

BDS leads campaign of false claims

LIES and damned lies – this sums up the activist Group BDS, who were caught out yet again propagating blatant fabrications in a bid to save their discredited campaign.

The latest BDS statement announced “arrest warrants” had been issued for four Israelis who served in their country’s army. These warrants, it was asserted, had been issued by the Hawks.

Unfortunately for BDS, their lies were again exposed, with Hawks spokesman Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi unequivocally stating:

“There is no truth to this. No arrest warrants have been issued for any of the people mentioned. We have checked with our Interpol and our crimes against the state officials, and they deny any such thing.”

This incident is just one more instance of BDS’s shameless misrepresentations. Last year they called a dummy “shareholder meeting” prior to the Woolworths shareholders’ AGM, scamming many journalists into believing they were attending the actual event. Since then they have pontificated regularly that Woolworths’s results have plummeted due to their protest

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action despite Woolworths’s annual results showing sales up 12percent.

BDS then commissioned an “independent expert” to give some authority to their assertions that Woolworths was suffering huge losses. The “expert” turned out in fact to be a sociology student without any financial background who happened to be an active member of BDS.

The further back one goes, the more fabrications. In 2013, the organisation disrupted a concert at Wits, with activists breaking into the room, bringing the recital to an end and causing audience members to flee. In true BDS style, its spokespeople then loudly declared it was they who’d been subjected to brutal treatment, stooping so low as to claim they’d been “sexually assaulted”.

Having been at the event and seen how the frightened, mainly elderly, audience members reacted to the invasion, I can attest to the claims’ falseness. Surprise, no charges of sexual assault were laid with the police, and in the course of an extensive disciplinary process conducted by Wits, the accusations were predictably shown to be outright lies.



‘FABRICATIONS’: The latest lie by BDS, says the writer, is that South Africa has undertaken to arrest Israeli officers.

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Should anyone care if a peripheral activist group chooses to propagate lies to hoodwinking the public into buying into its agenda? Surely, the public at large will see through the ploys?

BDS campaigns have little to do with trying to find a peaceful outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

They are a relentless propaganda assault against Israel, in the course of which BDS activ-

ists think nothing of bullying fellow citizens into complying with their wishes. Among the most notorious instances of open anti-Semitism provoked by BDS in the past few years were calls by the SRC for Jewish students to be kicked out of Durban University of Technology, chants of “Kill Jews” at BDS rallies and the depositing of pig heads in Woolworths stores to send a message to Jews that their support for

Israel will not be tolerated.

Deliberate lies, incitement to racial and religious hatred and threats and intimidation sum up BDS’s modus operandi. Its members may position themselves as human rights activists, but at the end of the day, their behaviour is anti-democratic, anti-peace and un-South African.

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