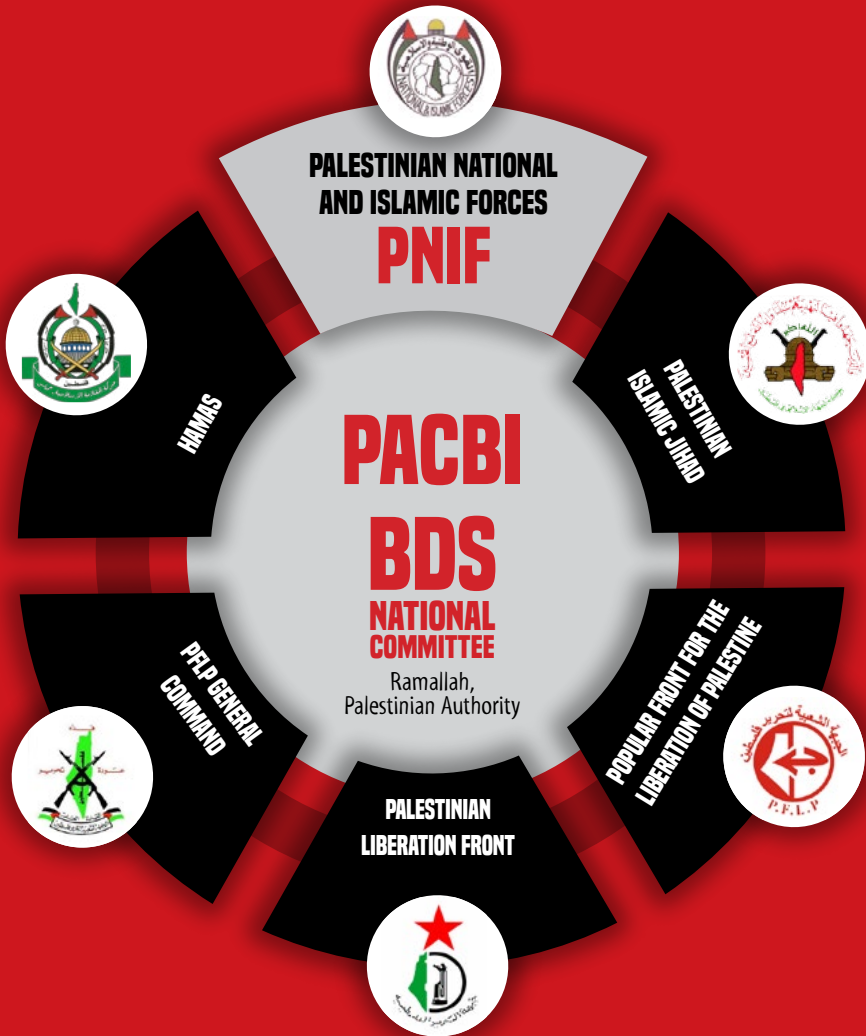


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Executive Summary

- The Palestinian Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) is a Palestinian Authority-based organization operating out of the West Bank city of Ramallah that acts as the cultural and academic arm of the terror group-linked BNC (BDS National Committee).
- PACBI deceives supporters and observers in the West who have been led to believe that the organization is a network of local grassroots, non-violent human rights groups advocating BDS to establish a peaceful Palestinian state next to Israel. However, this is a false premise. PACBI is dedicated to destroying the nation state of the Jewish people by engaging in political warfare and supporting Palestinian terror groups.
- Since Israel's victory in the 2018 Eurovision song competition, PACBI has conceived, conducted, and coordinated a global boycott campaign to derail the 2019 Eurovision contest scheduled to be held in Tel Aviv, Israel in May 2019. PACBI's campaign seeks to pressure Eurovision finalists and broadcasting companies into withdrawing their participation, and to compel Eurovision into canceling the event in Israel altogether.
- PACBI is a founding member of the BDS National Committee (BNC), a coalition that includes the umbrella terror group "PNIF" (Palestinian National and Islamic Forces), which is comprised of EU- and U.S.-designated terror groups Islamic Jihad, Hamas, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), amongst others.
- PACBI and the terror-linked BNC are operationally the same organization: PACBI serves as the "face" of the BNC. PACBI and the BNC share the same website, mailing list, and staff members, indicating a strong overlap in the BDS Movement's leadership roles.

- PACBI's leaders and coordinators have actively supported Islamic and Palestinian terrorists. PACBI activists have also led violent protests, including the Hamas-backed Great March of Return (GMR) riots on the Israel-Gaza border since March 2018.
- PACBI has played a leading role in the global expansion of the BDS movement, including in the United States, United Kingdom, and India.
- BDS's political warfare strategy may have begun to backfire. In April 2019, the United States refused to allow PACBI co-founder Omar Barghouti, who also established the BDS National Committee, to enter the United States. Barghouti has frequently declared BDS's goal of destroying Israel.¹

Introduction

The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) was launched in the Palestinian Authority controlled city of Ramallah in April 2004 by a group of Palestinian academics to advance the international boycott movement against Israel. The campaign parlayed the Palestinian call originally issued in 2002 into formal movement for a comprehensive economic, cultural and academic boycott of Israel.²

PACBI is not a registered entity but rather a campaign comprised primarily of professors and lecturers from across the Palestinian Authority controlled territories, most of whom are affiliated with Birzeit University, which has been known for its public sympathy and support for the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Hamas, and other designated terror organizations, as seen below.^{3,4}

PACBI employs a “total warfare” strategy of support for terror and political warfare against the State of Israel which has been cast as a criminal, illegal, and illegitimate entity. PACBI employs anti-Semitic terminology exclusively against Israel, referring to the Jewish and democratic state as a “Nazi” and “Apartheid” regime. Even the world’s worst rights-violating and criminal regimes such as Iran, Syria, and North Korea have escaped this vicious terminology.

PACBI calls on the International community to “comprehensively and consistently boycott all Israeli academic and cultural institutions as a contribution to the struggle to end Israel’s occupation, colonization, and system of Apartheid by:”⁵

1. Refraining “from participation in any form of academic and cultural cooperation, collaboration, or joint projects with Israeli institutions.”
2. Advocating for “a comprehensive boycott of Israeli institutions at the national and international levels, including suspension of all forms of funding and subsidies to these institutions.”

3. Promoting “divestment and disinvestment from Israel by international academic institutions.”
4. Working “toward the condemnation of Israeli policies by pressing for resolutions to be adopted by academic, professional, and cultural associations and organizations.”
5. Supporting “Palestinian academic and cultural institutions directly without requiring them to partner with Israeli counterparts as an explicit or implicit condition for such support.”

In addition to leading boycott campaign efforts against Israel,⁶ in more recent years, PACBI has led global efforts to pressure international artists, chefs, and musicians not to appear in Israel,⁷ claiming that their presence lends Israel legitimacy.⁸ PACBI’s claims of success over the last decade include: Stephen Hawking’s boycott of the Israeli President’s science conference in 2013,⁹ Lana Del Rey’s withdrawal from the Israeli Meteor Festival in 2018,¹⁰ Argentina’s cancellation of its friendly football match against Israel,¹¹ and Roger Water’s declaration of support for BDS.¹²



PACBI, Twitter, published 09/18, accessed 02/19

PACBI @PACBI · 5 Jun 2018

Barcelona: Palestinian rights supporters protest at @Argentina football team training session, urge team & Captain Messi to cancel "friendly" match with Israel. More protests tomorrow. #NothingFriendly about Israel's crimes against Palestinians! #ArgentinaNoVayas #WorldCup

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PACBI, Twitter, published 06/05/18, accessed 02/19

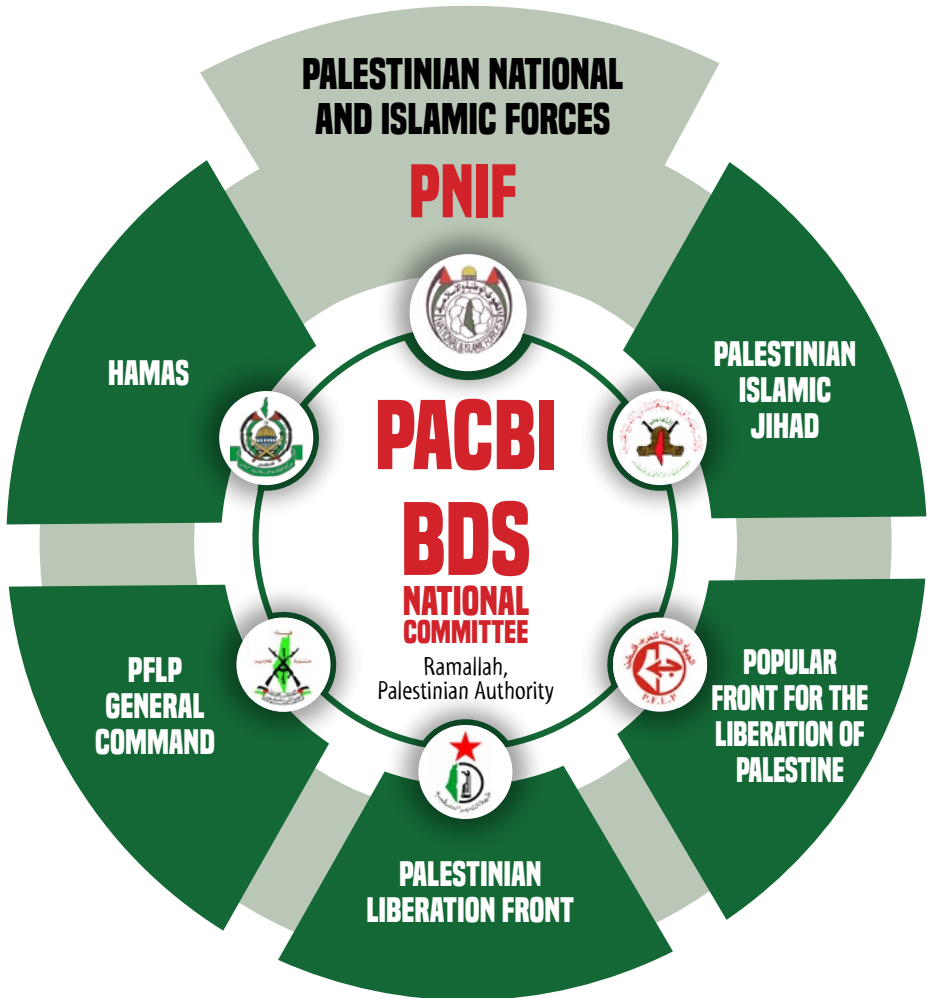
PACBI @PACBI Follow

Watch: Pink Floyd Founder Roger Waters: BDS is One of "Most Admirable" Displays of Resistance in the World buff.ly/2ybmHHR

8:58 AM · 15 Sep 2017

PACBI, Twitter, published 09/15/17, accessed 10/17

The BDS National Committee (BNC)
PNIF and PACBI as co-equal members



PACBI's Links to Terror Groups on the BNC

After its founding in 2004, PACBI assumed a lead role in transforming ad-hoc anti-Israel calls into an organized Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement. In 2005, for example, it was listed as a contact for other organizations also seeking to be listed as official endorsers of the call.¹³ A year later, in 2006, PACBI became part of the “Acting Steering Committee for the Palestinian BDS Campaign.”¹⁴

Signed by:

Acting Steering Committee, Palestinian BDS Campaign:
Ittijah – Union of Arab Community Based Associations
Opqai – Occupied Palestine and Golan Heights Advocacy Initiative
Pacbi – Palestinian Academic and Cultural Boycott Initiative
Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign
PNGO – Palestinian NGO Network

Stop the Wall, Open Letter to Susan Sarandon, published 12/28/08, accessed 01/19

Contact us

Acting Steering Committee, Palestinian BDS Campaign

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info@badil.org

PACBI
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ITTIJAH
c /o ittijah@ittijah.org

BDS-Palestine, Palestinian Civil Society Calls for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, published 08/19/06, accessed 02/19

The conference was opened by Dr. Gabi Baramki (PACBI) who reminded participants of the fact that boycott has been a tool of the Palestinian struggle since the 1920s. He stated that the power of popular boycott derived from international law and universal ethical principles, and emphasized the timeliness of a Palestinian popular boycott movement, especially now, when isolation and fragmentation are imposed more than ever on the Palestinian people, in order to bring about loss of hope, dignity and surrender. Boycott and popular struggle contributed to the liberation of India and South Africa, he stated, adding that, while it is true that the challenge for Palestinians is bigger, because South Africa never enjoyed the level of support Israel has from the United States and Europe, the Palestinian boycott campaign can be effective because of Israel's ultimate dependence, politically, diplomatically and economically, on the West.

*PACBI, First Palestinian Conference for the Boycott of Israel (BDS)
Summary Report, 11/22/07, accessed 11/18*

It was in this capacity that PACBI helped to convene the First National BDS Conference in Ramallah in November 2007 at which PACBI co-founder, Gabi Baramki,¹⁵ delivered the opening address.¹⁶

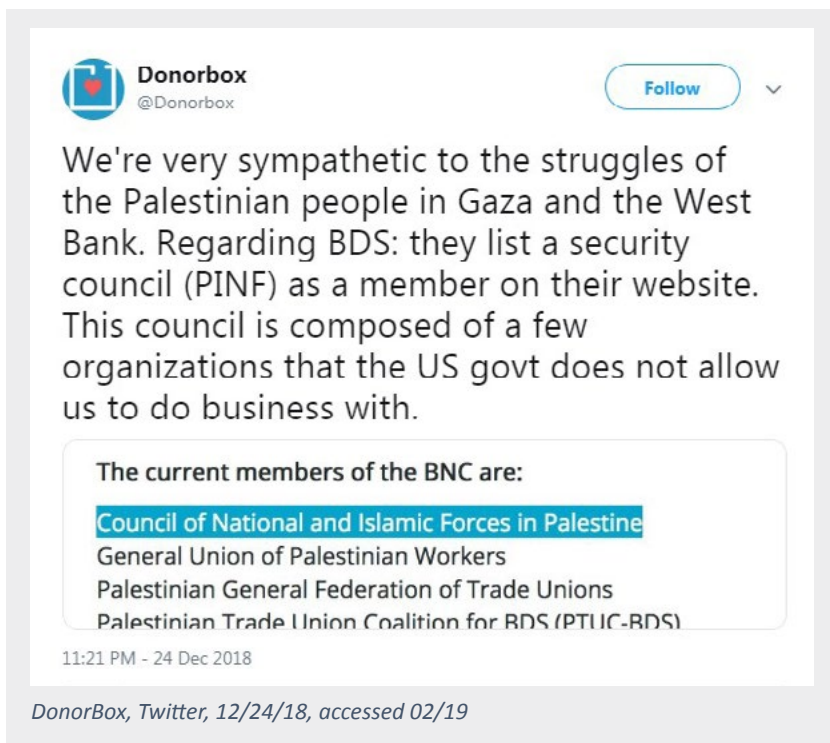
Following the conference, in April 2008, PACBI helped found the BDS National Committee (BNC),¹⁷ the Palestinian coordinating body for the BDS campaign worldwide.¹⁸ PACBI is still listed as a member of the BNC,¹⁹ “tasked with overseeing the academic and cultural boycott aspects of BDS.”²⁰ PACBI coordinators are required to represent the BNC in academic and cultural boycott-related matters²¹ and work with BNC staff when dealing with local and global partners.²²

It is little known in the West that Arab and Islamic terror groups sit and strategize together with PACBI as equal members of the BNC. For example, one of the other founding members of the BNC is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine,²³ known outside of the Palestinian-controlled territories as the “Palestinian National and Islamic Forces” (PNIF). PNIF was founded by Yasser Arafat, former Chairman of the PLO and Palestinian Authority, and Marwan Barghouti, former commander of Fatah’s Tanzim terror wing and leader of the Islamist Al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigade. Barghouti is currently serving five consecutive life sentences for the murder of Israelis in terror assaults.

PNIF is comprised of five U.S.-designated terrorist organizations²⁴ including: Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Popular Front – General Command (PFLP-GC), the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).²⁵ In addition, members of PNIF include Khaled al-Batsch, senior member of the PIJ,²⁶ and Jamil Mezher, a member of the political

bureau of the PFLP.²⁷ Ghassan Zeidan, now deceased, was a Central Committee member of the PLF and a member of PNIF,²⁸ as was Hamas representative Iz Al-Din Kasab.²⁹ Furthermore, Haidar Eid, a BNC representative³⁰ and PACBI steering committee member,³¹ has confirmed that Hamas and other Islamic movements are constituent members of the BNC.³²

There is other evidence of Palestinian terror group membership in the BNC. On December 21, 2018, the U.S. fundraising website, Donorbox, suspended the *Bdsmovement.net*'s account³³ after receiving evidence of the BDS Movement's connection to U.S.-designated terrorist groups including Hamas, the PFLP, and PIJ.³⁴ Charitable Donations via the website *Bdsmovement.net* are currently proscribed.



Most of PACBI's founders and steering committee members are Palestinian academics affiliated with Birzeit University in Bethlehem.³⁵ Birzeit has long been an incubator for PLO and Fatah terror groups

leaders and activists. For decades, oversized photographs of Fatah and PLO leader Yasser Arafat adorned its classroom walls. Birzeit boasts alumni such as convicted terrorist Marwan Barghout, mentioned above, who was former Birzeit student body president, and campus Fatah organization leader. Today, Birzeit is also strongly associated with Hamas.³⁶ Hamas Islamist and terrorist propaganda has frequently been found on university grounds.³⁷ Hamas student members have been detained for terror-related activities.³⁸ Birzeit has been known for hosting terror-supporting student groups on campus.³⁹ In one incident, the Fatah *Shabiba* student movement at Birzeit hosted a military-style ceremony during which students carried guns while chanting, “Blow up the head of the settler.”⁴⁰ As seen below, in red, a majority of PACBI leaders are employed as professors or administration officials at Birzeit.⁴¹

Founding Committee	Steering Committee
Bashir Abdel Razek	Carmela Armanious
In'am Obeidi	Gabi Baramki
Islah Jad	Omar Barghouti
Lisa Taraki	Riham Barghouti
Omar Barghouti	Samia Botmeh
Riham Barghouti	Haidar Eid
Rowan Al-Faqih	Rania Elias
Zuhair Sabbagh	Islah Jad
	Lisa Taraki

PACBI, “Who We Are,” accessed 12/18

PACBI's Role in the Anti-Eurovision Assault on Israel

On May 12, 2018 Israeli singer Netta Barzilai won the Eurovision song contest held in Lisbon, Portugal. Following her victory, declarations and petitions called for the boycott of the 2019 Eurovision song contest, scheduled to be held in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Palestine solidarity activists from Ireland were the first to call for a boycott,⁴² with PACBI tweeting⁴³ boycott calls and condemning Barzilai's success.⁴⁴

A month later, on June 12, 2018, PACBI, along with the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and Palestinian Performing Arts Network (PPAN) issued an official statement, translated into 12 languages, calling for the complete boycott of the 2019 Eurovision contest.⁴⁵ The call urged the European Broadcasting Union members, participating states, contestants, and the wider public to boycott Eurovision 2019. In addition, PACBI called on grassroots movements and artists' unions in participating countries "to protest Israel's hosting of Eurovision 2019 and for peaceful boycott actions."⁴⁶

The PACBI statement included an official campaign logo. Their Eurovision design includes barbed wire and a new slogan that reads, "*Artwashing Apartheid*."⁴⁷ Their new Eurovision logo first appeared on the PACBI statement.⁴⁸ The website link containing the image indicates that the picture was originally sent via WhatsApp, indicating that the "*Artwashing Apartheid*" graphic was made at PACBI's request to brand the international boycott of Eurovision 2019.

Palestinian artists and broadcast journalists: "Boycott Eurovision 2019!"

June 12, 2018 / By Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI)

Israel's regime of military occupation, settler-colonialism and apartheid is shamelessly using Eurovision as part of its official Brand Israel strategy



BDS Movement, Palestinian artists and broadcast journalists: "Boycott Eurovision 2019!", published 06/18, accessed 02/19

<https://bdsmovement.net/files/whatsapp-image-2018-06-12-175118jpeg>



PACBI Eurovision 2019 BDS logo, BDS Movement, accessed 02/19

After PACBI published its statement and logo in Ramallah, it disseminated them to local BDS chapters across Europe. The PACBI graphic immediately appeared on protest signage in Ireland, England, Portugal, France, and Hungary. Clearly PACBI was branding and closely monitoring the international campaign.

From their offices in PA-controlled Ramallah, PACBI mobilized and helped coordinate international BDS activist groups, including BDS France, Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign, London Palestine Action, and Palestine Solidarity Campaign, who are known partners of the BDS Movement as listed on PACBI's official website.⁴⁹

While many observers and activists in the West have falsely assumed that PACBI is a grassroots movement in Europe and the United States, PACBI leaders in Ramallah have heavily influenced and even engineered the anti-Eurovision 2019 BDS political warfare campaign internationally.



Hungarian protestors, DunaTV, accessed 02/19



Irish protestors, Ha'penny Bridge, accessed 02/19



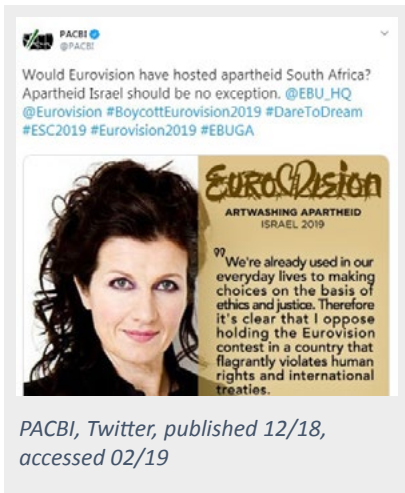
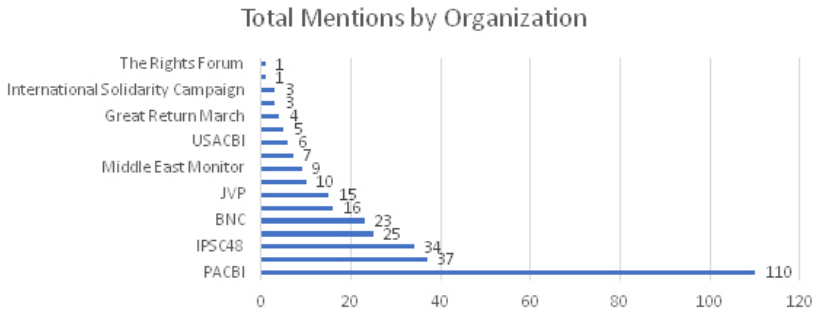
British protestors at BBC, Manchester Palestine Action, accessed 02/19

Protests against Eurovision 2019 in Israel



Date	Country	Location	Organizer
06/27/2018	Ireland	Ha'penny Bridge	Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign ⁵⁰
11/30/2018	France	Broadcaster France Télévisions	BDS France ⁵¹
12/01/2018	England	BBC Station	Manchester Palestine Action, PSC Manchester ⁵²
12/20/2018	Portugal	Portuguese broadcaster RTPPT	Individuals ⁵³
02/08/2019	England	BBC Station	Manchester Palestine Action, BDS Campaign – University of Manchester, PSC Manchester ⁵⁴
02/08/2019	England	BBC Station	London Palestine Action ⁵⁵
02/09/2019	Hungary	Hungarian National TV, DunaTV	Budapest Hungary in Solidarity with Palestine ⁵⁶
03/30/2019	Ireland	Broadcaster RTE	BDS Ireland, Ireland Action for Palestine ⁵⁷

On social media, PACBI was certainly the most vocal promoter of the boycott campaign, coining the term “Artwashing,” calling on potential finalists to boycott, and tweeting quotes from boycotting artists. The information shown in the chart below reflects the total number of comments against Eurovision 2019 made by anti-Israel organizations between May 2018 and December 23, 2018.



Aside from leading protests and driving social media activity, the BDS Movement official website dedicated a sub-page for the campaign on which PACBI urged activists to launch local Eurovision campaigns and report the impact achieved.⁵⁸ The anti-Zionist Jewish Voice for Peace later joined the campaign alongside PACBI, promoting petitions.⁵⁹ The

campaign claimed an achievement in September 2018, when more than 140 artists vowed to boycott the contest.⁶⁰

However, the boycott list carries little weight. Apart from familiar names such as Roger Waters, Brian Eno, and Ken Loach, who publicly endorsed BDS, the list consists primarily of former, not current, contestants as well as singers who failed to make the final cut for Eurovision 2019. More significantly, there have been no reports or announcements indicating that the signatories had been invited to perform in Israel. Therefore, they were merely boycotting an event for which they had failed to qualify or to which they had not been invited.

PACBI further misrepresented their impact by ignoring Eurovision's rules and policies. The Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) is owned and operated by the European Broadcasting Corporation (EBC) that vehemently safeguards its brand by prohibiting politicization of the contest. Contestants are advised to avoid politicizing their participation. (see Appendix B). Those who violate EBC's guidelines are disqualified from the contest. Since most contestants are relatively unknown acts seeking maximal exposure, with Eurovision boasting some 200 million viewers, most participants naturally refrain from making statements that could undermine their budding careers.

The EBC, for its part, addressed the boycott campaign by issuing a letter to participants warning against, "unsolicited communications" by "specific groups," namely the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS), the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign, and PACBI. (Appendix B). Notably, for the reasons listed above, as of mid-April 2019, not one scheduled 2019 Eurovision performer has endorsed the PACBI boycott, nor has any contestant declared an intention to refrain from performing in Israel.

PACBI as the Global Engine of BDS

While PACBI plays a leading role within the BNC, there are also indications that PACBI and the BNC are virtually interchangeable organizations. In a 2010 op-ed, Haidar Eid, a PACBI steering committee member⁶¹ and BNC representative based in Gaza,⁶² stated publicly, “the BDS movement is guided by a national boycott committee, the BDS National Committee [BNC], particularly the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel [PACBI].”⁶³ In short, PACBI is the engine powering the Palestinian Authority-based global BDS campaign.

PACBI and BNC staff and roles overlap. Omar Barghouti is a co-founder of both PACBI⁶⁴ and the BNC,⁶⁵ while Haidar Eid, mentioned above, holds positions in both organizations.⁶⁶ Other examples include Rafeef Ziadah, who is both a PACBI member and a BNC secretariat member,⁶⁷ and Zaid Shuaibi who has held the position of PACBI coordinator and BNC coordinator at various times.⁶⁸

In September 2012, Shuaibi acted as the BNC’s Networking and Outreach Coordinator.⁶⁹ In October 2017, he served as a coordinator of PACBI.⁷⁰ The Al-Shabaka think tank further describes him as PACBI’s Arab World and Palestine Coordinator.⁷¹ In March 2018, he was said to have held the same position, only this time on behalf of the BNC.⁷² This seemingly interchangeable use of PACBI and the BNC’s names for the same individuals reinforces the contention that the two organizations are in fact, one and the same. It also underpins Haidar Eid’s statement from 2010 that PACBI is the leading force behind the BNC.

In addition, PACBI co-founders, Riham Barghouti⁷³ and Lisa Taraki,⁷⁴ have both represented the BNC in an official capacity.⁷⁵ The overlap and interchangeability between PACBI and the BNC is significant for another reason. It reveals that PACBI, known internationally as a

nonviolent grassroots campaign on hundreds of North American and European campuses has deceived thousands of international human rights activists by co-leading the BNC together with Palestinian terror groups designated by both the U.S. and the EU. In short, PACBI leaders in Ramallah and Gaza have manipulated international loyalists and supporters to serve its specific political agenda of dismantling the State of Israel.

PACBI's political warfare and terror links may have begun to boomerang. PACBI co-founder Omar Barghouti was denied entry into the United States in April 2019. The U.S. State Department declined to detail the reasons behind its refusal. However, PACBI's association with U.S.-designated terror groups such as Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine may reasonably reflect U.S. State Department motivations in banning Barghouti.



Omar Barghouti
PACBI Co-Founder
BNC Co-Founder



Riham Barghouti
PACBI Co-Founder
BNC Representative



Rafeef Ziadah
PACBI Member
BNC Secretariat



Zaid Shuaibi
PACBI Coordinator
BNC Coordinator




Lisa Taraki
PACBI Co-Founder
BNC Representative



Haidar Eid
PACBI Steering Committee
BNC Secretariat

PACBI and the BNC share the same website. Around October 2016, PACBI moved from its own website, www.pacbi.org, to a new page on the official BDS Movement website www.bdsmovement.org, which is run by the BNC.⁷⁶ A few months later PACBI posted an official statement informing readers that news, updates, and action alerts would be posted on www.bdsmovement.net/pacbi and that the old website would be saved as an archive.⁷⁷ Today, the BDS Movement website is jointly maintained by both PACBI and the BNC.⁷⁸

 <p>This website is maintained by the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), the coalition of Palestinian organisations that leads and supports the BDS movement and by the Palestinian Campaign for Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI), a BNC member organisation.</p>	<p>NEWS INTRO TO BDS ABOUT BNC ABOUT PACBI</p>	<p>FAQ PRESS AREA CONTACT PRIVACY POLICY</p>
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BDS Movement, Home Page, accessed 02/19

Furthermore, before the “donate” option was permanently disabled on the BDS website, only one method of raising money was available,⁷⁹ suggesting that PACBI and the BNC shared finances or at least that the BNC received donations on behalf of both. Since then, all methods of donations have been removed from the website (see section on PACBI’s connection to terror).

Additionally, those who sign up for BDS Movement updates receive emails from both PACBI and the BNC. Both groups use the email address “mail@bdsnationalcommittee.org.” In February 2017, PACBI used the email to send a newsletter containing “Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI)” as the sender’s name.⁸⁰ The newsletter was also signed by PACBI but included a short statement: “You are receiving this email because you signed up for email alerts from the Palestinian BDS National Committee, the broad coalition of Palestinian organizations that works to lead and support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.”⁸¹ When the BNC uses the email to send updates, the sole distinction is in the sender’s name that reads: “Palestinian BDS National Committee.”⁸²

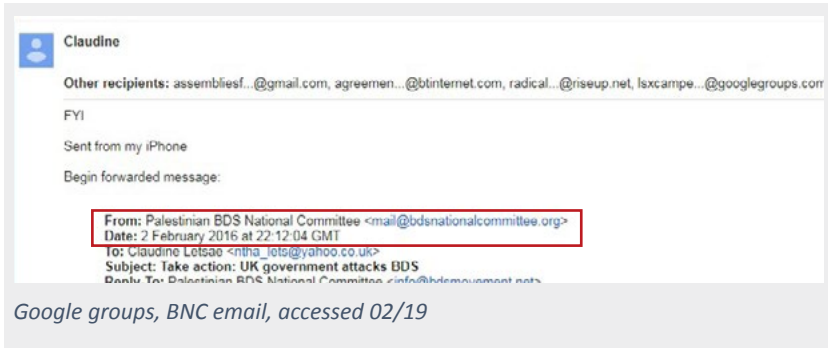
Frank Scafani

Other recipients: people...@googlegroups.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) <mail@bdsnationalcommittee.org>
 Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 10:29 AM
 Subject: Have you joined us in calling on FIFA to #RedCardsIsrael?
 To: Frank <ftprainedog@gmail.com>

Google groups, PACBI email, accessed 02/19



Finally, the overlap between the BNC and PACBI is revealed in the formation of PSCABI, the “Palestinian Student’s Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel.” PSCABI, based in Gaza, was launched in 2009 with the assistance of Haidar Eid, a well-known Hamas supporter and political warfare activist.⁸³ The BDS Movement website states that Palestinian students are “involved in BDS campaigning in Palestine, including through PSCABI,”⁸⁴ and in 2014, Abdel Rahman Abu Nahel, BNC’s Gaza coordinator, posted on Facebook that he was looking for volunteers for PSCABI, describing the latter as the student body of the BDS “province campaign.”⁸⁵ PACBI also officially declared that it had an “instrumental” part in launching PSCABI in 2009.⁸⁶

PACBI's Support for Terror Groups

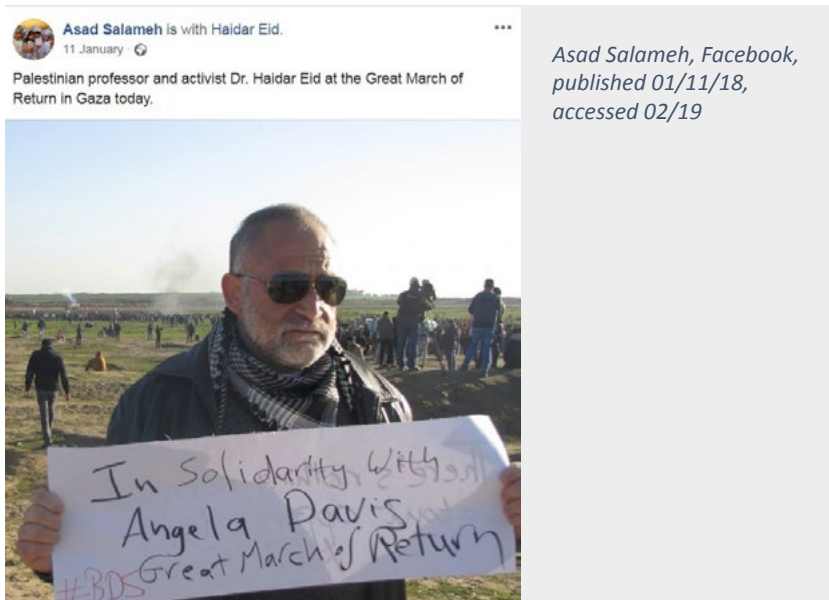
Haidar Eid

An senior member of the BNC based in Gaza,⁸⁷ Eid has been an active member of the BNC steering committee⁸⁸ and served as a cultural consultant⁸⁹ to PACBI since its establishment.⁹⁰ Eid is a lecturer at Gaza's Al-Aqsa University,⁹¹ where he writes, grants public interviews,⁹² conducts workshops,⁹³ and publishes articles discussing the history and goals of the BDS Movement.⁹⁴ He has also declared his commitment to “bury Zionism, sooner or later.”⁹⁵

Furthermore, Eid has played a significant role in the Hamas-sanctioned Great March of Return (GMR),⁹⁶ a weekly violent protest on the Gaza-Israel border, which has included participation by Hamas' top leaders including Yahya Sinwar and Ismail Haniyeh.⁹⁷ Eid maintains a close relationship with the Hamas' GMR organizers,⁹⁸ and has also participated in its “marches,”⁹⁹ which have camouflaged frequent attempts by Hamas terror operatives to penetrate the Gaza-Israel border fence in order to kill and kidnap Israelis.



Palestine.net, "The Great Return March Has Launched a New Stage in the Struggle," published 04/09/18, accessed 02/19



It was also Eid who published a riposte to Noura Erakat’s assessment of the BNC in which he bemoaned her omission of the important role played by the Islamic movements in the BNC’s secretariat.¹⁰⁰

Noura’s (Erakat’s) brief avoids a discussion of the emergence of the Islamic movement represented by Hamas and its outstanding electoral performance! The article does not attempt to explain the reasons driving the growth of this movement although it is represented in the BNC’s secretariat within the national and Islamic action committee.¹⁰¹

Eid has also voiced support for convicted terrorists such as Bahaa Eliyan, Khader Adnan, and Basel Al-Araj (see screenshots below). Eid, a recording artist, uploaded to his *Vimeo* account three songs dedicated to these terrorists, as can be seen in the screenshot below. The tribute to Bahaa Eliyan, who murdered three Israelis in 2015,¹⁰² ends with the text: “Do not look for what I wrote before I died, look for what I died for.”¹⁰³ In one song, senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Khader Adnan¹⁰⁴ was lauded by Eid as a “hero.”¹⁰⁵



To Khader Adnan, on hunger-strike for more than 50 days | إلى البطل خضر عدنان | More from One Democratic State Group
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To Khader Adnan, on hunger-strike for more than 50 days | إلى البطل خضر عدنان | More from One Democratic State Group
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Haidar Eid, Tribute to Khader Adnan, accessed 02/19

Basel Al-Araj, who was suspected of leading a terror cell in the West Bank and killed by Palestinian security forces,¹⁰⁶ was described by Eid as an “intellectual.” A video segment on Vimeo ends with a clip of Al-Araj, saying: “You wish to be an intellectual? You’ll have to be an intellectual who is also on the frontline. If you’re not on the frontline, then you and your intellect mean nothing.”¹⁰⁷



Eid has also shared platforms with members of terror organizations. For example, in 2013 he participated in a joint interview with Jamil Mezher, a PFLP political leader,¹⁰⁸ about Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.¹⁰⁹ In 2015, Eid gave a lecture to student groups on the BDS movement at PFLP headquarters in Gaza.¹¹⁰

Zaid Shuaibi

Zaid Shuaibi is a Palestinian activist within the BDS movement’s leadership who serves as a coordinator for both PACBI and the BNC.¹¹¹ He is also an Al-Shabaka policy member who earned an MA in international politics from the highly regarded School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London.¹¹² Armed with respected British academic credentials, Shuaibi is committed to Israel’s dissolution.



Shuaibi’s arrest, Facebook, published 11/13, accessed 02/19

In January 2012, Shuaibi together with then-activist, later-turned-terrorist Basel Al-Araj, who was killed in a shootout with Israeli counter-terror forces,¹¹³ protested in Ramallah against the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.¹¹⁴ In May 2012, Shuaibi and Al-Araj co-wrote an op-ed criticizing the lack of political activism among Palestinian youth.¹¹⁵ In November 2013, while holding a formal position within the BNC, Shuaibi was arrested by the IDF during a violent protest against Israel's Praver plan to relocate illegal Bedouin encampments in Israel's Negev region.¹¹⁶

Other “Terrorists in Suits” Joining PACBI on the BNC*

Salah Khawaja

Salah Khawaja is a member of the BNC Secretariat¹¹⁷ and a former member of the PFLP terror group which he still actively supports.¹¹⁸ He also serves as a member of the PNIF leadership.¹¹⁹ Since 1983, Khawaja has been arrested seven times for his involvement in terrorist activities, most recently in 2016.”¹²⁰



Salah Khawaja, Facebook, published 03/25/19, accessed 03/19

* “Terrorists in Suits” is the title of a 2019 report by Israel’s Ministry of Strategic Affairs exposing affiliations between Palestinian terror groups and the BDS campaign.

Fadi Barghouti

Fadi Barghouti is the representative of the terror umbrella group “Palestinian National and Islamic Forces” on the BNC Secretariat.¹²¹ Barghouti attended the Sixth National BDS Conference in Ramallah on March 16, 2019.¹²²



Abu Marsel Karaja, Facebook, published 03/16/19, accessed 03/19

Khitam Saafin

Khitam Saafin is a BNC secretariat member¹²³ and a PFLP leader,¹²⁴ who serves as the president of the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees (UPWC),¹²⁵ an affiliate of the PFLP.¹²⁶ Saafin was arrested in July 2017 together with PFLP leader Khalida Jarrar.¹²⁷



YouTube, More Boycott and Anti-Normalization: Sixth BDS National Conference Theme, published 03/19, accessed 03/19



Wasel Abu Yousef

Wasel Abu Yousef is a PNIF representative on the BNC¹²⁸ and the secretary-general of the EU- and U.S.-designated terror organization, Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF).¹²⁹ He spoke at the third BDS Conference in Ramallah in 2012¹³⁰ and addressed the sixth conference in 2019.



PACBI's Global Impact from PA-Controlled Ramallah

PACBI leads, directs, and influences boycott campaigns around the world, including in the United States, UK, and India from Ramallah, Gaza, and other Palestinian Authority-controlled territories. PACBI is not a U.S. or EU grassroots network, it is a Palestinian terror-linked group founded in the West Bank, where it continues to operate.

PACBI's original website lists a PO Box in Ramallah as PACBI's mailing address.¹³¹ This mailing address has remained the same since at least 2006.¹³²



In addition, the website domain was renewed in 2018 with an IP address in Gaza.

Dates	4,963 days old Created on 2005-05-22 Expires on 2024-05-22 Updated on 2018-12-15	
Name Servers	CLOUD.HADARA.PS (has 1,001 domains) CLOUD1.HADARA.PS (has 1,001 domains)	
Tech Contact	—	
IP Address	217.66.226.62 - 70 other sites hosted on this server	
IP Location	🇸🇩 - Gaza - Gaza - Ra Srvr	
ASN	AS15975 HADARA-AS, PS (registered Nov 16, 2000)	
Domain Status	Registered And Active Website	
IP History	12 changes on 12 unique IP addresses over 13 years	
Hosting History	12 changes on 5 unique name servers over 13 years	
— Website		
Website Title	🇸🇩 Palestinian Campaign for the Academic & Cultural Boycott of Israel - Home Page	

PACBI's founding committee members and steering committee members (see Appendix A) include Palestinian academics who are affiliated with universities in the Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank.¹³³

United States

U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI)

The U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) was founded in 2009 following the IDF's launching of *Operation Cast Lead* in the Gaza Strip in 2008 - 2009.¹³⁴ It was formed in response to the PACBI call from 2004.¹³⁵ USACBI adopted PACBI's principles, including championing the Palestinian "Right of Return."¹³⁶ To date, close to 2,000 individuals and more than a dozen national academic organizations have endorsed USACBI's call to boycott Israel.¹³⁷

PACBI and USACBI are inextricably linked. For example, Lisa Taraki has been a member of the USACBI advisory board since its founding in 2009¹³⁸ and is a PACBI founding committee member.¹³⁹ In 2010, during a visit to the United States, Taraki was hosted by USACBI.¹⁴⁰

Omar Barghouti's 2012 US tour, co sponsored by USACBI



January: Omar Barghouti, a founding member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) and the Palestinian Civil Society Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, is visiting the US in January 2012 for a tour, organized by David Lloyd of USACBI. He will be giving talks in Seattle on January 4-6, in Oakland,

Alameda and Santa Cruz on January 7-8; in Sacramento on January 9, in San Diego on January 10, in Phoenix, Arizona on January 11; and in Los Angeles on January 12.

For a detailed itinerary, please see:
<http://www.usacbi.org/2011/12/omar-barghouti-west-coast-itinerary-january-2012/>

USACBI, Bulletin,
accessed 02/19

Omar Barghouti's 2012 U.S. tour was co-sponsored by USACBI and organized by David Lloyd of USACBI.¹⁴¹

In addition, in 2011, USACBI's official website contained a page titled, "Connect with the Palestinian Students' Campaign for Academic Boycott of Israel"¹⁴² — a subsidiary organization of PACBI.¹⁴³ This page promoted PSCABI and was aimed at helping young Palestinian students attend events and broaden PSCABI's collaboration with American universities. USACBI also opened a special email address – *pscabi@usacbi.org* – for this purpose.¹⁴⁴

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- Mission Statement
- Endorse Our Call to Boycott
- Endorsers
- FAQs
- Guidelines for Applying the International Cultural Boycott of Israel
- Take Action
- Organizing Collective
- Advisory Board
- Our Activities
- Events
- Contact Us

Connect with the Palestinian Students' Campaign for Academic Boycott of Israel (PSCABI)

please contact us at pscabi@usacbi.org

Past Letters from PSCABI:

RECENT BLOG NEWS

USACBI condemns anti-Palestinian criminalization of political expression
(USA, 10/3/11) The US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) today joins a growing coalition of civil rights and advocacy organizations...

218 sign call for a Swedish academic boycott of Israel
The following press release announcing a broad Swedish call for the Academic Boycott of Israel, was created by the ITH action group for boycott: Press release 2...

Zohar si Zohar: Don't Play Apartheid Israel
Resublished from Refrain Playing Israel: Lately some musical artists have voiced that they had not heard of the cultural boycott of Israel, or they would have never...

USACBI, Connect with PSCABI, published 09/11, accessed 02/19

The 2009 Students BDS Conference, Hampshire College

In 2009, a U.S. nationwide, three-day student BDS conference took place at Hampshire College, Amherst Massachusetts.¹⁴⁵ The conference was endorsed by the BNC, PACBI, and the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR),¹⁴⁶ and PACBI assisted the student organizers in formulating the conference's objectives and focus.¹⁴⁷ The conference hosted a variety of speakers, including PACBI's Riham Barghouti, as a representative of the BNC.¹⁴⁸ In her speech, she read a letter from her cousin Omar Barghouti, who wrote: "I warmly salute you for building the student BDS network in the U.S. which promises to become perhaps the most significant BDS developments in the West, since the BDS campaign was launched in 2005."¹⁴⁹

Adalah New York

PACBI has extended its "long arm" to New York City. Adalah New York (Adalah-NY)¹⁵⁰ was formed in 2010 with the merger of two existing campaigns, the Ad-Hoc Coalition for Justice in the Middle East¹⁵¹ and the New York Campaign for the Boycott of Israel.¹⁵² Adalah-NY is a small group and focuses its activities in the New York area, but it has been at the forefront of a wide BDS campaigns designed to draw parallels between the former South Africa apartheid regime and Israeli policies toward Palestinians. Adalah is comprised of dozens of activists, including Palestinian-Americans, American Jews, and others.¹⁵³ Adalah New York has been recognized for its boycott campaigns against Israeli businessman Lev Leviev,¹⁵⁴ SodaStream,¹⁵⁵ Gesher Theater,¹⁵⁶ and Batsheva Dance Company.¹⁵⁷

Adalah-NY is closely connected to PACBI. Its co-founder, Riham Barghouti,¹⁵⁸ is also a founding member of PACBI, as mentioned above. Barghouti, originally from the West Bank, currently lives in the New York area.¹⁵⁹



Riham Barghouti, left, leading Adalah New York protest against Leviev, YouTube, published 02/09, accessed 02/19

PACBI actively coordinates Adalah's New York campaigns,¹⁶⁰ while Adalah New York has also advised PACBI.¹⁶¹ In 2009, PACBI and Adalah-NY jointly organized a letter of complaint to Amnesty International.¹⁶² In addition, PACBI issued a call to boycott the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO),¹⁶³ and in response, Adalah-NY organized protests against IPO in front of Carnegie Hall in New York City.¹⁶⁴

United Kingdom

The British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP) is an organization comprised of UK-based academics. It was founded in response to PACBI's 2004 call¹⁶⁵ and has a self-declared mission of applying pressure in Europe and on the UK government to support the academic boycott of Israel.¹⁶⁶ PACBI is described in a book by Omar Barghouti as "a key partner" of BRICUP in the United Kingdom.¹⁶⁷ In 2008, BRICUP began issuing a monthly newsletter whose distribution was helped by PACBI and which contained a permanent column by the latter.¹⁶⁸ In recent years, PACBI and BRICUP have collaborated closely including on a campaign calling on British artists to refrain from performing in Israel.¹⁶⁹

India

In September 2010, a BDS conference titled “Just Peace for Palestine” took place in New Delhi. The conference was co-organized by the BNC, during which Jamal Juma (*Stop the Wall*) and Lisa Taraki (PACBI) spoke on behalf of the BNC.¹⁷⁰ The conference was followed by a series of meeting and lectures, one of which was with a member of the newly-established Indian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (InCacbi), and other Indian academics and cultural activists.¹⁷¹ A BRICUP newsletter stated, “PACBI looks forward to working with our Indian partners in bringing BDS to India and expanding the reach of the academic and cultural boycott movement.”¹⁷²

Financials

PACBI claims that its work relies entirely on the voluntary efforts of its steering committee members, along with its local and international supporters and partners.¹⁷³ However, PACBI still raises funds, even from outside the Palestinian territories. For example, in 2015, Haymarket Books in Chicago donated all the royalties from a book it published to PACBI.¹⁷⁴ The book also stated that other donations to PACBI can be made by sending a check to Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA),¹⁷⁵ a registered 501(c)3 in the United States.¹⁷⁶

All royalties from this book will be donated to the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI).

To donate to PACBI, please make your check payable to Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) and indicate PACBI in the reference line:

Norcal FOSNA
PO Box 9301
Berkeley, CA 94709

FOSNA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization
www.fosna.org

John Soske and Sean Jacobs, Apartheid Israel: The Politics of Analogy, Page IV, published 2015, accessed 02/19

Conclusion

Western academic, artistic, cultural, and student organizations have been led to believe that PACBI is a grassroots, peaceful, human rights-powered BDS movement. This report has refuted that premise. PACBI has been unmasked, revealing that it serves as the de-facto operational arm of the terror-linked BDS National Committee (BNC) directing and coordinating global BDS political warfare campaigns against the State of Israel from the Palestinian Authority-controlled city of Ramallah, and in close cooperation with PACBI affiliates in the Hamas-administered Gaza Strip.

PACBI leaders' terror links and radical activities are clear. It sits as a co-leader of the BNC with PNIF, the umbrella group consisting of U.S. and EU designated terror organizations who play equal roles with PACBI members in directing the strategy and actions of the BNC. Haidar Eid, a senior PACBI Steering Committee member and prominent activist, has demonstrated public support for Palestinian terrorists who have murdered Israeli citizens. We have shown that Eid participated prominently in the violent Great March of Return protests on the Gaza-Israel border. Eid's actions, as a senior member of PACBI and the BNC, clearly reflect the support for terror and boycott among the BDS leadership.

PACBI, coordinating global BDS operations from the West Bank and Gaza, serves as the driving force behind major international academic and cultural boycott campaigns. In short, PACBI has masterminded a camouflaged global movement that has manipulated, radicalized, and mobilized international supporters in the service of its own Palestinian political agenda of demonizing, delegitimizing, and ultimately dismantling the State of Israel.

Appendix A

Who We Are

Advisory Board

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Riham Barghouti

Rowan Al-Faqih

Zuhair Sabbagh

Steering Committee

Carmela Armanious

Gabi Baramki

Omar Barghouti

Riham Barghouti

Samia Botmeh

Haidar Eid

Rania Elias

Islah Jad

Lisa Taraki

PACBI, Who We Are, accessed 02/19

Appendix B

Eurovision Rules and Policies for Participants

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Boycott Campaign – Eurovision Song Contest 2019

As you know, the Eurovision Song Contest is a non-political event which stands for inclusion and diversity, and we want to ensure that we protect these values by which we stand firm.

In preparation for this year's Contest in Tel Aviv in May, we wanted to share some basic information about certain organizations which campaign to support a cultural and economic boycott of Israel; to assist you, should you receive any unsolicited communications.

We have also included the Eurovision Song Contest official position, which reiterates the values of the contest as a whole.

We are sure that all the artists joining us Tel Aviv this year will have a wonderful and positive experience as they do every year in this celebration of unity through music and entertainment, however, if you do have any further questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Who is behind the campaign?

A number of organizations campaign against the State of Israel. They are particularly active on social media and encourage the signing of petitions.

Many have been vocal on various events being held in Israel, encouraging boycotts and cancellations.

They have been encouraging a boycott against the Eurovision Song Contest being held in Israel in 2019.

Some of the groups that are active in campaigning against cultural events being held in Israel are, but not limited to, the **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, Palestinian Solidarity Campaign** and **Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel**.

In what ways might they try to contact you or your artist?

There are a number of ways that protest groups might interact with you and your artists:

- Getting in touch via social media and calling on broadcasters to boycott the event or artists to cancel their appearances in Israel
- Issuing open letters from prominent campaign supporters to encourage broadcasters to boycott the event or artists to cancel appearances.
- Organizing physical demonstrations.



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What should you do if your artist is contacted?

As previously noted, the Eurovision Song Contest is a non-political event which stands for inclusion and diversity, and we want to ensure that your artists enjoy their experience in Israel and that together we protect the values of the contest.

We would encourage all Heads of Delegation to brief their artists and members of their team that they may be contacted.

We know you share with us the desire that the Eurovision Song Contest is not used as a political tool by any group, government or political entity.

We are aware that many of your organizations will have guidelines and protocol in regards to these kinds of situations but if you are unsure how to respond, we have provided the official Eurovision position as a starting point.

These statements can be used in response to any enquiries you may receive about this year's Contest being held in Israel

Should you be contacted by any campaign group or journalists and you wish to have further guidance please contact Premier or the ESC core team:

Eurovision position:

Israel's public broadcaster KAN won the 2018 Eurovision Song Contest and thus, in line with the rules of the competition, won the right to host this year's event.

The Eurovision Song Contest is a long running non-political, entertainment event which is designed to bring audiences and countries together. To this end, the EBU and the host broadcaster take all necessary steps to safeguard the non-political character of the event throughout the organization of the competition.

The Eurovision Song Contest's values are of universality and inclusivity and our proud tradition of celebrating diversity through music which is reflected in our global audiences of nearly 200 million.

42 EBU Members and Associates have confirmed they will take part in the 2019 Contest in Israel.

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