

Civilian targets, Total Siege

On Sunday 8 October, Israeli warplanes targeted the house of Jamil Hassan Mohammad Al-Za'anin, 66, located in Beit Hanoun, North Gaza District. The four-storey building was home to four families. The attack killed 20 Palestinians, including five women and 11 children, and destroyed the house. By Thursday, 1,537 Palestinians including 500 children and 276 women were dead.

The scale of carnage was planned. As the Israeli government met last Saturday, May Golan, Minister for the Advancement of the Status of Women, stated: *"All of Gaza's infrastructures must be destroyed to its foundation and their electricity cut off immediately. The war is not against Hamas but against the state of Gaza"*.

On Monday, the Israeli Minister of Defense called Palestinians *"human animals"* and declared *"No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel – everything is closed"*. By Wednesday morning, the Gaza's only power plant stopped working, with catastrophic consequences for water and sewage plants. Hospitals rely on their own generators, but these require fuel. All medical centres and hospitals are running out of medicine.

Endorsing War Crimes

Rishi Sunak told Israeli PM Netanyahu *"we will continue to provide – whether that's diplomatic, intelligence or security support – as they need"*. Joe Biden trumpeted *"let there be no doubt, the United States has Israel's*

back" and sent an aircraft carrier through the Med. The UK navy will join next week. Questioned on Israel cutting off water supplies to Gaza, Keir Starmer told Times Radio *"I don't think at this stage we should be saying anything other than Israel has the right to defend herself."*



Ending the Violence

We call for a ceasefire and endorse Palestinian calls to end the illegal occupation, to ensure the refugees' right of return and to bring about full equality for all who live in what is currently apartheid Israel. The UK must also stop its two-way arms trade with Israel, which is part-funded on Merseyside by workers' pension fund investments.

Without justice, there can be no peace. Anyone who wants the violence to end, must first work to end the violent system behind it, created and then sustained by Britain to this day.

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