

MEDIA STATEMENT-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday March 06, 2017

NEHAWU SUPPORTS ISRAEL APARTHEID WEEK

"We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians." Nelson Mandela

The National Education Health & Allied Workers Union [NEHAWU] supports the 13th Annual International Israel Apartheid Week which will run from Monday March 6 to Sunday March 12, 2017.

As NEHAWU working together with the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions [BDS] movement in South Africa we will be mobilising all our structures to ensure the success of the year's campaign. We will be hosting a variety of events to raise awareness about the moral repugnancy of the Israel Zionist Apartheid.

NEHAWU will launch its IAW campaign as follows:

Date: Monday March 6, 2017

Time: 12h00

Venue: NEHAWU House 56 Marshall Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg

Furthermore our Provincial structures will host the following events in support of IAW:

Gauteng

Picket at the Israel Embassy

Venue: 428 King's Highway (Corner Elizabeth Grove), Lynnwood, Pretoria

Date: Thursday March 9, 2017

Time: 11h00 – 13h30

Mpumalanga

Seminar and Picket

Date: Friday March 10, 2017

Venue: KwaMhlanga

KwaZulu-Natal

Palestinian Film Viewing "5 Broken Cameras"

Date: Saturday March 11, 2017

Venue: Quality Leisure Centre, 42 Quality Street, Ladysmith

Lecture and March to Woolworths

Date: Tuesday March 14, 2017

Venue: Elukwatini

Lecture and March to Woolworths

Date: Thursday March 16, 2017

Venue: Nelspruit

Through this 2017 IAW we need to sit back and reflect on the struggle for justice in Palestine and how we as South Africans with our experience of overcoming apartheid forced removals and dispossession can intensify our solidarity with the Palestinian struggle.

As South Africans, having fought and overcame apartheid we know too well the injustices that the Palestinians are suffering on a daily basis. The 1913 Land Act, the destruction of Sophia town and District Six are cruel reminders of the similarities between the two regimes.

As NEHAWU we will redouble our efforts in struggling for the attainment of freedom for the Palestinians, as they have suffered enough at the hands of apartheid Israel. NEHAWU reiterates its commitment to the cause of freedom for Palestinians.

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