atrocity as a ‘pogrom’.

The outrage is not the first of its kind and was not unexpected. The Israeli army knew the violence was coming and did nothing to protect Palestinians. The Israeli Finance Minister later called for the village of Huwara to be ‘wiped out’.

The time for supporting the Palestinians is now. Shutting the Israelis out of Eurovision would be a start.

WHAT ARE SETTLEMENTS?

Over half a million Israelis live in towns built on stolen West Bank land in defiance of international law. They receive large subsidies from the state. Their towns are joined by roads that Palestinians cannot use. They have legal rights that Palestinians don’t. They regularly harass neighbouring Palestinian farmers and burn their olive trees. The Israeli army frequently helps their attacks.

Settler politicians are the most extreme racists in Israeli politics. Now they hold senior government positions.



Israeli settlements – a blot on the Palestinian landscape

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The atrocity in Huwara was no random incident. Amnesty International and others have shown that Israel has been practising apartheid against the Palestinians for years. **This has to stop.**

Eurovision: PALESTINE – DOUZE POINTS!

Liverpool welcomes the Eurovision Song Contest this year and we are proud to be ‘united by music’. But a state built on racism has no place here.

Europe is applying strict sanctions against Russia because of the Ukraine invasion. The apartheid state of South Africa was shut out of world sport for many years. Why are there no sanctions against the apartheid state of Israel?

The Palestinians have for years been calling for boycott, divestment and sanctions as a way of getting Israel to comply with international law and to respect human rights for all. We’re calling for Israel to be out of Eurovision. We’re calling on our media and representatives to give a wide berth to Israeli participants.

Music and racism do not belong together. It’s as simple as that.

What you can do

- Urge your MP and councillors to speak out in support of the Palestinians
- Join the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Liverpool Friends of Palestine. Get in touch (details below) and come to our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and support our Eurovision protests on 9 and 13 May and our other events.
- Boycott Puma, Hewlett Packard and Israeli goods and services.

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