

[TEMPLATE SU MOTION] Barclays: Don't Bank on Apartheid

This SU Notes:

- Israel's continuing militarised violence against Palestinians as part of its system of institutionalised racial discrimination that amounts to the crime against humanity of apartheid under international law, as identified by Palestinian civil society and reported by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and B'Tselem¹.
- On 26th January 2024, the International Court of Justice found that there is plausible evidence that Israel's attacks on the Palestinian people of the Gaza Strip constitute genocide.²
- Research that has identified that Barclays Bank invests over £1billion, and provides loans and financial services, to nine companies supplying weapons and military technology to Israel, used in its attacks on Palestinians.
- The 'Barclays: Don't Bank on Apartheid' campaign³ is calling on the bank to end all financial ties with companies supplying weapons and military technology to Israel used in the violation of Palestinian rights.

This SU Believes:

- That students have a key role in pushing for positive social change.
- That we should express solidarity with the right for Palestinians to life freely and without attack or persecution.
- That universities, businesses, the UK government, and financial institutions like Barclays bank have a responsibility to end their complicity in Israel's ongoing crimes against Palestinians.

This SU Resolves:

- To commit that the SU will not use Barclays services while the bank continues to be complicit in Israel's violations of Palestinian rights, and to move any services we currently use Barclays for.
- To write to Barclays expressing this commitment, and encouraging them to end their investments, loans and financial ties with Israeli apartheid, and then to publish this letter on the SU website.
- To support the 'Barclays: Don't Bank on Apartheid' campaign (<https://www.palestinecampaign.org/campaigns/stop-arming-israel-3/>) including encouraging students not to bank with Barclays (<https://palestinecampaign.org/boycott-barclays-bank/>)

¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2022/02/israels-system-of-apartheid/>

² <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

³ <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/campaigns/stop-arming-israel-3/>

- To publicise information to students about the 'Barclays: Don't Bank on Apartheid' campaign, including through social media and in an email to all members of the Union.