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International Solidarity Movement

Website: www.palsolidarity.org

- ISM describes itself as “a Palestinian-led movement committed to resisting the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land using nonviolent, direct-action methods and principles.” (ISM website)
- Encourages activists to take “direct action” (ISM website) that often places them in danger and in direct confrontations with Israeli Defense Forces.
- In a 2002 article, ISM co-founders Adam Shapiro and Huwaida Arraf wrote, “The Palestinian resistance must take on a variety of characteristics, both non-violent and violent...Yes, people will get killed and injured,” but these deaths are “no less noble than carrying out a suicide operation. And we are certain that if these men were killed during such an action, they would be considered shaheed Allah.” (Toby Harnden, “The ‘peace’ group that embraces violence”, January 15, 2004, The Telegraph)
- In 2006 and 2007, \$55,856.20 was transferred to ISM through the A.J. Muste Institute (2006-07 Roster of Fiscal Sponsorships, A.J. Muste Institute’s website), ISM’s “fiscal sponsor.” Middle East Children’s Alliance (MECA) also serves as a “fiscal sponsor” for ISM-USA. (ISM website)
- Claims not to “receive any funding from any state, government or association.” (“International Solidarity Movement, WorldLingo website)
- Arraf and ISM volunteer Greta Berlin were organizers and spokespersons for the “Free Gaza flotilla” (May 2010) which attempted to run the blockade of Gaza and caused violent clashes with the Israeli Navy. (Yahoo news)
- Berlin stated, “For 60 years the Palestinians have waited for justice. How much longer must they pay the price for what Europe did to the Jews?” (Silvia Cattori, “Sailing to Gaza”, July 6, 2007, Palestine Chronicle)
- ISM has been responsible for endangering the safety of many foreign nationals, including American citizen Rachel Corrie and UK citizen Tom Hurndall. Both were killed while participating in ISM activities. (ISM website)

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- Involved in the violent protests against the security barrier at Ni'lin. (ISM website) Tristan Anderson from California was injured in March 2009 during such an event. (Isabel Kershner, "In Village, Palestinians Face Gas With Rocks", March 20, 2009, New York Times)
- Attempted to help terrorists taking refuge in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem in 2002. (Larry Hales, "International Activists Reach the Door of the Church of the Nativity", April 28, 2002, ISM website)
- In 2003, terrorists originating from UK attacked the Mike's Place bar in Tel Aviv, murdering three people. An official Israeli report showed how the terrorists covered their tracks "by forging links with foreign left wing activists and members of the International Solidarity Movement (ISM)." According to this report, "ISM members take an active part in illegal and violent actions against IDF soldiers. At times, their activity....is under the auspices of Palestinian terrorist organizations." ("Details of April 30, 2003 Tel Aviv suicide bombing", June 3, 2003, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs website)
- In March 2003, senior Islamic Jihad terrorist Shadi Sukiya was arrested while he was hiding in ISM's Jenin office and being assisted by two ISM activists. ("Senior Islamic Jihad terrorist arrested while hiding in the offices of the International Solidarity Movement in Jenin", March 27, 2003, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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