



Over 100 Apartheid Free Zones in Europe denounce #CoronaRacism and #SpreadSolidarity in call from Europe to Palestine

The coronavirus crisis, like so many others, does not affect us all equally. Once again, class, race and gender are interacting with existing structures of oppression, putting already vulnerable groups such as migrants, people from vulnerabilized countries, refugees, homeless, unemployed people or people living under occupation and apartheid in an even more dangerous situation.

As [Apartheid Free Zones](#) (AFZ), we have long been committed to rejecting and denouncing any kind of discrimination or oppression based on gender, race, social class or religion, among others. It is because of our strong anti-racist commitment that we want to denounce the discrimination to which many racialized people are being subjected in this so-called "war" against COVID-19.



Decades of Israeli colonization and oppression have decimated the Palestinian health-system. For Palestinians, Israel's #CoronaRacism is at its highest. The Israeli government is [failing to adequately publish protective measures in Arabic](#); Israeli military forces are [dumping Palestinian workers at crowded checkpoints](#); Israeli prison authorities are [denying Palestinian prisoners appropriate sanitization and treatment](#); and Israel is conditioning allowing COVID-19 related medical equipment into the [already battered and besieged Gaza Strip](#) on political concessions from Palestinians, in direct violation of international law.

Based on our commitment to universal human rights, we denounce the securitization and militarization of this health, social and economic crisis. We are not at war. We are not soldiers. We are fighting for a more just, free and equal world for all people. We are fighting for public



spending that invests in life, in care and in universal, quality public health and social welfare systems that leave no one behind, wherever they come from and whatever language they speak.

We are concerned that in the exceptional situation of the pandemic in which we live, we are experiencing anti-democratic and in some cases outright authoritarian measures that restrict our rights and freedoms and that we fear may end up becoming the new norm.

Israel is a leading exporter of doctrines and tools of repression, mass surveillance and war crimes, all “field-tested” on the bodies of the captive Palestinian population and then promoted as such in Europe, Latin America, North America, South Asia, and Africa.

That is why now, when the doors of our houses and the borders of our countries are closed, when we in Europe are more isolated than ever, struggling to keep our AFZ businesses and spaces afloat, we want to spread our message of solidarity and make sure it reaches every corner, from our AFZs in Europe and beyond to Palestine.

In the midst of this crisis BDS Italy welcomed [200 new AFZ spaces](#): “we are staying home, but solidarity isn’t”. It shouldn’t. From the balconies of our homes we salute all communities fighting this pandemic, including the people of Palestine. No more racism, no more discrimination, no more apartheid.

[Join our AFZ network](#), [sign our statement](#)

#SpreadSolidarity Stop #CoronaRacism

Together, we are invincible



List of endorsements

Belgium

ABP (association Belgo-Palestinienne)

Antwerp for Palestine

Progress Lawyers Network Brussels

Greece

Artokosmos Bakery (Katerini)

Cobra High Athens

Poetry Bar (Athens)

Taverna Tou Pseira (Katerini)

Yusurum Meze (Athens)

Italy

Ah sQueerTO! (Assemblea Queer Torino)

Alkemia

APD HIC SUNT LEONES

Associaizone Frantz Fanon

Associazione Bianca Guidetti Serra

Associazione Sopra i Ponti

Aula C1 Autogestita

Barnaut

Bazar Taverna Curdo Meticcia

Cambiamo Messina dal Basso

Camilla Coop Emporio di Comunità

Centro Sociale TPO

CentroSociale28maggio

Circolo ARCI Brecht

Circolo Arci Guernelli

Circolo ARCI Thomas Sankara

Circolo arc tunnel

Circolo Città Futura Catania

Confederazione Cobas

Donne in Nero Bologna (coordinamento campagna BDS Bologna))

Donne in nero Ravenna

Edizioni Q

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FIOM CGIL Messina provincia

Giosef Torino - Marti Gianello Guida APS

IPRI-reteccp

La bottega del Barbieri

Làbas

Laboratorio sociale "La città di sotto" - Biella

Link Bologna - Studenti Indipendenti

Manituana - laboratorio culturale autogestito

Noi Restiamo Bologna

Noi Restiamo Torino

Potere al Popolo

Progetto Palestina

Rete dei Comunisti Bologna

SENZA CONFINI BREZ MEJA

Studio legale avv.to Gaetano Apicella

Universitari Contro l'Apartheid Israeliana (UCAI)

USB Bologna

Vag61 - Spazio libero autogestito (Bologna)

Paisos Catalans

Ateneu Alt Urgell

Casal Independentista de Sants - Jaume Compte

La Barraqueta de Gràcia

Sardinia

A FORAS - Contra a s'ocupatzione militare de sa Sardigna

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Associazione Antonio Gramsci

Associazione Sarda Contro l'Emarginazione

Associazione sardo senegalese Sunugaal

Associazione Terra Battuta

Bed and breakfast L'antica locanda

Cagliari Social Forum

Caminera Noa

CDR Teatro

Collettivo Furia Rossa



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Ethicser di Sulis Roberto
Il Manifesto Sardo
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Parafarmacia Dott. Azzam M.
Pizzeria Federico Nansen
Pizzeria Nuraghe36
Potere al Popolo Cagliari
Sa Domu
Sandal Falastin
Scida - Assòtziu Indipendentista
Spazio Antifascista Nuoro
Su Tzirculu
Teatri Peregrini

Spain

ALEAS IU Castilla la Mancha, área LGTBI
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Asociación Colombine
ASOCIACIÓN FEMINISTA CÓDIGO MALVA
Association for Human Rights of Andalusia (APDHA)
Atenea Feminist Asociation
AU Sputnik
Bar "La Bici"
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La Chispa

La Ecoaldea UCM

La Ingobernable - Centro Social de Comunes Urbanos

La Kruel Band

La Tienda Comprometida S. Coop. Pequeña de Iniciativa Social ZAWP.

Librería la Vorágine

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Partido Comunista de Almería (PCE)

Pau Alabajos (singer-songwriter)

Rahma

Rosa Que Te Quiero Rosa (RQTR)

Sodepaz Balamil

USTEA Almería

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