

WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



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UNITED NATIONS



• The United Nations has sent out letters to 150 companies doing business in the West Bank notifying them that they will soon be added to a boycott database. Israel has reported that some of the companies have already not renewed their contracts with Israel.



IRELAND

• An academic boycott conference was held in Dublin at Trinity College. Three anti-BDS researchers who intended to present their findings were banned from participating.

GERMANY



• A synagogue in Ulm, Germany has been vandalized twice in the past two months by the same perpetrator. German officials in the city deny that the attacks were anti-Semitic; however, some Jewish groups claim otherwise. Many leaders in the city of Ulm are supportive of the BDS movement, making their denial of anti-Semitic motives for the attacks questionable.



MOROCCO

• Upon arrival in Tangier to perform at a music festival, Israeli musician Noam Vazana was met with protests. BDS activists demonstrated throughout the city, including in front of her hotel, with some even calling for her expulsion from Morocco.



ANTI- BDS SUCCESSSES

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• The city of Frankfurt, following suit with other major German cities, has taken massive steps against the BDS movement. Frankfurt, known for being a financial and business center, has outlawed any BDS activities from taking place in public spaces within the city. The city has also announced that any organization that supports BDS will have their public subsidies subsequently revoked.



UNITED KINGDOM

• Prime Minister Theresa May held a special dinner at her residence celebrating the Balfour Declaration, which stated the British support for a Jewish homeland in the land of Palestine. During her opening remarks, she reiterated her support for Israel.

• Speaking at the World Jewish Congress, Member of Parliament Sajid Javid, stated that despite calls for the UK to apologize for the Balfour Declaration, this request would never happen.

CANADA



• The undergraduate student union at McGill University, one of the top universities in Canada has voted 11-0 with one abstention to uphold the organization's anti-BDS stance.

