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As evening closed in on Saturday 3rd January 2009 F-16 fighter planes renewed their bombing of one of the most densely populated areas of land in the world, killing more Palestinian civilians. In seven days Israel has killed over 500 Palestinians and injuring thousand of innocents. And now it has embarked on a full scale ground invasion.

We note and deplore the failure of the UN Security Council to condemn the Israeli massacre of Gazans in the Strip; the international body has proved itself a farce by once again colluding in the US-EU-Israeli effort to thwart peace. In these circumstances we call for all members of Scottish civil society to support all demonstrations against this atrocity, to join lobbies and write to representatives, and to contribute to medical aid through various organisations. We call for a boycott of Israel and for ordinary people to participate in peaceful actions everywhere opposing actions of the Zionist state and express real support for the Palestinian people. We call for the immediate withdrawal of the UK Ambassador from Tel Aviv as an expression of the UK people's disapproval of the Israeli military offensive going on right now.

Israel must withdraw from the Gaza Strip immediately. The bombing and ground operation must be discontinued forthwith; and the border crossing with Egypt must be opened without delay. There is no justification for withholding food, water, power and essential services to 1.5 million civilians. International observers and the press must be allowed into Gaza and, finally, the Scottish civil society must respond to the call issued by their Palestinian counterparts in adopting the BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) campaign and generate international pressure where the multinational institutions have been remiss. Israeli institutions and produce must be rejected.

We urge shoppers to look for replacement goods from peaceful states.

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Notes:

The Scottish Committee for the Universities of Palestine is a committee of academics and similar professionals, established in 2008 as a sister organisation to the British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP). The Scottish Committee is committed to furthering the boycott of the state of Israel. We aim to popularise amongst in Scottish universities and broader civil society the humanitarian consequences of Israel's war policies. We aim to highlight the racist state of Israel's systematic destruction of Palestinian universities and schools, hospitals, and municipalities. We work towards an end to the Israeli occupation, meaningful peace in the dismantling of the apartheid wall, the checkpoints and illegal settlements; and we campaign to further the building of a free state of Palestine.

Websites –

[**BRICUP | British Committee for Universities for Palestine**](#)

[**BRICUP | Gaza Emergency
Global BDS Movement**](#)

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign - Campaigning to build a
mass anti ...**](#)

[**Scottish Palestine Solidarity CampaignPACBI -
Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural
Boycott ..**](#)

[**:: PNGO Network**](#)

[**Electronic Intifada**](#)

[**Medical Aid for Palestine**](#)

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<http://gazaheb.blogspot.com>

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