



Statement on the Illegal Interception & Abduction of Canadian Peace Activists

Dear Colleagues, Scholars and Supporters of the Memorial University Labour Community,

The Teaching Assistants' Union of Memorial University Newfoundland (TAUMUN) stands forever in solidarity with former TAUMUN/current GSU member Sadie Mees, MUN Alumni Nikita Stapleton and Devoney Ellis, and the Humanitarian Aid mission known as the Freedom Flotilla Coalition. It vehemently condemns the illegal abduction of peace activists on the Conscience and other Freedom Flotilla Vessels.

TAUMUN additionally recognises the ongoing scholasticide in Palestine and observes the decimation of all Post-Secondary institutions in the nation of Palestine, as an affront to all members of the global academic community. TAUMUN also observes the illegal and targeted murdering of Palestinian professional labourers, including comrades in the Medical, Journalism, and Aid Work fields.

We call on our fellow labour and student organisations to join TAUMUN in signing the open letter to Prime Minister Carney, calling on him to take immediate action to ensure the safety of the three Newfoundlanders and all other passengers of the Conscience. TAUMUN also strongly urges MUN Leadership, including MUN President Dr Janet Morrison, to join us in our call to protect members of our past and current academic community and bring home our illegally detained colleagues.

TAUMUN stands in solidarity with the city of St. Johns and all other community allies who are calling for: an immediate two-way arms embargo on the Israeli Regime, sanctions on Israel, opening a humanitarian corridor to break the siege on Gaza, and providing immediate consular services to all Canadians currently held in unlawful detention by Israel.

Finally, we urge all fellow labour and student organisations to call on MUN leadership for the immediate divestment of over \$14 million invested in weapons manufacturing companies complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people. The labour, work, and knowledge cultivated within MUN that we contribute to our institution must be liberated from the complicity of the Palestinian Genocide.

Forever In Solidarity,

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Co-signed on behalf of the GSU Board of Directors,

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