

Fence out Terror!

**For Israel's self-defence –
Against the anti-Zionist Conference in Cologne!**

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Press Release

Alliance against the conference “Stop The Wall!” in Cologne, Germany

An alliance consisting of “persons from organisations and groups of the peace movement and of the movement for international solidarity” plans to host a conference against “the building of the wall in Palestine and against the Israeli occupation of Palestine” on June 5th 2004 (<http://www.freepalestine.de/040605konferenz/index.htm>). The conference is entitled “Stop The Wall! For a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel” and takes place on June, 5th in the “Alte Feuerwache”, a sociocultural centre in Cologne.

A nationwide alliance of 22 groups united under the theme “**Fence out Terror! For Israel's self-defence – Against the anti-Zionist Conference in Cologne!**” arranges different events against this convention. “The organisers of this conference speak of 'just peace' but in fact they mean the war against Israel. The suicide bombings being played down in the conference's appeal, are rather results of anti-Semitic fury than desperate deeds”, points out Mirjam Körner, spokeswoman for *Fence out Terror!*. “Moreover, the Security Fence is no 'apartheid wall', it is evidentially an opportunity for Israeli citizens to shield themselves from the terror of Palestinian suicide bombers. In those areas where the fence has already been put up the assassinations have been reduced noticeably”, Körner adds. “We appeal for standing up for Israel's right of self-defence against the participants and attendants of the conference “Stop The Wall!” and for declaring solidarity with the state once founded to provide shelter for all those being persecuted by anti-Semites.”

The evening before the conference (**Friday, June 4th**) the alliance *Fence out Terror!* will hold an information event at the University of Cologne, main building (“WiSo-Schlauch”), lecture hall XII, Albertus-Magnus-Platz, Cologne. There Margitta Neuwald-Golling of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) will give some facts about the Security Fence, followed by Matthias Küntzel, journalist and author of “Djihad und Judenhass. Über den neuen antijüdischen Krieg” (Jihad and Hatred Towards Jews. On the New Anti-Jewish War), Frankfurt 2002 who will give a lecture on Germany's Middle East policy.

On Saturday, **June 5th** *Fence out Terror!* organizes a rally against the conference “Stop The Wall!” starting by 9.30 am at Cologne's Sundermanplatz (near Station *Ebertplatz*) where groups participating in the alliance will give numerous speeches. The co-founder of Les Fils et Filles des Déportés Juifs de France (FFDJF) Beate Klarsfeld is enquired as another speaker.

You find further Information (e.g. *Fence out Terror!*'s appeal, latest news about events, information about the conference's speakers, facts on the Security Fence and on German and Palestinian anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism) on the attached pages or via Internet at www.fenceoutterror.tk.