

MEDIA ADVISORY
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The Struggle Continues!
Boycotting Israeli Apartheid Conference
Oct 6-8, 2006 - Toronto

Toronto, ON (Oct 5, 2006) — The Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA) invites media to attend the opening press conference of its three-day conference being held in Toronto this weekend. The event will bring together boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigners from Palestine and the UK, anti-apartheid organizers from South Africa, and activists from various sectors across Canada and Quebec in order to build on recent local, national and international successes of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign.

Last May, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE-Ontario) passed a resolution in support of a BDS campaign.

The conference includes lectures by keynote speakers, workshops, and a cultural event.

What: The Struggle Continues: Boycotting Israeli Apartheid Press Conference. Press kits detailing conference itinerary and events will be distributed at the conference. A table summary of the conference schedule is available below.

When: Friday Oct 6 2006, 10:30 AM

Speakers: Jamal Juma' (*Stop the Wall Campaign*), Salim Vally (*Palestine Solidarity Committee, SA*), Betty Hunter (*Palestine Solidarity Committee, UK*), Navyug Gill (*CAIA*) and Khaled Mouammar (*CAIA*)

Where: Steel Workers Hall, 25 Cecil St., Toronto, ON

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Background: In July 2005, 171 Palestinian civil-society organizations launched a call for a comprehensive Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) strategy to be maintained until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and complies with the precepts of international law.

Keynote Speakers: Jamal Juma' of **Stop the Wall Campaign**; Salim Vally, a campaigner with the **Palestine Solidarity Committee** in South Africa; and Rafeef Ziadeh, from the **Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid**. The conference will close with a plenary with **Co-Chief Robert Lovelace of Ardoch Algonquin First Nations**, and **Adam Hanieh**, of the **Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid**.

<p>Friday, October 6 1030 Opening Press Conference ** Speakers: Jamal Juma' (<i>Stop the Wall Campaign</i>), Salim Vally (<i>Palestine Solidarity Committee, SA</i>), Betty Hunter (<i>Palestine Solidarity Committee, UK</i>), Navyug Gill (<i>CAIA</i>) and Khaled Mouammar (<i>CAIA</i>)</p> <p>19:30-21:00 Public Forum ** South Africa to Palestine: Building an Anti-Apartheid Movement Speakers: Jamal Juma' (<i>Stop the Wall Campaign</i>), Rafeef Ziadah (<i>CAIA</i>)</p>	<p>Steelworkers Hall 25 Cecil St Toronto ON, CANADA</p> <p>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) 252 Bloor St W</p>
<p>Saturday, October 7 9:30 - 10:30 Inside the Apartheid Wall ** Speaker: Jamal Juma'</p> <p>10:45-11:45 Supporting and Fundraising for Apartheid: "Israel Advocacy" in Canada **</p> <p>12:45-14:00 Perspectives on Resistance Lessons from the South African Struggle ** Speakers: Salim Vally (<i>PSC</i>)</p> <p>14:15 - 16:00 Workshops</p> <p>1900-22:00 Biladi Cultural Evening ** Performers: Bassam Bishara, Faith Nolan, Spin, Rafeef, Bighead, and Bill Shawanda</p>	<p>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) 252 Bloor St W</p> <p>Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil St</p>
<p>Sunday, October 8 10:00-16:15 Workshops and Strategy Sessions</p> <p>16:30-17:30 Closing Panel ** Speakers: Co-Chief Robert Lovelace, (<i>Ardoch Algonquin First Nations</i>), and Adam Hanieh, (<i>CAIA</i>).</p>	<p>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) 252 Bloor St W</p>

NOTE TO JOURNALISTS: Only sessions marked ** are OPEN to the media

The Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA) was formed in January 2006 as part of a growing, global movement against Israeli apartheid. We believe Israel is an apartheid state that resembles South African Apartheid. We are a network of concerned Palestinian, Jewish and other individuals and organizations working to end this system. We believe that justice will not be achieved without equal rights for everyone in the region, regardless of religion, ethnicity or nationality.

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