

Ireland to Palestine - The Crimes of Empire

There is a well-documented historical connection between British policy in Ireland and colonial administration in Mandatory Palestine. Ireland was viewed as a testing ground for the counter-insurgency, partition, and settler governance strategies later used in Palestine.

Sir Ronald Storrs, the first British military governor of Jerusalem, famously described the Zionist project as planting – **A little loyal Jewish Ulster in a sea of potentially hostile Arabism**

At the end of the Irish War of Independence, hundreds of **Black and Tans**, infamous for their brutality against civilians, were sent to Palestine. Their experience in vicious counter-insurgency, collective punishment, and reprisals made them valuable to the British colonial administration. Some of them later described Palestine as – **Ireland all over again**

Join SPSC

By joining, you will help fight the racist settler colonial ideology of Zionism. Together, we can stand with the people of Palestine in their struggle for freedom, equality, and return.

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Solidarity Is Our Weapon



Solidarity is not charity – it is collective struggle. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Palestinian people against Israel’s apartheid system and the governments that enable it.

In Scotland and across the UK, we must:

- **Demand an end to all UK arms sales to Israel.**
- **Build the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement to isolate genocidal Israel.**
- **End UK complicity – from arms companies to universities, from cultural festivals to politicians.**

BDS works. It’s non-violent, democratic, and powerful. For example, Scottish campaigning has driven out Israeli state-sponsored troupes from the world's biggest cultural festival - Edinburgh since 2010.

“If there is no struggle there is no progress. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one...but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.”

Ex-slave Frederick Douglass

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Apartheid Free Zones (AFZ) are a core part of the International BDS campaign, simply requiring a pledge to support the principles and tactics of the Palestinian-led BDS movement.

Workers, Socialists and Republicans have a key role to play, The Irish Congress of Trade Unions has led the way on this across these islands by declaring as an AFZ. Whilst our campaigning here, has in 2026 moved the Scottish Trade Union Congress to adopt the same position.

Words into Action - Palestinians need action, not words of support, our Societies, Community Organisations and Union Branches can all become AFZ.