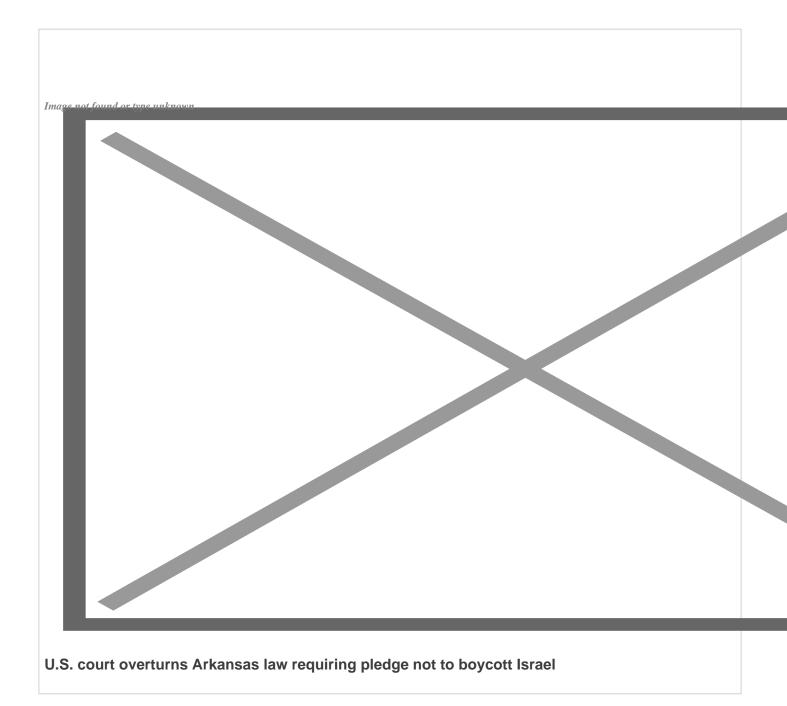
U.S. court overturns Arkansas law requiring pledge not to boycott Israel



Little Rock, February 18 (RHC)-- In the United States, a federal appeals court has thrown out an Arkansas state law prohibiting government contractors from participating in boycotts of Israel, ruling it violates their

First Amendment rights.

In a statement celebrating the ruling, the Council on American-Islamic Relations said: "Just as African-Americans had the constitutional right to participate in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and just as antiapartheid activists had the constitutional right to boycott South Africa's government, every American has the constitutional right to boycott the Israeli government over its human rights abuses of Palestinians."

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