



Pro-Palestinian groups to target Parliamentary motion

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WEB EXCLUSIVE - Groups hostile to Israel are launching a media blitz to coincide with next Wednesday's parliamentary motion in support of Israel's 60th anniversary.

The AJN has learned that the groups, which include the Australian Friends of Palestine, the Palestinian Community Association of Victoria, Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Independent Australian Jewish Voices are planning a letter to the editor to be published in The Australian on 12 March, the day of the motion.

The groups are also considering placing a display advertisement in the newspaper on the same day to further promote their message.

In the letter, the groups call the parliamentary motion "unprecedented" because it "honours a foreign country's independence while it is violating the rights of the indigenous people, occupying their land and breaching international law."

“For sixty years, the Palestinians have been denied their rights, their freedom and their nationality while Israel continues to expropriate their lands on which to build illegal Jewish-only settlements in defiance of international law and all human rights conventions.

“Not only is it an affront to our nation's dignity and self- respect, it is most offensive to the Palestinian community in Australia,” the letter continues.

Wednesday's motion will be read in Federal Parliament by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and will be seconded by Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson

About 140 Israeli dignitaries and Jewish communal leaders will converge on Canberra next week to hear the motion. A reception will follow in the Great Hall of Parliament House.

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