



Israeli Apartheid Week
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5th International Israeli Apartheid Week Launched in London

What: Israeli Apartheid Week 2009

When: March 1st – March 8th 2009

Where: 40+ cities world-wide

The 5th International Israeli Apartheid Week opened yesterday in London, UK. A packed crowd attended the inaugural lecture delivered by Ronnie Kasrils, former member of the South African 'African National Congress' (ANC) and government minister in several post-apartheid South African governments.

Ronnie Kasrils has been one of many international voices who have joined chorus over the past years to denounce Israel's apartheid policies. "The Palestinian people's fate clearly reflects that of South Africa's indigenous majority during the colonial wars of dispossession of land and property and the harsh discrimination and suffering of the apartheid period classified as a crime against humanity and violation of international humanitarian law", states Kasrils.

IAW will feature lectures, film screenings, cultural activities, and demonstrations aimed at raising awareness about Israel's apartheid policies toward Palestinians and to gather support for the international boycott, divestment, and sanctions campaign. The demands of this campaign are: full equality for Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, an end to the occupation and colonization of all Arab lands, and the protection of Palestinian refugees' right to return pursuant to UN resolution 194.

Five years after its inception, IAW 2009 is taking place in forty cities in four continents, including South Africa and Palestine.

For further information and a full programme visit www.apartheidweek.org.

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