

THE APARTHEID WALL MUST FALL !!!

This blockade of Agrexco's premises aims to highlight the failure of the world to take effective action against the construction of the euphemistically named "separation barrier" on Palestinian land in the Occupied West Bank.

Despite the ruling by the International Court of Justice on July 9th, 2004, in which it was ruled by 14 to 1 that:

"Israel is under an obligation to terminate its breaches of international law; it is under an obligation to cease forthwith the works of construction of the wall being built in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem,(and) to dismantle forthwith the structure therein situated"

Israel has continued to build the wall, and has, if anything, speeded up the process. Daily more villages, communities and families are deprived of their livelihoods, and are subjected to even harsher restrictions on their ability to live dignified and normal lives.

In spite of this, Britain and the European Community persist in maintaining trade with Israel, offering it preferential treatment under the Israel-EU Association Agreement, and to engage in discussions about Israeli membership of the European Community.

This cosy relationship between Israel, Britain and the EU flies in the face of the ICJ ruling by 13 – 2 that:

"All States are under an obligation not to recognize the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the wall and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by such construction; all States parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 have in addition the obligation, while respecting the United Nations Charter and international law, to ensure compliance by Israel with international humanitarian law as embodied in that Convention;"

We join with the majority of Palestinians and a growing number of progressive Israelis in calling for an end to the Israel-EU Association Agreement, and the imposition of economic sanctions if Israel continues to fail to meet its clear obligations under International law.

We believe that Israel's security needs are best met by an end to the 37 year long illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and the withdrawal of all illegal Israeli settlements and soldiers to behind the Green Line.

Uphold International law –TEAR DOWN THE WALL!!!