

# WORLDWIDE BDS ACTIVITY



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## CANADA



• Despite passing a resolution that bans BDS, the student council at McGill University is facing trouble in regards to BDS. A Jewish student was denied a seat on the council once it had been identified that he was active in a number of Jewish causes, specifically those with pro-Israel ties.



## IRELAND

• Steven Salaita, an American professor who came under fire in 2014 for tweets deemed as anti-Semitic, spoke at a conference on academic freedom hosted by Trinity College Dublin.

## JAPAN



• The Mitsukoshi department store in Tokyo, the largest of its kind in Japan, decided to pull all products made in Israeli settlements from its shelves.



## INDIA

• The farmer's wing of the Communist Party of India has come out in support of the BDS movement. They said in a statement that they are doing so to "raise awareness among Indian farmers to prevent Israel and its corporations from reaping profits in India that finance military occupation and apartheid in Palestine." The group numbers 16 million people.



# ANTI- BDS SUCCESSSES

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## USA



• The governors of Maryland and Wisconsin have signed orders that prohibit their respective states from doing business with firms that support the BDS movement.



## UNITED NATIONS

• The special rapporteur for the UN's Human Right's Council and Canadian lawyer, Michael Lynk, pushed for economic sanctions on Israel, bringing up the international community's response to South Africa's occupation of Namibia as a precedent for such sanctions. The US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, condemned Lynk's assertion, saying that Israel is mistreated by the UN.

## AUSTRALIA



• Stuart Robert, an Australian Member of Parliament, condemned BDS as anti-Semitic. He stated that those who promote BDS should be denounced and that Australia loves and is a friend to Israel.



## AUSTRIA

• The Austrian National Union of Students almost unanimously passed a resolution against BDS.

