



August 25

Dear all,

Thank you for your participation in another week of organizing and resistance. We continue to mourn the unceasing carnage and bloodshed in Gaza. The immense psychological toll of living through constant displacement and military attacks is expressed by Maram Humaid, Al Jazeera English's digital correspondent in Gaza: "The Earth is shrinking under our feet. We're being punished, squeezed into a tiny bottleneck, bombarded and torn apart...I feel like a spinning top, my concentration shattered by the looming tragedy of another evacuation, no matter how hard I try to resist the thought." In Lebanon on Friday, an Israeli strike killed at least eight people, including a child.

In heartening news, the BDS movement has secured a major victory in pushing French multinational AXA to sell its investments in all major Israeli banks. This is a significant win for the BDS movement, and proof of the efficacy of its methods. Leading up to the DNC, the Uncommitted movement led a national "Not Another Bomb" call to action, which saw protests and rallies nationally and around the globe, calling for democratic nominee Kamala Harris to commit to a permanent ceasefire. Unfortunately the DNC lost a huge opportunity to engage the Uncommitted when it refused the request for a Palestinian American to speak to the convention. For coverage of the myriad protests, first ever panel on Palestinian rights, and other Palestine-related action inside and outside the DNC, check out [Democracy Now!'s reporting](#).

This week offers more opportunities for action, education, and community building, including a talk on the 2024 election at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington and a celebration of Palestinian culture and heritage at Antioch University in Keene. In this long and often painful struggle, we recognize the importance of community and relationship building, and the value each of us as unique individuals bring to our collective movement.

Thank you,
Your Communications Team

News

- [Activists force AXA to divest from ALL Israeli banks and Elbit Systems](#) | BDS Movement
- [Democracy Now! Coverage of DNC](#), including inside/outside Palestine-related events and protests.
- Democracy Now: ["Stop Sending Bombs": Rep Ilhan Omar Visits Uncommitted Sit-Ins and Demands Israeli Arms Embargo](#)

- Al Jazeera: [Israeli strikes in Lebanon kill at least eight, including one child](#)
- Brattleboro Reformer: [Local anti-war activists put arms embargo at the top of ballot](#)
- [JVP Health Advisory Council Urgent Update](#) - Consequences of war on Gaza and West Bank/East Jerusalem- August 25, 2024

Events/Actions

- Congressional Emails & Calls:

Urgent: Stop Biden's \$20 billion weapons sale to Israel

Call one of these senators:

Elizabeth Warren, MA, 202-224-4543

Bernie Sanders, VT, 202-224-2742

Jeffrey Merkley, OR, 202-224-3753

Chris Van Hollen, MD, 202-224-4654

Peter Welch, VT, 202-224-4242

"Hello Senator _____,

(If the caller is a constituent, say the following) I am one of your constituents and live in _____ and grateful for your representation.

You have spoken against the human rights abuses committed against Palestinians before, and I'm calling today to ask you to please do so again.

I urge you to call for a Joint Resolution of Disapproval (JRD) to oppose the \$20 billion dollars Pres Biden has promised in aid and weapons to Israel.

I ask you to uphold international law, human rights and the overwhelming desires of your constituents.

- https://www.instagram.com/p/C_BBvfox1lp/?igsh=MWFmMmZ5cjRwNWtyMw==
Thanks to pressure from union members, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) has committed to divesting from weapons manufacturing and endorsed the international Planned Parenthood perspective on Palestine. Zionists have caught wind and are spreading hate and misinformation in the comments. Can you leave a thank you message in a comment for PPNNE for taking this action?
- August 27 6-7:30pm Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Pickering Room. Will the lesser evil stop the greater evil?: The 2024 elections and social movements
Sponsored by Tempest Collective Vermont. Featuring Tristin Adie, Health Care Workers for Palestine; Michele Eddleman McCormick, Cooperation Vermont; Wafic Faour, Vermonters for Justice in Palestine; and Paul Fleckenstein, Tempest Collective Vermont
- Recurring vigils happen weekly all over Vermont and NH– the list is [HERE](#).

- August 28, 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT. From American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): [Sign up for our next Apartheid-Free Communities webinar](#) to explore divesting from apartheid. You'll hear from Omar Barghouti, co-founder of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement; Rama Ali Kased, a professor of Race and Resistance Studies at San Francisco State University; and Dov Baum, director of AFSC's Action Center for Corporate Accountability.
- Wednesday, August 28th @6-8 pm at Antioch University (40 Avon Street) Keene, NH ["Turath: A Night of Palestinian Culture and Heritage"](#) Includes food tasting, storytelling, traditional dress, and a dabke performance. Sponsored by Keene for Palestine.
- [Fundraiser with JVP VT NH and Just Food Hub](#). Shop for Palestinian olives, dates, and more. JVP receives 25% of all purchases when you click JVP at checkout.

Read/Watch/Listen

- Jewish Currents podcast On the Nose: [The Escalating Regional War](#). Reporter Alex Kane's interview with Trita Parsi and Karim Makdisi.
- Beinart: [Harris can change Biden's policy by holding up the law](#)
- Socialist Action: [140 Journalists/Media Workers Demand US Secretary of State Antony Blinken Impose Arms Embargo on Israel!](#)
- The Wire: [Arundhati Roy "Show Solidarity with Palestinians by Educating Yourself"](#)
- Al Jazeera: ["I've never felt so worthless": The pain of Deir el-Balah's obliteration](#)

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