



Johnny - Don't be Rotten

Don't play Israel

Johnny Rotten is booked to headline on the main stage of the Heineken Music Conference Festival in Tel-Aviv in Israel on August 31st 2010

**We say cancel this gig now!
Don't support Apartheid Israel**

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Never Mind the Bollocks, Johnny Don't Play **Apartheid** Israel!

John Lydon is scheduled to play in Tel Aviv on August 31st. Here are some reasons why he shouldn't go:

Israel is an **apartheid state**. 750,000 Palestinians were driven out in 1948 to make way for the new Jewish state.

Defying international law, Israel continues to occupy the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza and the Jordan Valley. 121 illegal Israeli settlements dominate about 40% of the land, and are steadily **expanding**. Israel plans the expansion of settlements in East Jerusalem by 8,000 homes as more Palestinian homes are demolished.

The **Apartheid Wall** annexes more Palestinian territory, blocks access to agricultural land and water sources, surrounds entire Palestinian towns and villages and confines Palestinians in ghettos. Israel has ignored a ruling by the International Court of Justice that the Wall is illegal and must be removed.

Since 2007, Israel has imposed a brutal **blockade on Gaza**, restricting the entry of food, medicine, building supplies, fuel and daily necessities. This has created 'a crisis that transcends the humanitarian sphere' (Filippo Grandi, Head of UNRWA).

The Israeli blitzkrieg on Gaza in 2008/9 involved numerous war crimes including the use of illegal weapons such as white phosphorus. They destroyed 22,000 homes and killed 1,400 people, nearly all non-combatants, including 355 children. 18 months later, those whose homes were destroyed remain homeless, as the Israeli blockade prevents rebuilding.

People everywhere were sickened by the murder of 9 aid workers on a humanitarian relief flotilla to Gaza which was attacked illegally in international waters.

The Palestinians are asking us to support their struggle for self determination by boycotting Israel. In 2005 the Palestinian Boycott National Committee, representing all sections of Palestinian civil society, **issued a call for a comprehensive economic, sporting, academic and cultural boycott of Israel**, like the boycott of apartheid South Africa, until the occupation is ended, Palestinian refugees are allowed to return, and the civil rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel are respected.

Recently a number of musicians including Carlos Santana, Gil Scott Heron, Elvis Costello, Gorillaz and the Pixies have responded to the boycott campaign by cancelling gigs in Israel. However, John Lydon has said that he intends to go ahead, saying that 'you cannot separate yourself from your audience because of political powers that be.'

Tell him he's wrong!

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e-mail John Lydon's manager Adam Cotton at adam.cotton@outside-org.co.uk or phone him on 020 7436 3633.

Demand that John Lydon cancel the Israeli gig.

Join the Facebook group: 'Johnny Rotten you ain't no human being if u play the Israeli fascist regime' at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=137938606218216>

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