STAND AGAINST RACISM, POLICING, and MILITARIZATION STAND IN SOLIDARITY with BLOCK the BOAT on OCTOBER 25 to BLOCK the ZIM BEIJING



HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT!

Occupation Is a Crime – from Ferguson to Palestine!

What's the connection between the Israeli Apartheid government and police repression here in Oakland?

- The same forces occupying Palestine the Israeli military, paid for and supplied by the U.S. government see us as the enemy & are providing military equipment, tanks, drones and weapons to U.S. police forces including in Ferguson and Oakland.
- Urban Shield is an annual 4 day training expo, originating in Oakland 8 years ago. Officially billed as a disasterpreparedness exercise. Funded by the Department of Homeland Security program under the guise of "counterterrorism", Urban Shield trains police in equipment and sells them technology and weapons that get used against communities in the U.S. Both the Port of Oakland & the State of Israel participate!
- Port workers are required to carry **TWIC cards** in order to go to work every day. While workers have to prove that they are not "terrorists", Zim ships from the Israeli government are allowed to come into U.S. ports despite terrorizing Palestinians, including killing thousands of people in Gaza, while leveling schools and hospitals.

What will happen to port workers jobs if they don't unload the Zim ship?

- Much of the Zim cargo is not from Israel. If we are to effectively block Zim from coming to the Port of Oakland, cargo from places destined for the Port of Oakland will get here regardless, just shipped on other carriers.
- Customers whose cargo didn't get unloaded in Oakland during the August 16th blockade of the Zim Piraeus, have stated they will be looking for other shipping services for future shipments, not changing the destination of the shipments. See the research in this article: <u>http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/unpublicized-impact-successful-bds-action</u>

South African and Irish workers stand in solidarity!

"We rely on our brothers and sisters in the trade union movement internationally to continue a proud tradition of international solidarity and to stand with us as you stood with the struggle against apartheid in South Africa." "Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

Where will Block the Boat be when the ILWU needs support during a strike or lockout?

• Right here with you! We pledge to support you in any way we can during your time of need. That's a promise!

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