

Court rejects PA 'terrorism' ban

Palestine campaigners are doing well in the courts just now.

The 'Filton 24' are up for damage to a factory of the Israeli arms firm Elbit. In the first of three Crown Court trials, the state argued that they went into the factory with intention to cause injury. The jury threw this charge out and didn't reach verdicts on any of the other charges.

Meanwhile, the government's proscription of Palestine Action as 'terrorist' has run into trouble. A senior panel of High Court judges held a 'judicial review'. They declared the ban unlawful, saying the Home Secretary failed to follow her own policies and that the ban was an excessive interference with the right to protest.

This saga is not over. There will be more Crown Court trials and the judicial review will go to appeal. But government plans to suppress solidarity with Palestine, for now, lie in tatters.



Efrat (above) is an illegal settlement near Bethlehem and Hebron in the illegally occupied West Bank. Three Israeli banks funded by the Merseyside Pension Fund finance construction and supply banking services in Efrat.

Now the US will provide in-person passport services in Efrat. This is the first time the US has "provided consular services to a settlement in the West Bank", according to the US Embassy in Jerusalem. The Efrat settlement is home to many American immigrants. The US and Britain both claim to oppose annexation of the West Bank.

What You Can Do

- **Join LFoP** via our website lfop.co.uk
- **Demand the Gov't drop the proscription of Palestine Action, scrap the JR appeal and the Filton retrials.**
- **Tell Merseyside Pension Fund to divest from Elbit Systems**, other firms whose **weapons** are used on **Gaza** and Israeli **banks** financing **illegal settlements**: tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **Demo Easter Sunday** 2pm Catholic Cathedral
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1 and join our leafleting sessions.
- **Boycott Barclays.** Its £ arms Israel. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU
- **Tell your MP to call out genocide, demand full access for the UN and aid agencies, full sanctions, a total arms embargo on Israel**

The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7th October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7th October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7th October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.



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