

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

Who we are

The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) is a Palestinian-led movement of Palestinian and International activists who support the Palestinian struggle for freedom and an end to Israeli occupation.

- ◆ We utilize nonviolent direct-action methods of resistance to confront and challenge the illegal Israeli occupation forces and policies.
- ◆ We call for an immediate compliance and implementation of all United Nations (UN) resolutions pertaining to the end of Occupation and the Right of Return.
- ◆ We support the Palestinian right to resist the occupation, as provided for by international law via legitimate armed struggle.
- ◆ We call for immediate international intervention to protect the Palestinian people and to ensure Israel's compliance with international law.

Why ISM?

Under occupation, Palestinian human rights are being violated with unlawful acts of violence being committed by the Israeli government, army and settlers. Due to the lack of adequate UN presence, the presence of international activists is needed to support Palestinian nonviolent resistance. International activists are witnesses to and reporters of the daily suffering of the Palestinian population.

When Palestinian activists try to work or protest alone, they face Israeli violence and humiliation in the form of bombings, shootings, beatings, house demolitions, denial of access to food and water, long-term arrests without trial, permanent injuries and murder.

How do we take action?



International activist presence helps preserve the dignity of the Palestinian people, and reduces the violence and persecution Palestinians face from the Israeli army and settlers. International activists engage in various forms of nonviolent, direct action resistance.

- ◆ Document and report the humiliation and injustices Palestinians face daily.
- ◆ Accompany Palestinians breaking 24 hour curfews to access food and water.
- ◆ Escort children to schools and patients to hospitals during curfew times.
- ◆ Assist Palestinian farmers to work their lands.
- ◆ Accompany Palestinians attempting to get through roadblocks, on foot or in ambulances.
- ◆ Deliver food, water and medical supplies to isolated areas and communities under siege.
- ◆ Protect homes from demolition.

Goals



The International Solidarity Movement has 6 main aims:

1. To publicize the terrible conditions under which Palestinians live due to the Occupation and to pressure international news media to report on the illegality and brutality of the Occupation, thereby changing public opinion.

2. To help defend the Palestinian population from physical violence committed by Israeli soldiers and settlers. We work under the leadership of Palestinian activists, supporting their effective resistance to the Occupation, and lending support to Israeli and other peace activist groups.

3. To raise public awareness of Israeli human rights violations, in order to pressure the Israeli government to respect international law and UN resolutions.

4. To demand an immediate halt to all US and Canada's political and economic support to Israel.

5. To recruit international volunteers to undertake non-violent resistance to the Occupation.

6. To support international divestment campaigns. Guided by the South African anti-apartheid struggle of the 1980s, these campaigns can place economic pressure on Israel to end their apartheid policies.

More information



For more information about ISM please visit our website at www.palsolidarity.org.

Other useful websites about the situation in Palestine include:

- www.addameer.org – Palestinian Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association
- www.al-awda.org – Palestine Right to Return Coalition
- www.amin.org – Arabic Media Internet Network
- www.electronicintifada.net – The Electronic Intifada
- www.jerusalem.indymedia.org – Palestine Independent Media Centre
- www.stophthewall.org – Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network – Stop the Wall Campaign
- www.phrmg.org – Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group
- www.zmag.org/meastwatch/meastwat.htm – Zmag/ZNet Middle East Watch

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ISM-Vancouver is a local affiliate of the International Solidarity Movement. Our mandate is to assist activists from Western Canada who wish to participate in nonviolent resistance in Palestine.

- ◆ ISM-Vancouver works closely with ISM activists travelling to Palestine. We help them fundraise for their trips, and we provide logistical and media support.
- ◆ We conduct preliminary training on non-violent resistance that is compulsory for ISM activists. (ISM headquarters in Palestine provides additional required training on non-violent resistance and other necessary precautions.)
- ◆ ISM-Vancouver works in collaboration with various organizations and communities to arrange speaking engagements and events for returning activist members.
- ◆ ISM-Vancouver aims to provide an environment for wide public participation in campaigns that demand a clear stand from the Canadian Government on supporting Palestinian national and human rights.

Current campaign



October 5 to November 15, 2004 is the **ISM's Olive Harvest Campaign**, International volunteers accompany Palestinian farmers to help ensure access to fields and groves and highlight Israel's war on Palestinian survival in cases where access was violently denied. Join ISM in Palestine and work in conjunction with the Palestinian Environmental Network (PENGO), the Union of Palestinian Farmers, and the Land Defense Committee.

How to get involved

- ◆ Join ISM-Vancouver as a activist – our application form is available by emailing info@ism-vancouver.org.
- ◆ Become an ISM-Vancouver member for nominal fee of \$10/year (volunteer hours accepted as payment in lieu of membership fee).
- ◆ Make financial contributions (see form below).
- ◆ Invite ISM activists to participate in events for your organization, in your classroom or at your place of worship.

If you have any questions about our work, or becoming involved, please visit our website: www.ism-vancouver.org
email us: info@ism-vancouver.org
or call us at 604-682-3269 ext. 6197.

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Yes, I would like to become involved with ISM-Vancouver.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Involvement: Activist Member (\$10/yr)

*Donation of \$ _____

Volunteer Organize event

Send to: ISM Vancouver
Box 38 – 12 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 1N1

* Make cheques payable to ISM Vancouver