

WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



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GERMANY

- A discussion panel at Humboldt University in Berlin, including Israeli Member of Knesset, Aliza Lavie, and Holocaust survivor Deborah Weinstein, was halted by BDS activists, some of who had previously been banned from such events from promoting anti-Semitism.



UNITED KINGDOM

- The High Court ruled that local governments in the UK can now legally enact boycotts of foreign governments, notably, the State of Israel.

FRANCE

- During the Paris Airshow, BDS activists protested in front of the booth of Elbit Systems, an Israeli aerospace and defense company. The protestors called for the leaders of Elbit Systems to be prosecuted in the International Criminal Court.



SPAIN

- The Parliament of Spain has declared that BDS activity is protected by the right of free speech.

SWITZERLAND

- The Swiss Parliament did not pass an anti-BDS bill that would have made it illegal for the Swiss government to give funding to groups engaged in BDS.

ANTI- BDS SUCCESSES



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USA

- The state legislature of North Carolina has approved anti-BDS legislation, making it illegal for the state to conduct business with companies that participate in BDS activity. North Carolina is the 22nd state to enact anti-BDS legislation.
- The Kansas State legislature has passed a bill that would prevent the state of Kansas from conducting business with companies that are involved in the BDS Movement. The bill will now go to Governor Brownback for final approval.



CANADA

- The Niagara Regional Council, which governs the Niagara region in Ontario, Canada has condemned BDS in a vote of 24-2.

AUSTRIA

- A hotel in Vienna was scheduled to host a pro-BDS talk that compared apartheid to South Africa to the current security measures in Israel, but cancelled before the day of the event. The talk was to be given by an Islamic theologian who is known for his anti-Semitic rhetoric and had previously funded a Palestinian terrorist.

