



Time to Reconsider US Military Aid to Israel

- U.S. taxpayers fund the Israeli military with more than \$4 billion annually.
- Israel, with a relatively high standard of living, receives much more U.S. aid than any other country, including the most impoverished.
- The cost to Massachusetts taxpayers alone is more than \$100 million a year.
- U.S. weapons help Israel to avoid compromising with Palestinians and its neighbors.
- Military aid and weapons sales to the region are a principal source of violence and instability in the Middle East.

We have better uses for these funds at home rather than arming a military Occupation force in Israel!

WE SUPPORT

Holding Israel accountable for its violations of international law, disrespect for human rights and the unequal treatment of people living under Israeli rule.

The right to promote Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) as a peaceful means to resist the occupation and ethnic cleansing of the indigenous population from Israel and Occupied Territories -- and we strongly oppose any restrictions on the free speech to do so.

A stop to campaigns against academics, students and elected officials when discussing oppressive Israeli policies and the conflation of such discussions with anti-Semitism.

Ending the air, land and sea siege of Gaza and the indiscriminate killing of its unarmed population, while protecting the freedom of movement for all Palestinians and US visitors.

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A New Day

Organizing to Change U.S. Policy on Palestine-Israel



There cannot be sustainable peace or justice for Palestinians and Israelis unless the U.S. alters its one-sided support for Israeli occupation, colonization and ethnic discrimination.

A New Day is a project of **Massachusetts Peace Action** and its **Palestine/Israel Working Group**. We promote a peaceful outcome in Israel/Palestine by supporting a solution to this conflict that adheres to international law.

Organizing in each Massachusetts Congressional District, "A NEW DAY" aims to strengthen efforts to influence elected officials and government bodies to change U.S. policy,

Lobbyist-Paid Israel Trips Should Stop

- Many U.S. public officials -- including MA State Representatives, Senators, City Councilors and police department personnel -- have accepted gifts of free travel to Israel worth many thousands of dollars funded by pro-Israel lobbyist groups.
- Every newly-elected Member of Congress is invited on an AIPAC-funded trip in the summer after their election and nearly all accept.
- By accepting such gifts, public officials violate Conflict of Interest principles and Ethics guidelines which prohibit accepting valuable gifts from lobbyists.
- These trips are a key tool of indoctrination and influence by Israel lobby organizations on for public officials.

**Tell your elected representatives:
U.S. Israel Policy should not be for sale!**

Israeli Settlements Violate International Law

There are now more than 600,000 Israelis living in settlements beyond the 1949-67 Green Line in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

ALL Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories are illegal under the Geneva Convention, a determination that has been affirmed by all international bodies.

U.S. politicians, along with Israel and its U.S. Lobby, constantly assert their support for a Palestinian state while ignoring the growth of illegal Israeli settlements that make it impossible.

Congress needs to re-affirm longstanding U.S. policy that the Israeli settlements are illegitimate and obstacles to peace.

Additional Facts

- In 1947-48 and 1967 more than a million Palestinians fled their homes in wartime or were expelled by the Israeli military and have never been allowed to return.
- Hundreds of Palestinian towns and villages were destroyed after 1948. Israeli demolition of Palestinians homes continues to this day.
- Non-Jews are discriminated against by many Israeli laws and practices.
- Palestinians have recognized Israel within its pre-1967 borders -- but no Israeli government has ever committed to a sovereign Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza or any part of "Greater Israel".

Palestinian Loss of Land 1947 to Present

