

March 8, 2011

Noam Lekach

Background Information:

- Lekach joined Anarchists Against the Wall in 2009 (Meagan Wohlberg, “Bleeding for Civil Disobedience”, November 23, 2010, The Link newspaper), when he was working for Amnesty International – Israel as a communications director. (“Mass Rape as a Weapon, November 25, 2009, Kav Hutz website)
- Unclear if he is still affiliated with Amnesty.

Activities and Statements:

- Appeared in Montreal during a speaking and fundraising tour “to raise funds to cover AATW’s legal expenses, which continue to grow as a result of relentless state repression.” (Tadamon) In his talk, he claimed that “according to the Israeli state, my blood is worth more than Palestinian blood.” (Meagan Wohlberg, “Bleeding for Civil Disobedience”, November 23, 2010, The Link newspaper)
- Signed a joint letter to the German government “in advance of President Shimon Peres’ visit to Germany to commemorate international Holocaust Remembrance Day”: “President Shimon Peres, who has been responsible for numerous severe human rights violations, should not be regarded as the representative of world Jewry. In fact, he does not even speak for all Israeli Jews. We call on the German government to stop ignoring or justifying severe human rights violations committed by Shimon Peres and the State of Israel, including those documented by the Goldstone Report, and to stop providing the weapons which facilitate these violations.” (“Shimon Peres Does Not Speak for Us!”, January 2010, Mondoweiss website)
- Organized a vigil in Boston “to commemorate the death of Jawaher Abu Rahma,” in which protesters “chanted in support of the non-violent joint struggle, denouncing US military aid to Israel while calling for endorsement of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign.” (Noam

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Lekach, "Jawaher Abu Rahma inspires Boston protesters in snow", January 8, 2011, Mondoweiss website)

- Member of the Israeli "BDS from Within" group, which sends letters to artists and academics, urging them not to appear in Israel. (letter to John Lee Hooker, Jr., boycottisrael.info)
- Lekach is active in the Sheikh Jarah protests. According to documents leaked to the Washington Times, Lekach was involved in an attempt to raise funds for demonstrations through J Street's student branch. (Ben Birnbaum, "Jewish group pays PR firm co-owned by its president", December 30, 2010, Washington Times)
- Signed a petition against Israel's acceptance to the OECD. ("Do Not Approve Israel`s OECD Membership Until It Abides by International Law", kibosh.co.il)

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