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The South African BDS Coalition stands with the Palestine Solidarity Campaign Cape Town, a member of the Coalition, in the court action taken by Philip Krawitz, Executive Chair of Cape Union Mart against them and other activists.

This court case amounts to a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP suit) - a familiar tactic of Zionist lawfare aimed at closing down pro-Palestine activism and criticism of genocidal Israel.

The rulings of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in South Africa's case against Israel under the Genocide Convention compels legal obligations on all states and corporations in their jurisdiction to ensure they are not complicit in plausible genocide.

We called for a boycott of Cape Union Mart as Philip Krawitz sits on the board of founding institutions of the Zionist state, publicly supports and fundraises for them, while Israel commits a genocide in Gaza, killing at least 70,000 people, escalates its ethnic cleansing and land theft in the West Bank, intensifies its system of carceral apartheid domination throughout Palestine and conducts illegal wars in the region, killing 3,700 people and displacing more than 1.2 million people in Lebanon.

The UN has put Israel on its official "list of shame" for murdering more than 20,000 children while Krawitz states "I will never be ashamed of my support for Israel" and "I'd be proud to be a bigger donor to Israel." The victims in this matter are the Palestinian people, not Philip Krawitz.

As we know from our struggle, boycotts against apartheid regimes work! the South African BDS Coalition will not be silenced by Krawitz and his attempt to weaponise the law, use his wealth to silence dissent and bully pro-Palestinian activists.

We call on everyone to defend our freedom of speech and the right to protest - join the pickets outside the Western Cape High Court on June 15th (9-10h30am), 17th (11h30-12h30pm) and 18th (9-10h30am).

Cape Union Mart can't muzzle us!