

SUPPORT FOR BDS

PROBLEM/IDEA

Palestinian student groups and unions in occupied Palestine, [call on students, student associations, and councils](#) around the globe to take action to protect life.

We know that the violence in Palestine and Israel can result in a higher risk of Islamophobic, Antisemitic, Anti-Palestinian and Anti-Israeli incidents occurring and we must be considerate of these student groups whilst still taking action.

WHY SHOULD HWUNION DO IT?

- More than 30 student unions have passed motions in support of BDS or BDS [campaigns](#).
- Heriot-Watt has a very diverse community, with a large population of [BAME and MENA students](#), with many directly or indirectly affected by the ongoing conflict.
- Our Student Union has been quiet on this issue, while similar conflicts around the world have erupted, we have been quick to offer support i.e.: [war in Ukraine](#).

WHAT SHOULD HWUNION DO?

- The Union will support the BDS movement in their calls for boycott, divestment, and sanctions to achieve freedom, justice, and equality for Palestinians.
- The Union will boycott specific companies in line with the BDS organisation.
- This Union recognises the complicity of universities across the globe in violations against indigenous peoples. Especially with regards to funding, investments, and career fairs.
- The union should publish a statement of solidarity, calling for an end to the conflict and justice for all innocent civilians.