

Report Back and Discussion

From members of the North American Based Academic and Labor Delegation to Palestine 2014

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Between the 11 and 23 of January 2014, a delegation of six academics and one labor rights activist based in the U.S. and Canada went to the West Bank and the 1948 areas of Palestine. Each delegate came to bear witness to the political and economic realities confronting Palestinians as a result of Israel's occupation of their homeland and to build working relationships and solidarities with Palestinian scholars, artists, and activists consistent with their 2005 call for "a campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights" (BDSmovement.net). In fact, several of the delegates are members of the Asian American Studies Association, the American Studies Association, and the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association and were active in securing their association's resolutions in support of the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (ACBI). Repeatedly, delegates experienced and witnessed the realities of Israeli apartheid, racial discrimination, ethnic cleansing, and undermining of Palestinian rights. This report will provide a brief reflection on those experiences and a public reaffirmation of our support for resolute actions in support of the academic and cultural boycott of Israel.



Mamilla Cemetery, an ancient Muslim burial ground, being demolished by Israel for public park space and a Museum of Tolerance (see <http://ccrjustice.org/Mamilla> for more information).