

Dear Colleagues and friends:

A right wing Zionist organization, the Lawfare project, has filed a lawsuit <http://thelawfareproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/SFSU-Federal-Complaint.pdf> against my university, and named me as co-defendant. This is an attempt to silence us, get rid of our presence in the form of the AMED Studies program, the General Union of Palestinian Students and me at SFSU. So while the lawsuit is frivolous, bogus and full of false allegations, misrepresentations and mischaracterization as Palestine Legal puts it <http://palestinelegal.org/news/lawsuit-against-sfsu-culmination-years-long-suppression-campaign> the US (and Israeli) media basically reprinted the Zionist press release without bothering to check the facts [The Los Angeles Times](#); Newsweek; [The Washington Post](#) and even [Inside Higher Education](#).

Worse yet, SFSU came out with a statement <https://news.sfsu.edu/announcements/san-francisco-state-university-statement-disputing-lawsuit-affirming-commitment> that contradicted the findings of the independent investigator the university hired last year and who found that the student protest was not against Jewish students and community but against Israel and Nir Barakat <https://president.sfsu.edu/sites/default/files/Independent%20Review%20Regarding%20April%20Event.pdf>. More recently anti-Zionist Jewish activists also testified that these charges are bogus and even wrote about them <https://www.jweekly.com/2017/06/23/despite-claims-its-arab-students-under-attack-at-sfsu/>.

We are beginning to see support from California Scholars for Academic Freedom [California Scholars for Academic Freedom](#) and the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) [Middle East Studies Association](#). Other academic associations are working on statements.

My union colleagues and other activist scholars and academics are drafting a petition for individual scholars to sign. This is in the works but will be forthcoming shortly.

However we need support from organizations and individuals in our communities in different parts of the world. Please let us if you can have our/my back.

Thanks,

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