



US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation

"We aim to change those US policies that both sustain Israel's 41-year occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and deny equal rights for all."

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TO: Senate and House Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Appropriations Committees

We are writing to let you know that our organizations oppose the President's FY2009 budget request for \$2.55 billion in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) for Israel, which would be a 9% increase over actual spending in FY2007. This proposed increase is the first installment of a ten-year agreement between the United States and Israel, signed in August 2007, to increase military aid to Israel by 25%, totaling \$30 billion by FY2018.

Israel uses weapons purchased through FMF to enforce its illegal 40-year military occupation and siege of the Palestinian West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip and to commit human rights violations against Palestinians in the Occupied Territories and against civilians in Lebanon. Israel's ongoing use of U.S. weapons to enforce an illegal military occupation and to commit human rights abuses places it in violation of the Arms Export Control Act and Foreign Assistance Act.

The Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs must examine the President's FY2009 budget request for \$2.55 billion in FMF for Israel in light of Israel's violations of these U.S. laws. We urge the Subcommittee to hold Israel accountable for its violations of U.S. laws and apply the appropriate sanctions for countries that violate its terms. As long as Israel continues to violate U.S. law, the United States must cut off military aid, not increase it.

Signed by,

National Organizations

1. African American Islamic Institute
2. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
3. American Friends Service Committee
4. American Muslim Association of North America
5. Benedictines for Peace
6. Code Pink—Women for Peace
7. Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism
8. Council for the National Interest
9. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Israel/Palestine Action Group
10. Fellowship of Reconciliation USA
11. Freedom Socialist Party
12. Friends of Sabeel—North America
13. Interfaith Peace-Builders
14. Israel/Palestine Network of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
15. Global Exchange
16. Green Party of the United States, International Committee
17. Jewish Voice for Peace
18. Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation
19. Muslim Student Association West
20. National Lawyers Guild
21. Network of Arab American Professionals
22. Peace Action
23. Scientists without Borders
24. St. Joan's International Alliance—U.S. Chapter
25. Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East
26. United for Peace and Justice
27. US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
28. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom—U.S. Section

Local Organizations

Alabama

1. Restorative Justice Team, North Alabama Conference United Methodist Church, Birmingham

Alaska

1. Alaskans for Peace and Justice, Anchorage
2. Palestine Solidarity Committee, Anchorage

Arizona

1. DLK Enterprise, LLC, Scottsdale
2. Foundation for Ending Apartheid in Israel, Queen Creek
3. Local to Global Justice, Phoenix
4. Phoenix Women Take Back the Night, Phoenix
5. Progressives of the Verde Valley, Sedona
6. Students for Justice in Palestine—Arizona State University, Tempe
7. Tucson Women in Black, Tucson
8. Women in Black, Phoenix

California

1. 14 Friends of Palestine, San Rafael
2. Academic Mentorship Program—University of California, Los Angeles
3. Alpine Voices for Peace, Markleeville
4. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Los Angeles Chapter, Diamond Bar
5. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—San Diego Chapter, San Diego
6. Americans for a Just Peace in the Middle East, Santa Barbara
7. Americans for a Palestinian State, Oakland
8. Americans for Peace, Santa Barbara
9. Arts and Crafts Can Do, Santa Rosa
10. Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace and Justice, Oakland
11. Bay Area Women in Black, Oakland
12. Beacon Presbyterian Fellowship, Oakland
13. Berkeley Fellowship Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Committee, Berkeley
14. Borno Realty, San Diego
15. Canadians for Palestine, San Diego
16. Central Coast Workers against the War, Santa Cruz
17. Committee for Justice in Palestine—University of California, Santa Cruz
18. Dream Out Loud Films, Los Angeles
19. Ergovera, Felton
20. ESmart Solutions, Inc., Los Angeles
21. Father Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Berkeley
22. Free Gaza Movement, El Cerrito
23. Friends of Deir Ibbzi'a, Berkeley
24. Friends of Sabeel—Southern California, Tustin
25. Fresh Clean Day Publishing, Woodside
26. Global Information Services, Greenbrae
27. Hajar Enterprises, Inc., Hawthorne
28. Holy Cross Melkite-Greek Catholic Church, Placentia
29. International Solidarity Movement—Northern California, El Cerrito
30. Islamic Center of Inland Empire, Rancho Cucamonga
31. Klamath River Friends, Klamath
32. LA Jews for Peace, La Habra Heights
33. Mann and Elias, Beverly Hills
34. Middle East Policy Advisory Committee, Oakland
35. Middle East Study Group, Martinez
36. Monterey County Citizens for Middle East Peace, Watsonville
37. Monterey Peace and Justice Center, Monterey
38. Muslim Student Association—Mira Costa College, Oceanside
39. Muslim Student Association—Palomar College, Escondido
40. Muslim Student Association—University of California, Davis
41. Muslim Student Association—University of California, Los Angeles
42. Muslim Student Association—University of California, San Diego
43. Muslim Student Union—University of California, Irvine
44. Network of Spiritual Progressives—Sacramento Chapter, Sacramento
45. Pakistan Weekly, Berkeley

46. Peace and Freedom Party—California, Oakland
47. Peninsula Peace and Justice Center, Palo Alto
48. People's Coalition for Economic and Social Justice, Santa Barbara
49. Redwood Nonviolence Community, Santa Cruz
50. Robert Levarant, MFT, Sebastopol
51. Sacred Music Events, Auburn
52. San Francisco Bay Artist Activists, Marina
53. San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper, San Francisco
54. San Jose Peace and Justice Center, San Jose
55. Sonoma Valley Peace and Justice, Sonoma
56. Spectronix Research, Vineburg
57. South Bay Mobilization, San Jose
58. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church's Pilgrimage Group, Malibu
59. Stop AIPAC, Berkeley
60. Student Coalition for a Just Peace, Pomona
61. Students for Justice in Palestine—University of California, Riverside
62. University of California Santa Barbara Students for Justice in Palestine, Santa Barbara
63. University of Southern California Students for Justice in Palestine, Los Angeles
64. Veterans for Peace, Crestline
65. Women in Black, Berkeley
66. Women in Black, Idyllwild
67. Women in Black, Los Angeles
68. Womyn for the Independence of Puerto Rico, San Francisco

Colorado

1. Coalition for Justice in Palestine, Boulder
2. Colorado Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Denver
3. Friends of Sabeel—Colorado, Boulder
4. Front Range Coalition, Denver
5. Mother Earth Reverence Farms, Greeley
6. Pax Christi Metro Denver, Denver
7. Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, Boulder
8. Social Action Committee, First Unitarian Society of Denver, Denver
9. Students for Peace and Justice, Boulder
10. Wake Up Now, Carbondale
11. Women's International League of Peace and Freedom—Boulder Chapter, Boulder

Connecticut

1. Awareness, Dialogue, and Action about Palestine/Israel Today (ADAPT)—Wesleyan University, Middletown
2. Coalition for Social Justice, New Britain
3. Guy Blais, Associate, Windsor
4. Middle East Crisis Committee, Woodbridge
5. People of Faith, West Hartford
6. Right to Be a Kid, Old Greenwich
7. Socialist Party of Connecticut, Salem
8. Wardrop Nigeria, Ltd., Waterbury
9. We Refuse to Be Enemies, West Hartford

District of Columbia

1. Americans Concerned for Middle East Peace, Washington, DC
2. DC Statehood Green Party, Washington, DC
3. Malcolm X Day Committee, Washington, DC
4. Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace, Washington, DC

Florida

1. AGSPEC Enterprises, Delray Beach
2. Citizens for Rational Government, Gulf Breeze
3. Conway Dental Care, Orlando
4. Darfur 23, Tampa
5. Florida Palestine Solidarity Network, Lynn Haven
6. Green Energy Consulting & Supply, LLC, Miami
7. Hindus for Peace and Justice, West Melbourne
8. National Black United Front—Florida, Tampa
9. Pax Christi Northeast Florida, St. Augustine
10. Ramallah American Club, Jacksonville
11. Save the Children Foundation, Orlando

13. Senior Citizens Islamic Society, Miramar
14. St. Pete for Peace, St. Petersburg
15. Trintab Enterprises, Sarasota
16. Veterans for Peace, Northwest Florida—Chapter 135, Pensacola
17. Volusia Peace Center, Edgewater
18. We Are Wide Awake, Clermont

Georgia

1. Free All with Truth, Decatur
2. Valdosta Citizens for Peace in the Middle East, Valdosta

Hawaii

1. Art 4 Peace Photography and Art, Kailua
2. Friends of Sabeel—Hawaii, Honolulu
3. Molokai Advertiser-News, Kaunakakai

Idaho

1. Eyes Wide Open International, Nampa
2. Idaho Campaign to End Israeli Apartheid, Boise

Illinois

1. A&H Engineering, Romeoville
2. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Chicago Chapter, Naperville
3. American Friends Service Committee, Chicago
4. Arab Jewish Partnership for Peace and Justice in the Middle East, Oak Park
5. Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine, Oak Park
6. Day Star Books, Urbana
7. International Solidarity Movement—Chicago Chapter, Chicago
8. Mosque Foundation, Bridgeview
9. Muslim Community Center of Greater Rockford, Rockford
10. One Holy Land—One State of Equality, Peru
11. United for Uganda, Champaign

Indiana

1. Christians for Peace and Justice in the Middle East, Indianapolis
2. Stand Now, Attica

Iowa

1. American Friends Service Committee—Iowa Office, Des Moines
2. Cedar Valley Food Not Bombs, Cedar Falls
3. Enlighten Technologies, Cedar Rapids
4. Grinnell College Palestinian Solidarity Group, Grinnell
5. Iowa Methodist Federation for Social Action, Des Moines
6. Iowans for a Free Palestine, Cedar Falls
7. Palestinian Human Rights Action Network, Iowa City
8. People for Justice in Palestine, Iowa City
9. Sabeel Iowa, Muscatine

Kansas

1. Citizens for Justice in the Middle East, Kansas City
2. Heartland Muslim Council, Overland Park
3. Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice, Lawrence

Kentucky

1. Fellowship of Reconciliation-Louisville Chapter
2. Frankfort Code Pink, Frankfort
3. Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, Louisville
4. Louisville Committee for Peace in the Middle East, Louisville

Louisiana

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—New Orleans Chapter, New Orleans
2. Pax Christi New Orleans, New Orleans

Maine

1. Maine Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine, Portland
2. Pax Christi Maine, Portland
3. Radio Free Maine, Augusta

Maryland

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Baltimore Chapter, Timonium

2. Americans for Peace, Silver Spring
3. Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore, Lutherville
4. Carlisle Peace College, Sandy Spring
5. COS Churches for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel, Montgomery Village
6. Friends of Tent of Nations, Cabin John
7. Howard County Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, Columbia
8. Peace Action Montgomery, Derwood
9. Peace and Justice Coalition—Prince George's County, Lanham
10. Sojourner Truth Farm School & Center for Human Growth, Poolesville

Massachusetts

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee of Massachusetts, Boston
2. Berkshire Citizens for Peace and Justice, Pittsfield
3. Boston Coalition for Palestinian Rights, Boston
4. Cape Codders for Peace and Justice, Cotuit
5. Community against Hate, Holyoke
6. Merrimack Valley People for Peace, Andover
7. Neighbor-to-Neighbor Interfaith Study Group, Wellesley
8. Students for Justice in Palestine—Hampshire College, Amherst
9. United for Justice with Peace, Boston
10. Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety, Watertown
11. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom—Cape Cod Branch, Eastham

Michigan

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Kalamazoo Chapter, Portage
2. Detroit Area Code Pink, Franklin
3. Jewish Voice for Peace—Detroit Chapter, Detroit
4. Middle East Awareness Committee, East Lansing
5. Middle East Work Group - Presbytery of Detroit (PCUSA), Grosse Pointe Park
6. Mid East: Just Peace, Cedar
7. Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe
8. St. Lawrence Catholic Community, Sterling Heights
9. Students for Ethical Investments—University of Michigan, Dearborn

Minnesota

1. Anti-War Committee, Minneapolis
2. Coalition for Palestinian Rights, Minneapolis
3. Environmental Justice Advocate of Minnesota, St. Paul
4. Middle East Peace Now, St. Paul
5. Northfielders for Justice in Israel/Palestine, Northfield
6. Oles for Justice in Palestine—St. Olaf College, Northfield
7. Women against Military Madness—Mideast Committee, Minneapolis

Missouri

1. Boone Tikkun, Columbia
2. Citizens for Peace & Justice in the Holy Land, Lees Summit
3. Heartland Muslim Council, Lees Summit
4. The American Muslim, Bridgeton
5. Women in Black, St. Louis
6. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom—St. Louis Chapter, St. Louis

Nebraska

1. Omaha Muslim Youth Organization, Omaha

New Hampshire

1. Palestinian Education Network, Concord

New Jersey

1. Helios Group, Inc., Paramus
2. Jews Against the Occupation—Central New Jersey, Highland Park
3. Paterson Community Clinic, Paterson

New Mexico

1. Justice First! in US Policies for Palestine/Israel and the Middle East, Placitas
2. Middle East Peace and Justice Alliance, Albuquerque
3. Santa Fe for Justice in Palestine, Santa Fe
4. Women in Black, Santa Fe

New York

1. Adalah—NY: The Coalition for Justice in the Middle East, New York
2. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—New York Chapter, New York
3. American Council on Middle East Policy, New York
4. American-Iranian Friendship Council, Armonk
5. Aria Aperta, Ozone Park
6. Bantu Community Organization, Inc., Buffalo
7. Book Source Magazine, Cazenovia
8. Brooklyn for Peace, Brooklyn
9. Caribbean and Latin America Support Project, New Paltz
10. Code Pink NYC—New York
11. Committee for Peace in Israel and Palestine, East Hampton
12. Concerned Citizens for Peace, Hemlock
13. Dutchess Peace Coalition, Rhinebeck
14. Granny Peace Brigade, New York
15. Hudson Valley Pax Christi, Highland
16. Iraqis in Exile, Clifton Park
17. Jews against the Occupation—New York, Brooklyn
18. Laura Haykel, Inc., Webster
19. Middle East Crisis Response, Rhinebeck
20. Palestine Solidarity Project, Jackson Heights
21. Palestinian Action Union Square, New York
22. Palestinian Rights Committee, Albany
23. Pax Christi Metro New York, New York
24. Pax Christi Western New York, Buffalo
25. Rochester Committee for Middle East Peace, Rochester
26. School of Americas Watch, Buffalo
27. Tioga Peace and Justice, Van Etten
28. WESPAC Foundation, White Plains
29. Women of a Certain Age, New York

North Carolina

1. Action Center for Justice, Charlotte
2. Asheville Chapter, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Asheville
3. Coalition for Peace with Justice, Chapel Hill
4. Jews for a Just Peace—North Carolina, Chapel Hill
5. Peace Initiatives Network Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Durham
6. Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Federation for Social Action, Asheville
7. Western North Carolina Peace Coalition, Asheville

Ohio

1. Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Cleveland
2. Cincinnati Palestinian Rights Meetup, Cincinnati
3. Cleveland Middle East Peace Forum, Cleveland
4. Coalition for Peace in the Middle East, Youngstown
5. Congregation of St. Joseph's—Justice Committee, Cleveland
6. Greater Cleveland Immigrant Support Network, Cleveland
7. Hallinan Project for Peace and Social Justice, Cleveland
8. Interfaith Council for Peace in the Middle East, Silver Lake
9. Mark "Service" Esber, LTD, Canton
10. National Association of Muslim American Women, Columbus
11. Palestinian American Association, Westerville
12. Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton
13. STAND XU (Xavier University), Cincinnati
14. World Can't Wait—Columbus, Ohio Chapter, Columbus

Oklahoma

1. Songs for Peace, Ardmore

Oregon

1. Al-Nakba Awareness Project/Palestine: Just Justice, Eugene
2. Alternatives to War, Corvallis
3. Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights, Portland
4. CHP Delgado's, Ashland
5. Collateral Repair Project, Medford
6. Corvallis-Albany Friends of Middle East Peace, Corvallis
7. Families for Children of Oregon, Portland

8. Free Detainees, Sixes
9. Lutherans for Justice in the Holy Land, Portland
10. Pacific Green Party, Corvallis
11. Pacifica Forum, Eugene
12. Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, Portland
13. Stand for Peace, Cottage Grove
14. Veterans for Peace—Chapter 132, Corvallis
15. Veterans for Peace—Chapter 929, Springfield
16. Walkem Investment Enterprises, Portland
17. Whitefeather Peace Community, Portland

Pennsylvania

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Greater Philadelphia Chapter, Prospect Park
2. Birthright Unplugged, Glenside
3. Bubbes and Zaydes (Grandparents) for Peace in the Middle East, Philadelphia
4. Catholic Peace Fellowship, Philadelphia
5. Jewish Voice for Peace—Philadelphia Chapter, Philadelphia
6. Harrisburg Middle East Justice and Peace, Harrisburg
7. Pax Christi of the Alleghennies, Hastings
8. Philly Poetry, Philadelphia
9. Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee, Pittsburgh
10. Students for Justice Palestine—Penn State University Chapter, University Park
11. Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East, Pittsburgh
12. Western Pennsylvania American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Pittsburgh
13. White Dog Café, Philadelphia
14. Youth against Complacency & Homelessness Today (YACHT) Club—Eastern University, Devon

Rhode Island

1. Communist Party of Rhode Island, Providence
2. Interfaith Peace Initiative, Tiverton
3. Justice First Foundation, Inc., West Kingston
4. Physicians for Human Rights at Brown University, Providence

South Carolina

1. Anti-Racist Action, Charleston
2. Carolina Peace Resource Center, Columbia
3. Rock Hill for Action to Organize Resistance, Rock Hill

Texas

1. Dar El-Salam Islamic Center, Arlington
2. Interfaith Community for Palestinian Rights, Austin
3. Irish Unity Committee, Houston
4. Isquare Investment Partners, Fort Worth
5. Palestine Solidarity Committee—University of Texas, Austin
6. Pax Christi, Austin
7. Peace Farm, Amarillo
8. Progressive Action Alliance of Texas, Houston
9. United for Peace and Justice, Dallas
10. Women in Black, Austin

Utah

1. Utahns for a Just Peace in the Holy Land, Kamas

Vermont

1. Islamic Society of Vermont, Incorporated, Colchester

Virginia

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Washington, DC Area Chapter, McLean
2. Hampton Roads Peace and Justice Coalition, Norfolk
3. Holy Land Peacemaking Group, Ravensworth Baptist Church, Fairfax Station
4. Pax Christi—Pentagon Area, Falls Church
5. Shelters Plus, Huddleston
6. Students for Justice in Palestine—George Mason University, Fairfax

Washington

1. American Muslims of Puget Sound, Lynnwood
2. Dudley Foundation, Bellingham
3. Evergreen Peace and Justice Community, Redmond

4. Fellowship of Reconciliation—Seattle Chapter, Seattle
5. Gaia's Blessings, Issaquah
6. Human Earth Animal Liberation, Seattle
7. Northwest Middle East Peace Forum, Tacoma
8. Olympia Friends Meeting (Quaker), Tumwater
9. Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project, Olympia
10. Palestine Solidarity Committee, Seattle
11. Pax Christi Spokane, Spokane
12. Poets West, Seattle
13. Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, Olympia
14. Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War, Seattle
15. Students for Peace & Justice in Israel-Palestine, University of Washington, Bothell
16. Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation, Seattle

West Virginia

1. Kanawha Inclusive Creative Home Educators, Leon

Wisconsin

1. American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee—Wisconsin Chapter, Milwaukee
2. Jewish Voice for Peace—Madison Chapter, Madison
3. Johnsons Enterprise, Osceola
4. Madison-Rafah Sister City Project, Madison
5. Nakbah Commemoration Coalition, Madison
6. Pagans for Peace, Milwaukee
7. Peace Action Wisconsin—Middle East Committee, Milwaukee

Abroad

1. Americans against the War, Paris, France
2. Americans in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
3. Munich American Peace Committee, Munich, Germany
4. U.S. Citizens against the War, Florence, Italy
5. U.S. Citizens for Peace and Justice, Rome, Italy