

**Solidarity Against Racist Apartheid: STAND WITH PALESTINE!
#BlockTheBoat #ShutDownApartheid #BDS**

BOYCOTT ZIM!

DON'T CROSS THE PICKET LINE!

Over the past weeks, workers and their communities raised their voices against the Israeli government's brutal military attack on the people of Palestine, including the murder of hundreds in Gaza -- among them, dozens of children.

In response, South African and Italian dockers have refused to load Israeli cargo, while community organizers of #BlocktheBoat Oakland, California, with the support of ILWU dockworkers, have blocked cargo ships operated by ZIM – apartheid Israel's largest and oldest shipping company – from docking for over 11 days, and is calling for a #BlockTheBoat International Week of Action from June 2 to June 9. To support them, #BlocktheBoat NYNJ will hold a mass picket against the unloading of the ZIM Tarragona, which is scheduled to dock here on June 6.

The Israeli ZIM Shipping company profits from the military occupation of Palestinian communities and an apartheid system that treats Palestinian workers and families as second-class citizens living under Jim Crow-type conditions. The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions has asked us to boycott Israeli businesses like Zim to hold apartheid-profiting businesses accountable.

**THERE CAN BE NO BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR COMPANIES THAT PROFIT
FROM RACISM, APARTHEID AND WAR**

This is a critical moment to build with you, port workers, in solidarity. We ask you to heed the call from labor unions in Gaza asking workers everywhere not to handle Israeli cargo or engage with Israeli businesses.

We are proud to act in solidarity against apartheid to bring social, economic and racial justice for all people.

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**"WE RELY ON OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE TRADE
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TRADITION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND TO STAND
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APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA."**

-PALESTINIAN GENERAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

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The IDC strongly condemns the massacre of civilians and children in Palestine.
Unconditional support to the Palestinian General Strike.

The International Dockworkers Council-IDC, strongly condemns the massacre that is taking place against the Palestinian people at the hands of Israel and makes an urgent call for peace and dialogue, respecting international agreements and laws governing the area once and for all. We cannot stand idly by without raising our voices in the face of such atrocities against civilians and children.

Likewise, we condemn the illegal detention of our fellow union leader Ashraf Al-war and recall that any form of peaceful protest must be respected as a fundamental right. Without going any further, today, May 18, we encourage to participate in the general strike in the historic center of Palestine, against the Israeli Government policies of ethnic cleansing in the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, in Jerusalem; for the attacks against the al-Aqsa Mosque and for the savage bombardments that the Gaza Strip is suffering.

We also encourage UN and non-UN member states that may have some influence on the peace process in Palestine and Israel to act immediately to stop this barbarism.

IDC calls on all dockworkers to show the solidarity that has been demonstrated so many times in so many conflicts. We cannot allow ourselves to be complicit in this violence by working on ships that operate war merchandise destined to massacre civilians and children. Let us not allow this to stain our name or tarnish our consciences. It is in struggles and defeats that one learns solidarity and empathy for the groups that suffer inequalities and abuses. The only way to win this war is with the solidarity and empathy of all.

In solidarity,

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