



28 April 2008

TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Over the last five weeks, we have been seeking support for a bipartisan motion in our Parliament that would recognise 60 years of Palestinian suffering. Last Wednesday we sent the attached letters to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition Dr Nelson requesting them to move such a motion. The letters have been endorsed by numerous organisations, eminent persons, prominent Palestinians and influential leaders of various groups. We have also sent letters (both electronically and by mail) to every Federal member of parliament and senator asking them to support this request.

A number of organisations and persons offered to send their own letters of support. We firmly believe that the strength of your collective support would help bring this to the notice of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and encourage them to consider at least the moving of such a motion. We, therefore, ask you to help by sending your own letters endorsing our request. All you would need to say is something along the following lines:

I/We endorse the request for a bipartisan motion in our parliament that would acknowledge 60 years of Palestinian suffering caused by the catastrophic upheaval of their society known as al-Nakba in 1948. I/We believe that although symbolic, it would send the Palestinians everywhere a much-needed message of compassion, support and hope for a better future.

The Prime Minister can only be contacted electronically by using the form provided at this link:

<http://www.pm.gov.au/contact/index.cfm>

Or you can send a fax: (02) 6273 4100

Letters should be mailed to the following address:

The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

The Leader of the Opposition can be contacted by email:

B.Nelson.MP@aph.gov.au

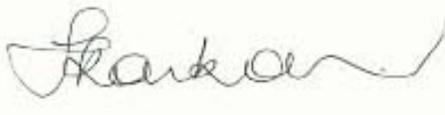
Or you can send a fax: (02) 6277 8562

Letters should be mailed to the following address:

The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson MP
Leader of the Opposition
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Together we can at least show the Prime Minister and Dr Nelson that we are all united in our endeavours to seek justice, freedom and peace for the Palestinian people. This is something that all of us can do without too much effort, but hopefully, with some really positive outcomes.

Please let us know if you decide to support this initiative.
Yours sincerely,



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Women for Palestine
Australians for Palestine



Assoc Professor Bassam Dally
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