

'Reel lies' festival

We condemn the 'Reel Israel' film festival funded by the Israeli embassy and touring South Africa at the moment (finishing off at the Cinema Nouveau on 8 July 2010); This is part of the ongoing attempts by imperialism to whitewash the role fascist Israel really plays. Rather pathetically a movie is shown about overweight Israelis which overlooks the thin and starved masses of Palestinians still in concentration camps in the region. It portrays the 'struggle' of an Israeli team, despite it portraying itself as considering muslim and christian players, it rather obviously covers up the hundreds of checkpoints, the prison walls around Gaza and the illegal wall in and around the West Bank that prevent the youth from even playing a simple game of soccer (the Palestine soccer team cannot really compete as many soccer players in Gaza are prisoners of imperialism; but such simple realities escape the propaganda machine of the mossad; they claim to show the 'horror' of Jewish youth under the times of British mandate Palestine but are silent on the mass expulsion of the Nakba in 1948 where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians faced the zionist terror army and were brutally expelled from their homes, backed by the British and Jordanian forces (directly and indirectly). These refugees are still in concentration camps in the region unable to return home after 62 years in exile. But these simple facts escape the 'cultured Israelis'.

These distortions appear at the same time the bourgeois press such as the 'independent news' group regularly publishes articles now about how caring the Israelis are to endangered desert rats but cover up on the ongoing genocide against Palestinians, that the desert rats have more rights than Palestinians (the rats are carefully returned to their environment while the millions of Palestinian refugees are left to languish in concentration camps far from home). Spare a thought for the families of the Turkish nationals who were unarmed, yet murdered in cold blood on the high seas; spare a thought for the tens of thousands of Palestinian political prisoners rotting in the imperialist jails.

Of course the SA government are too busy spending millions on tickets to the millionaires world cup to worry about the lie machinery of the zionists and the imperialists. Such is their 'commitment' to the Palestinian cause.

The freedom of the Palestinians is in the hands of the working class; Down with the ongoing siege against the Palestinians! Down with the 'false Israel' film festival and any links with fascist Israel.

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