



MEDIA ALERT

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ATTACK ON ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GAZA ENCAMPMENT

Australian Friends of Palestine Stands with Adelaide University Students

Just before 9:40pm and again just after 10:20pm on Monday 6 May, the Student Gaza encampment at Adelaide University was attacked. Fireworks were thrown into the encampment causing damage to some of the tents, fortunately no one was injured.

Fireworks were lobbed into the encampment from above. This is an act of cowardly intimidation to both threaten these courageous and principled young people, and to undermine the existence of their encampment.

This incident has occurred as the Israeli Government and its military are about to unleash a full-scale military attack on Rafah in the Gaza Strip. Over one million people have fled to Rafah and the surrounding area in response to the carnage Israel has wrought on the Gaza Strip since October 2023, killing 35,000 people, 15,000 of them children.

The students at the Adelaide University encampment and their counterparts on 6 other campuses around Australia together with thousands in similar encampments all over the world, are acting to demand that their universities disclose their investments in Israel and divest from them. They are demanding a permanent ceasefire and that their institutions of learning cease to contribute to the arming of the Israeli military through research and cooperation with university based Israeli military projects, thus aiding Israel in their assaults on the Palestinian people.

The Australian Friends of Palestine Association stands with these committed and brave students. We encourage people to support the snap rally called by the students at the encampment on the Maths Lawns of Adelaide University at 4pm on Tuesday 7 May to defend the encampment and say no to any attack on Rafah.

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Why Palestine? Because it is a just cause, a noble ideal, a moral quest for equality and human rights. Edward Said

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