

Newcastle Trades Hall Council Motion on

GAZA PEACE FLOTILLA

10 June 2010

Delegates would all be aware about the incident where Israeli commandos attacked a peace flotilla headed for Gaza and killed at least 9 peace activists and wounded scores more in international waters.

Israel has for many years been allowed to escape the scrutiny and wrath of the International community under the protection of US Government.

But even they have shown shock at the latest Israeli outrage.

The world is shocked and horrified at this attack in international waters and some European countries are rightly calling it an act of terrorism and piracy.

We need to support the move to end the blockade of Gaza and support boycotts and sanctions against Israel in the same vein as before in South Africa.

The call for Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions (BDS) must be supported.

Motion 2:

“That the Newcastle Trades Hall support the resolution proposed by the CFMEU Construction Division (attached) in relation to escalating the campaign to call for a total Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

Recent events have clearly shown that Israel doesn't care for human life and even less for world opinion and therefore needs to be subject to some of the same treatment it dishes out to Palestinians in way of sanctions etc.

Further we call for the UN to enforce resolution 1860 of 2009:-

SECURITY COUNCIL CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE, DURABLE, FULLY RESPECTED CEASEFIRE IN GAZA LEADING TO FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES

Resolution 1860 (2009) Adopted by 14 in Favour, Abstention by United States; Also Calls for Unimpeded Humanitarian Assistance.”

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