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## Samidoun Designated as a Terrorist Entity: Partners and Broader NGO Network

On October 15, 2024 the US and Canada [designated](#) the NGO Samidoun as a terrorist entity, describing it as a “sham charity that serves as an international fundraiser for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization.” Germany [banned](#) this NGO in November 2023, and on October 2, 2024 the Dutch Parliament [called](#) on the Netherlands to do the same.

As NGO Monitor has demonstrated, in addition to its terror ties, Samidoun drives anti-Israel and antisemitic campaigns in the US and Canada – including on university campuses. Samidoun is a key member of broader anti-Israel networks of NGOs, activists, and funders – organizing and collaborating with other groups.

(For more information on the NGO networks advancing antisemitism and anti-Israel activity in the US and Canada respectively, see NGO Monitor’s “[Mapping the anti-Israel NGO Network in the US](#)”, and “[The NGO Network Driving Antisemitism in Canada](#)”)

The organizations listed below are examples of NGOs that have worked with Samidoun and its leadership, and/or supported the group in recent years. Though non-comprehensive, these particular organizations are already well-known as leading members of the anti-Israel network in North America, and many of which have already been [criticized](#) by [elected officials](#).

### Samidoun’s funding

Samidoun does not publish financial information, reflecting a lack of transparency and accountability.

According to its [website](#), “Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network is a fiscally sponsored project of the Alliance for Global Justice, a 501(c)(3) Organization.”

In August 2021, Discover [shut down credit card donations](#) to the [Alliance for Global Justice](#), reportedly due to the latter’s relationship with Samidoun.

Since February 2023, Alliance for Global Justice has been [unable](#) to [accept credit card donations](#) for itself or the 140 groups – including Samidoun – that it fiscally sponsors.

### American NGOs

#### Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition

- Al-Awda lists Charlotte Kates – International Coordinator at Samidoun – as a [member of its National Board](#) (as of October 21, 2024).
- Al-Awda and Samidoun are [both members](#) of the [NY4Palestine Coalition](#).

- Al-Awda and Samidoun have worked together on events. For instance, on May 21, 2020, Samidoun Europe Coordinator Mohammed Khatib spoke at an Al-Awda [event](#) “marking 72 years of Nakba and continued resistance.”

## Palestinian Youth Movement ([PYM](#))

- Active in both the US and Canada, the organization does not publish financial information, reflecting a lack of transparency and accountability. In the US, Honor the Earth serves as its [fiscal sponsor](#).
- PYM often [partners](#) with Samidoun [co-sponsoring events](#) and [protests](#) and [promoting](#) each other's events.
- [PYM co-sponsored an April 29, 2024, Vancouver rally](#) where participants praised "Beautiful, brave and heroic resistance of the Palestinian people, which did not begin on October 7, which has continued for over 75 years."
- At an August 2020 protest, which Samidoun [co-hosted](#) in New York with PYM, protestors held Hezbollah and PFLP [flags](#).
- In March 2021, PYM [signed a statement](#) denouncing Israeli “attacks on Samidoun and its designation as a ‘terrorist organization.’”
- On January 25, 2022, PYM, Samidoun and WOL launched a [campaign](#) defending Somaya Falah. Falah was [arrested](#) by Israeli authorities for “communicating with a foreign agent and endangering the lives of citizenry.”
- Khaled Barakat was scheduled to speak at a December 2, 2021 event at the University of British Columbia, [sponsored](#) by PYM, Samidoun, and Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (see below). The gathering was intended to honor Georges Abdallah, convicted and sentenced by a French court to life in prison for “[complicity in the \[1982\] assassinations](#)” of a US military attaché and Israeli diplomat serving in Paris. The university indefinitely postponed the event.

## Students for Justice in Palestine ([SJP](#))

- In March 2024, students from Columbia and Barnard University Apartheid Divest Coalition, of which SJP is a leading member, held an event titled “[Resistance 101](#)” – despite the university [refusing](#) to host the event on campus. The event was [sponsored by](#) Samidoun and Within our Lifetime. During the event, [Kates stated](#), “There is nothing wrong with being a member of Hamas, being a leader of Hamas, being a fighter in Hamas.”
- Samidoun and SJP have [endorsed](#) and [participated](#) in many [events](#) and [protests](#) together, alongside other groups.

## Within Our Lifetime (WOL)

- WOL and Samidoun are [both members](#) of the [NY4Palestine Coalition](#).
- In March 2024, Samidoun and WOL co-sponsored the “[Resistance 101](#)” event at Columbia University.
- The organizations have also [sponsored anti-Israel protests together](#), including in January 2024. According to the ADL, at an [August 2020 protest](#) organized by Samidoun, WOL, and others, participants carried Hezbollah and PFLP flags.

## CODEPINK

In January 2023, CODEPINK [partnered with Samidoun](#) for a “week of action” calling for the release of PFLP Secretary-General Ahmad Sa’adat. In 2008, Sa’adat was [sentenced](#) to 30 years in prison for heading an “illegal terrorist organization,” and planning attacks including the 2001 assassination of Israeli tourism minister, Rehavam Ze’evi.

## National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

- NLG lists Charlotte Kates as a [co-chair of its International Committee](#) (as of October 21, 2024).
- Samidoun has [promoted](#) and [supported](#) NLG initiatives.
- Charlotte Kates serves on the [steering committee](#) (as of July 2023) of the “International People’s Tribunal on U.S. Imperialism,” alongside an NLG representative.

## Canadian NGOs

### Masar Badil

- Masar Badil – like Samidoun – is [headed by](#) Khaled Barakat (as of August 2024).
- According to a September 2023 Masar Badil post, Masar Badil [executive committee member](#), Zaid Abdunnasser, was the [coordinator](#) of Samidoun Germany until it was banned and dissolved by the German Government
- Masar Badil has co-sponsored rallies with Samidoun, including the April 29, 2024 protest in Vancouver during which [participants praised](#) the October 7<sup>th</sup> massacre (see above).

### Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR)

- SPHR does not publish financial information, reflecting a lack of transparency and accountability. Many SPHR chapters receive funding from university student associations; however, there is little transparency surrounding the amount of funds received.
- In February 2021, SPHR at Queens University held a [fundraising](#) event for Samidoun.

- On January 19, 2021, SPHR [posted a series of photos](#) to Facebook urging students to purchase stickers, with proceeds going to Samidoun.

## **Independent Jewish Voices (IJV)**

- IJV and Samidoun regularly [organize](#) protests [together](#). For instance, the organizations [co-sponsored the April 29, 2024 Vancouver demonstration](#) where protestors praised the October 7th massacre (see above).
- On February 8, 2021, IJV published a statement [supporting](#) an SPHR fundraiser on behalf of Samidoun.

## **[Just Peace Advocates](#)/Mouvement pour une Paix Juste**

- Just Peace Advocates regularly defends Samidoun, [signing an April 2024 statement](#) defending Samidoun and its leadership, and asserting that “The Zionist lobby has been on a witch-hunt against Kates, Samidoun and her husband, Khaled Barakat, for several years now.”
- Similarly, the organization co-organized a [2021 letter-writing campaign](#) to the Canadian Minister of Public Security, demanding he not list Samidoun as a terror group.

## **Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM)**

PYM is active in both the US and Canada and is detailed above.