



**Middle East without Wars and Oppressions. Bilbao Working Team - Coordination**

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**Bilbao is not flying with El Al or related companies.**

No flights to this conference have been arranged with an Israeli carrier, including routes jointly operated by international airlines and El Al. The reason for this boycott is the well-documented discriminatory treatment of non-Jewish passengers, especially Arabs, using Israeli airlines. In particular, Palestinian citizens of Israel are regularly humiliated with degrading and unnecessary “security” searches of their bags and bodies. Such abuse is standard at Israel’s only international airport, Ben Gurion. But Israeli officials are also sanctioned to use such practices at foreign international airports when passengers use Israeli carriers.

For the most comprehensive details and description of Israel’s policies of racial profiling at airports, see a report by the Arab Association of Human Rights, based in Nazareth, entitled “Suspected Citizens”.

<http://www.arabhra.org/HraAdmin/UserImages/Files/AirportReportEnglish.pdf>