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Two panellists from Palestine, Father Jamal Khader and Nidal AbuZuluf, were at the Ujamaa Centre at Emaphethelweni Dominican House last week to discuss the 'Palestine Kairos Document' and to build a relationship of solidarity with South Africa as the nation which produced the original Kairos Document in 1985. Pictured are Father Khader, Professor Gerald West, the Reverend Thulani Ndlazi, Dr Beverley Haddad and Nidal AbuZuluf.

Palestinian Christians appeal for boycott of Israel

INSPIRED by the South African Kairos document of 1985, a group of Palestinian Christian theologians and leaders visited Pietermaritzburg on Thursday last week to promote the "Palestine Kairos Document" in a panel discussion at Emaphethelweni Dominican House.

The visitors shared with the audience the daily battles

that Christians experience under Israeli occupation.

They said that the situation in Palestine is a human rights and justice issue and called on South Africans to take a stand and free the Palestinians from oppression.

They also said that the root of the conflict between Israel and Palestine is the occupation of Palestine by Israel.

Nidal AbuZuluf appealed to the audience to support and promote the call from Palestine for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions against the state of Israel.

Father Jamal Kadar, a Catholic theologian at Bethlehem University, said hoped for an inclusive and just peace where the dignity and equality of all the inhabitants

are upheld.

The Palestine Kairos document was adopted at a meeting of Kairos southern Africa in Bredell, near Johannesburg, by Christians from South Africa and other countries in Southern Africa.

The Palestine Kairos document is called "A moment of truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of

the Palestine suffering".

The South African Kairos Document of 1985 was produced by a number of South African Christian theologians in 1985 as a protest against apartheid. It outlined why South African Christians should stand on the side of the oppressed, against the apartheid regime.

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