2023: A year marked by unyielding global conflicts, geopolitical tensions

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As 2023 draws to a close, we reflect on a year marked by escalating tensions and enduring conflicts, casting long shadows across the globe. From the persistent strife in Ukraine to war in <u>Gaza</u> and the volatile situation in South China Sea, the world has witnessed a surge in geopolitical unrest. Europe grappled with an escalating migrant crisis, while the <u>United States</u> faced internal political challenges with global repercussions. Meanwhile, Beijing experienced a particularly tumultuous year, leaving significant impacts on international relations and global stability. The pictures below encapsulate the key events and moments that defined the landscape of global conflict in 2023.

Violence versus violence: Early on October 7, a Saturday, Hamas launched a coordinated land, sea and air assault on Israel from the <u>Gaza</u> Strip. Over 1,200 people were killed, more than 240 were taken hostage, and innumerable humanitarian atrocities were committed. In retaliation, the Benjamin Netanyahu-led Israeli government declared a state of war, launching air strikes on the <u>Gaza</u> Strip and deploying ground troops. Parts of the densely populated Palestinian region were flattened, killing nearly 20,000 and leaving thousands displaced. Islamic countries and a large Muslim population in Europe and the <u>US</u> extended unequivocal support to the Palestinian cause. <u>Massive</u> protests, sometimes antisemitic, were held on the campuses of top American universities. The presidents of Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, and <u>Massachusetts</u> Institute of Technology - Claudine Gay, Liz Magill, and Sally Kornbluth, respectively - had to testify before the <u>US</u> House of Representatives; Magill resigned. The UN General Assembly passed a resolution calling for an immediate and sustained humanitarian truce and cessation of hostilities, but the conflict remains unresolved.

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Chinese checkers: Xi Jinping secured an unprecedented third term as China's president, further solidifying his position as the nation's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong. Though the China-<u>US</u> relations remained tense, his meeting with American counterpart Joe Biden was marked by candid discussions, with both leaders agreeing to resume military-to-military communications. The year also witnessed the infamous spy balloon incident: A high-altitude balloon from China flew across North American airspace, leading to increased tensions. The Chinese "cartographic invasion" triggered protests from not just India but also several Southeast Asian countries, including the Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam. Challenges for Xi on the economic front appeared far more daunting with the country

battling deflation, sluggish growth, rising unemployment, crumbling realty sector, mounting local government debt and a faltering

post-Covid recovery.

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Ukrainian quagmire: The year etched a profound shift in the Russia-Ukraine war's trajectory, but with the battle in a near stalemate. Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy found himself on a diplomatic tightrope, with his Western allies' support waning in the face of war-weariness and little gains. On the other side, the Wagner Group, Russia's shadowy mercenary outfit, suffered a dramatic downfall, with the sudden demise of its key leaders, including Yevgeny Prigozhin, in an ill-fated flight days after a rebellion against the Russian defence ministry, which the gunsfor-hire abandoned midway.

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Global economic scare: The <u>US</u> debt ceiling crisis, a recurring political football, held the world in suspense in May-June this year. Partisan politics intensified as Democrats sought a "clean" debt ceiling increase, while Republicans demanded spending cuts. The impasse threatened a default on <u>US</u> bond payments, potentially triggering a global economic meltdown. The crisis culminated in a credit rating downgrade from AAA to AA+ by Fitch Ratings, citing fiscal deterioration and governance erosion.

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Trump-ed: Former <u>US</u> President Donald Trump faced unprecedented legal challenges. He faced four criminal indictments - two on state charges (one in <u>New York</u> and the other in Georgia) and two indictments on federal charges. His mugshot, taken post-arrest, became an icon among supporters. Trump capitalised on this, auctioning pieces of his suit worn during the mugshot and selling digital trading cards. In December, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled him ineligible to run for presidency against Joe Biden in 2024 under the <u>US</u> Constitution's insurrection clause, widening partisan divisions and sending shockwaves across the American political landscape ahead of an election year.

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Woes on a loop: Pakistan's political landscape remained tumultuous in 2023. Facing multiple criminal cases, former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest in May sparked widespread <u>violent protests</u> against the army and the subsequent crackdown. Meanwhile, his rival Nawaz Sharif returned from exile, planning to contest in the upcoming elections in February (Khan has been barred from contesting polls). The country's economy remained in a shambles amid high inflation, even as it secured an IMF bailout of \$3 billion. Its security situation worsened, too, and terror attacks by the Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan surged, leading to tensions with Afghanistan's Taliban regime.

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Preserving human touch: Demanding better pay, more stable work in the online streaming era, protections against studios' use of generative artificial intelligence, The Writers Guild of America went on a five-month strike, from May to September. It ended when union leaders approved a new three-year contract with Hollywood studios, and won concessions on writers' payment, terms with streaming shows and the use of GenAI, including mandating studios that they "cannot use AI to write scripts or to edit scripts that have already been written by a writer".

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The fall of Titan: On June 18, the Titan submersible, operated by OceanGate, imploded during a Titanic expedition. The implosion, attributed to pressure hull failure, resulted in the instantaneous deaths of all five billionaires on board, sparking controversy as OceanGate had reportedly been warned about safety concerns and had not sought certification for Titan. Critics argued that safety protocols and regulations were bypassed in the name of innovation. The incident underscored the inherent risks associated with deep-sea exploration.

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A heavy cost: France was convulsed by violent riots in late June and early July. Sparked by the police shooting of Nahel Merzouk, a 17-year-old of Algerian and Moroccan descent, the riots resulted in damages worth (EURO)650 million. Over 1,000 buildings were damaged and 5,662 vehicles burned. The unrest spread to cities like Marseille, Lyon, Toulouse, Strasbourg and Lille. The crisis underscored Europe's struggle with immigration policies and its impact on social harmony.

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Democrats' Party Descends Into Chaos After Pro-Palestinian Protester Brawl

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Highlight: A holiday party in Michigan turned into a violent protest that led to one local activist being hospitalized.

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A holiday party hosted by local Michigan politicians turned into a pro-Palestinian protest that reportedly led to a violent shoving match resulting in one Democratic activist being hospitalized.

The incident occurred December 16 during a private holiday party hosted by the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party at the Common Pub in Detroit. Things quickly became raucous when about 20 to 30 pro-Palestinian protesters, part of the Palestinian Youth Movement and Party for Socialism and Liberation, entered the bar and confronted Representative Shri Thanedar over his support for Israel.

The metropolitan Detroit area has become a hotbed since <u>Hamas</u> launched a surprise attack in Israel on October 7, leading to protests and tension-filled situations between local Jews and Palestinians.

Thomas Becker, a spokesperson for Thanedar, told *Newsweek* via email that some 200 people were in attendance. No security was present, and the only people there before the situation escalated were party goers and venue staff. He had no further comment.

Wayne County Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, who represents District 2, posted a 45-second video clip from the event on X, formerly <u>Twitter</u>. Pushing, shoving and yelling can be seen and heard in the footage, all taking place over gospel music in the background.

Kinloch said the pro-Palestinian supporters "caused chaos and mayhem," badly injuring local Black activist Bobbie Avington-Smith, a Democrat. She suffered two black eyes and was admitted to a local hospital for medical attention, according to Bridge Detroit.

Newsweek reached out to Kinloch via phone and email for comment.

"It was something we never expected," 91-year-old party attendee Bernice Smith told local ABC affiliate WXYZ.

One attendee told *Deadline Detroit* that protesters chanted, "Shri, you can't hide, we charge you with genocide," in reference to the thousands of Palestinian deaths in <u>Gaza</u> in relation to the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.

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A video posted on <u>Instagram</u> by the account "detroit2palestine" shows former Detroit Police Commissioner Bernice Smith using her cane to defend herself against protesters.

Smith's son, Sterling Jackson, told Bridge Detroit's Malachi Barrett that he was the first person to jump into the fray because he feared for his mother's well-being.

"I started it because I couldn't believe they are doing this and nobody was doing anything," Jackson said.

On Monday, a joint press conference was held by Thanedar, Kinloch and other <u>Democrats</u> representing the 13th district who referred to the protesters as rioters.

"They didn't have a right to be there, first and foremost," Kinloch said, according to video from the press conference posted on X by Barrett. "It's not about whether or not they were being violent, whether or not they were being disruptive. They were not supposed to be there.

"The owner asked them to leave, I asked them to leave. They refused to leave so they were removed from a place where they had no business and no legal right to be in."

Kinloch added that there was no security because it was a holiday party aimed to be a celebration and nobody expected any protests or violence, adding that they put the safety and security of senior attendees at risk.

Any concerns about Thanedar's position on the war in <u>Gaza</u> could have been accomplished via other avenues, Kinloch added.

"This is not going to give you support for your cause," Thanedar said on Monday. "I welcome them to come to my office. I welcome them to invite me to town halls where I could come and we can have a dialogue."

Wayne State University, located near the pub, and Detroit police responded to the scene but no arrests were made, according to reports. *Newsweek* reached out to police on Wednesday for an update.

Last year, the city of Dearborn drew national attention when its residents elected Abdullah Hammoud as its first Muslim and Arab American mayor. Hammoud has been <u>outspoken in support of the Palestinian cause</u> the past two months, leading a city of about 110,000 residents composed more than half of citizens of Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) ancestry and mostly Arab.

Michigan, one of a handful of states expected to decide the 2024 presidential election, is home to about 90,000 Jewish residents and more than 300,000 residents of Middle Eastern descent.

A recent *Newsweek* poll of eligible Michigan voters found that about 46 percent of respondents <u>disapprove of</u> President Joe Biden's handling of the conflict.

In contrast, while Republican front-runner <u>Donald Trump</u> has led Biden in recent polls in Michigan, a statewide poll conducted in November found that Trump's <u>various legal battles</u> could determine his fate in next year's election should he be the GOP nominee.

Newsweek reached out to the Michigan Democratic Party via email for comment.

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Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI) joins fellow House Democrats for a rally on the East Steps of the U.S. Capitol on October 13, 2023 in <u>Washington</u>, <u>DC</u>. Thanedar was part of a holiday party on December 16 that turned violent when pro-Palestinian protesters voiced their displeasure towards his views on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

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Pro-Israel groups have used the examples attached to the IHRA definition of antisemitism to silence dissent about Israel's attacks.

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Protesters demonstrate outside a meeting of the National Executive of Britain's Labour Party on September 4, 2018, in London, England. Labour's NEC meets today to vote on whether to adopt the full International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism.

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Americans across the country have joined <u>mass protests</u> demanding a cease-fire to Israel's siege of <u>Gaza</u> following Hamas's October 7 assault on Israel. College students are conducting sit-ins, protests, and teach-ins reminiscent of the Vietnam <u>anti-war movement</u>. The chorus of criticism of Israel's indiscriminate bombings and denial of food, water, and other humanitarian aid to 2 million Palestinians trapped in <u>Gaza</u> has only grown louder as the <u>Palestinian death toll has skyrocketed</u> beyond an estimated 22,000, nearly half of whom are children.

Too often, however, supporters of continued military action by Israel respond not by debating the merits of a cease-fire but through McCarthyistic campaigns to silence human rights advocacy in public and on college campuses.

Among the most effective strategies of censorship is a politically motivated expansion of what constitutes antisemitism to conflate it with criticism of Israel's policies and practices.

In 2016, member states of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) adopted a <u>working definition</u> of antisemitism, defined as a 'certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred of Jews' through both words and actions.

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IHRA <u>developed the definition</u> to help guide and evaluate research and law enforcement data before being used to educate the public about the Holocaust and antisemitism. Governments and institutions, in turn, have adopted the definition to help combat antisemitism.

Some pro-Israel groups, however, increasingly use the IHRA definition not to address antisemitism but to silence critics of Israel. While attempting to define antisemitism is a laudable goal, the IHRA's version includes two examples, out of 11, that have been exploited to censor speech. Specifically, the first example is 'denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination; e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor'; and the second is 'applying double standards by requiring of [Israel] a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.' These examples are often interpreted, including by government and university officials, as allowing the penalization of speakers, including Jewish groups, critical of Israel's anti-Palestinian policies, laws, and practices.

As Human Rights Watch <u>noted</u>, the first example opens the door to reflexively labeling as antisemitic human rights organizations and lawyers who argue that current Israeli government policies constitute apartheid against Palestinians or that Israel's founding involved ethnically cleansing 'the Land' (Ha'Aretz) of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in the <u>Nakba</u>. The second example permits labeling as antisemitic anyone who points to abuses by Israel when worse abuses are being committed elsewhere. Extending this logic would make a person who criticizes China for committing crimes against humanity against the Uyghurs an anti-Chinese racist.

Although the IHRA explicitly recognizes that these examples could be forms of antisemitism, noting that the interpreter should take 'into account the overall context,' it fails to draw a clear—and necessary—distinction between antisemitism and criticism of the state of Israel.

Students, <u>professors, rights organizations</u>, and politicians who have either criticized Israeli policies or spoken out against human rights violations against Palestinians are often smeared by some pro-Israel groups and pundits as antisemites based on the IHRA definition.

In November 2018, Jewish students at the University of <u>California</u>-Berkeley organized a joint vigil to mourn deaths of Palestinian children killed in <u>Gaza</u> and those Jews killed at the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Critics of the vigil <u>complained</u> to the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights that the vigil's purpose was to classify 'Israel as a barbarian and racist nation.'

In April 2019, a group of pro-Israel students filed a lawsuit against the University of <u>Massachusetts</u>-Amherst to force the cancellation of a panel that planned to discuss the censorship of speech supporting Palestinian human rights. The lawsuit used the IHRA definition to show that the panel's criticism of Israel amounted to antisemitism.

In May 2023, a City University of <u>New York</u> (CUNY) law student's <u>commencement speech</u> that criticized Israel as a settler colonial state was labeled antisemitic hate speech, igniting a political firestorm. The attacks on the Muslim student perpetuated Islamophobic tropes that she was presumptively antisemitic on account of her religious identity—a troubling phenomenon examined in a new report, '<u>Presumptively Antisemitic: Islamophobic Tropes in the Palestine Israel Discourse</u>,' by the <u>Rutgers Center for Security</u>, <u>Race</u>, <u>and Rights</u>. Critics of the graduation speech <u>cited the IHRA definition</u>, and some even demanded the federal government cut funding to CUNY.

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The weaponization of the IHRA definition has not gone uncontested. In April, more than 100 organizations <u>asked the United Nations</u> to reject the definition because it 'has often been used to wrongly label criticism of Israel as antisemitic, and thus [to] chill and sometimes suppress, non-<u>violent protest</u>, activism and speech critical of Israel and/or Zionism.' As an expert for the American Jewish Committee <u>wrote</u>, the contemporary examples attached to the IHRA definition may be used as 'a blunt instrument to label anyone an antisemite.' Similarly, Kenneth Stern, the lead drafter of the IHRA definition, warns that ' <u>right-wing Jews are weaponizing it</u> ' to effectively impose speech codes on college campuses, as we have recently witnessed at <u>Harvard</u>, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Some criticism of Israel is motivated by antisemitism, and the number of antisemitic incidents has surged since October 7. But the overwhelming majority of criticism remains directed at the Israeli government for its decadeslong occupation and oppression of the Palestinian people.

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Meanwhile, the IHRA definition perversely labels progressive Jews as self-hating. <u>Jewish Voice for Peace</u>, a prominent Jewish and anti-Zionist group that promotes Palestinian liberation, vehemently opposes the IHRA definition, noting that it is deployed by right-wing Zionists not to secure the safety for Jews but to <u>vilify Israel's critics</u>. This ultimately harms not only those critics but also Jews as a whole by <u>incorrectly suggesting</u> that all Jews, regardless of their political beliefs, are necessarily supportive of the Israeli state and complicit in its occupation of Palestine and other human rights violations, just by virtue of identifying as Jewish.

Two alternative definitions—the <u>Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism</u>, proposed by a broad collation of scholars, and the <u>Nexus Document</u>, advanced by a task force associated with Barnard College and the University of Southern <u>California</u>—more clearly define what constitutes antisemitism and provide guidance on the contours of legitimate speech about Israel and Palestine.

For instance, the Jerusalem Declaration defines antisemitism as 'discrimination, prejudice, hostility or violence against Jews as Jews (or Jewish institutions as Jewish),' rather than the IHRA's vague notion of 'perceptions of Jews.' Similarly, the Nexus Document clearly targets 'negative beliefs and feelings about Jews, hostile behavior directed against Jews (because they are Jews), and conditions that discriminate against Jews and significantly impede their ability to participate as equals in political, religious, cultural, economic, or social life.'

These definitions allow for robust political debate, because, as the Nexus Document states, 'even contentious, strident, or harsh criticism of Israel for its policies and actions, including those that led to the creation of Israel, is <u>not</u> per se illegitimate or antisemitic.'

The ability to criticize states and their policies—whether at home or abroad—is central to democratic governance. Weaponizing criticism of Israel as necessarily antisemitic not only devalues the term's meaning, to the detriment of all Jews, but also threatens Americans' free speech rights. By replacing the IHRA definition with the more accurate Nexus Document or Jerusalem Declaration, our society address antisemitism without insulating Israel from criticism for its actions or censoring its critics.

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Radical groups in Australia are circulating and sharing guides for anti-Israel -activists, unionists and educators to sabotage and vandalise property and evade police by using encrypted communications and special codes.

Dozens of pro-Palestinian groups - ranging from well--organised criminals who damage property linked to Israel or its military trading partners to unionists trying to blockade -Jewish-owned ships - have surfaced in Australia since the -Israel-Hamas conflict began in October.

The Weekend Australian can reveal some of the organisations, which are blatantly anti-Semitic, are backing secret advice to use code names for the targets of their demonstrations, and to use encrypted texts via the Signal messaging app and secure email servers to avoid police detection.

They also have been advised how to case out locations covertly and how to track Jewish shipping interests.

Amid a surge in <u>violent protests</u> and anti-Semitic attacks -nationwide, one of several guides being circulated urges groups to investigate whether property damage, sabotage and graffiti should be part of their campaigning. "Do you agree what non--violence means?" it says. "Explore the concept of what -violence means to you and whether that doesn't include topics like graffiti, sabotage and property damage.

"Establish or adopt a set of principles - preferably written down for future reference and for new people who might join you." The Direct Action Planning Guide, which sources said had been spread around the activist community, outlines in detail how to stage protests and deal with the fallout if people are caught.

It suggests that protests could include blockades, barricades, sabotage, animal liberation, sabotaging construction machinery, graffiti and squatting.

The Melbourne-based guide, which radical groups are using as a template for activist campaigning in Australia, has been cited by militant protesters now targeting Jewish shipping interests.

There are established links between union activists and a radical anti-Israel group targeting Israeli shipping company ZIM.

Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-CEO Alex Ryvchin said Australia was witnessing a 20-year evolution in Palestinian campaigning, which he said was causing a lot of anxiety among the Jewish community.

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"This year, since October 7 it's reached unprecedented levels. In terms of the resourcing going into it, in terms of the support they're receiving from mainstream political parties, trade unions," Mr Ryvchin said. "It's always been centrally co-ordinated but it's kind of been a lower-level thing, confined to university campuses, sort of fringe groups, but now you're seeing the Australian Greens becoming agents of this movement and sizeable trade unions as well.

"Everyone feels more brazen and outspoken, they feel like this is their moment. I think Hamas elevated their movement, it gave them a feeling of ascendancy that Israel's downfall is just a matter of time and now they're all kind of pushing with maximum force and intent to precipitate that." Trade Unionists for Palestine social media contains cases of anti-Semitism, including claims that a rich Australian Jewish man was a terrorist who carried out ethnic cleansing against -Palestinians and Israel is committing genocide.

The prominent activist group Free Palestine Printing's Instagram page boasts a poster of a dog on a leash with a "boycott Israel" sticker covering its head. One comment refers to the Jewish state as "Satans (sic) Army." A commenter says referring to Israel: "Offensive to dogs â€l my dogs are filled with love and loyalty. Should never be compared to such hatred. Satans (sic) army!

Key unions and crossbench senator Lidia Thorpe have backed the Block the Dock movement, which is behind port protests in Melbourne targeting Israeli-owned ships. Block the Dock, a national movement, has posted photos and a version of events supporting the protesters who invaded the Carols by Candlelight event in Melbourne on December 24, where a video shows one person saying: "Racist f..king police." While the large public pro--Palestine marches have been largely peaceful despite containing some anti-Semitic propaganda, new video footage shows vandals dressed in black commando outfits breaking into BAE Systems in Melbourne, smashing plate glass and then spraying the foyer with red paint and boasting of it being part of a global anti--Israel strategy.

Another video obtained by The Weekend Australian shows a violent street clash between a pro-Palestinian campaigner and two others, with the Palestinian supporters accusing the others of Islamophobia and striking an Islamic woman.

There is no suggestion that the violent and more radical protesting is being backed by mainstream pro-Palestinian groups such as Australia Palestine Advocacy Network. The more extreme protests are largely conducted under the cloke of anonymity.

APAN president Nasser Mashni said pro-Palestinian Australians were filled with despair.

"The Palestinian struggle is one that brings groups, movements and people of all backgrounds together, because it speaks to a struggle for values we all share - justice, equality and human rights, and what should be the universal application of international law and democratic principles," Mr Mashni said.

"We're seeing this strong support for Palestine because the public is horrified that governments of the west are offering the Israeli government impunity to commit genocide in Palestine.

"Community members are fuelled by a palpable sense of despair and disgust that governments like ours have barely uttered a word of objection to the Israeli government's killing of 21,000 people in <u>Gaza</u>." The pro-Palestine cause is also being backed by some First Nations radicals in Melbourne, who have been prominent at protests.

Block the Dock is a follow-on organisation to Blockade Australia, which campaigned on climate issues in ports across the country.

Blockade Australia has used the Direct Action Planning Guide. The Whistleblowers, Activists and Communities Alliance is crowd-funding for legal fees under the banner Palestine Action Fund and Fines, with \$7488 raised for a \$20,000 goal.

A sum of \$20,000 would not cover one top barrister for a day's work. "We are in this for the long haul. Support <u>us</u> to keep up the pressure for a #FreePalestine - donate to our crowdfunder," the organisation says. "Along with

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comrades and community in Naarm (Melbourne) and around the world, WACA are maintaining the struggle for a Free Palestine. Donate now to enable the continuation of rolling actions in support of -Palestine." Other legal advice to protesters includes considering "self--repping" in court if arrested over activism and using the court appearance as an opportunity to showcase the cause without legal representation. This advice of self-representation is rejected by other groups as unwise.

The Weekend Australian contacted multiple pro-Palestinian groups but most did not respond.

Block the Dock said it had -targeted ZIM because it was a known Israeli-owned company, alleging their shipments could contain weapons supplied by Australia to be used against the Palestinian people. "Our campaigning has evolved through strategic use of social media, community engagement, and collaboration with advocacy groups," a Block the Dock spokesperson said. "Block the Dock strives to have a meaningful impact and to raise awareness of the ethnic cleansing and the genocide the Palestinians are currently experiencing."

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