

**PSC Press Release**

**Saturday 8th September 2007**

**Hundreds Demonstrate Outside Wembley Against Apartheid Israel**

Today around 250 supporters of Palestinian human rights gathered to protest at Wembley stadium for the England-Israel qualifying match for the Euro 2008 competition.

The vigil, which was organised to protest at Apartheid Israel playing against England took place on Olympic Way from 3pm to 5pm. Present were members from Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Friends of Al Aqsa and Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods, the Boycott Israeli Goods campaign, among many others.

Dozens of banners and placards displayed the slogans: Show Israeli Racism the Red Card - Fair Play for the Palestinians - Kick Israeli Apartheid Out of Football. Others showing pictures of the Palestinian Football Youth team, denied entry to the UK two weeks ago, also highlighted Israel's catastrophic human rights record in the occupied Palestinian territories and asked for Israel to be suspended from international fixtures until it abides with international law.

The spokesperson for the Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods Campaign, Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi said: "We are here today because it is time Israel woke up to the fact that Jews around the world do not support racist policies designed to drive Palestinians off the remnants of their land. It's a myth that Israel acts only to protect security. On the contrary, they endanger us all! If Israel wants to be treated like other sporting nations, it must abide by international law and cease its daily infringements of Palestinian human rights."

For pictures of the event please visit:  
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Organised by the PSC, the BIG and J-BIG campaigns, the Scottish PSC, Friends of Al Aqsa UK.

**Notes for Journalists:**

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The campaign to suspend Israel from international football was launched in March in response to the Israel-England qualifier held in Tel Aviv. Protests were held outside the FA on the day of the match.

The Palestinian people are experiencing their fortieth year of military occupation. The siege by the Israeli army and the economic blockade have devastated their daily lives so that 'normal' life is impossible.

Israel operates an entrenched system of racial Apartheid against its own non-Jewish inhabitants and has been illegally occupying Palestinian land in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights since 1967.

It has sought to further annex these lands and has systematically transferred its own civilian population into these occupied territories in contravention of international law. Israel continues to build the illegal Apartheid wall, annexing vast swathes of Palestinian land in the West Bank and creating Palestinian ghettos, despite the ruling of the International Court of Justice that it is illegal.

180 Palestinian organisations and unions, in response to Israeli onslaught, have called for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Apartheid Israel.

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