

The CNT Education Union joins the BDS Campaign

The CNT-FTE Congress which gathered the Unions of Education on 25th, 26th, 27th March 2010 decided to join the Boycott-Disinvestment-Sanctions campaign against Israel.

The fact that the initiative for this campaign was taken by the Palestinian civil society is fundamental to our unions. We intend to respond to this appeal and take steps to put pressure on the Israelian State. The CNT-FTE has always denounced the injustice endured by the Palestinian people since 1947. The Palestinian population has been hunted, parked, locked-up, deprived of their rights and martyred, but they have always shown great courage and heroic resistance in the face of colonial oppression.

Moreover, the CNT-FTE, in relation with the "Palestine" working-party of the CNT, has developed contacts in the fields of education by going to the occupied territories on several occasions. Our militants were thus able to set up training courses partnerships, (libraries, physical activities.) We shared education experience about schooling break-ups, and strenghtened our relationships with independent Unions. We could also witness the importance given to the education of Youth, (through the numerous cultural and social centres which are regularly a target for the Israelian army.)

Education is more than ever a pillar of Resistance to the oppression of Colonialism, Imperialism and Capitalism.

Finally, the question of University boycott is of particular interest to the CNT-FTE. Partnerships between Israelian and French Universities must be stopped immediately if they harm Palestinian interests. For us, this is part of the greater framework of Research: Universities mustn't be used for the interests of States: Education must be free of all powers.

The CNT-FTE calls for all unions to join the local committees of the BDS campaign and take part in actions. The Freedom of peoples is not to be negotiated.

Solidarity with the Palestinian people!