# **Complicity: UK**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak dismissed the South African case as "completely unjustified and wrong". From 7 October onwards, the Tory government and Labour leadership gave Israel a green light, despite the impact of the Gaza slaughter on communities here.

On 11 October Sir Keir Starmer told LBC Israel 'has the right' to withhold power and water from Gaza. Later, 56 Labour MPs broke the whip to vote for a ceasefire.

In early December, the government helped the US block a ceasefire resolution at the UN Security Council, triggering more genocide. The MoD censored all requests by MPs for information about RAF Akrotiri on Cyprus, which is facilitating arms supplies to Israel. UK drones fly surveillance over Gaza. Since 2015, the UK has licensed at least £474 million worth of military exports to Israel, including 15% of the components in the F-35 stealth bomber used on Gaza.

### Merseyside

Local government pension funds on Merseyside are invested in arms firms which supply components for jets, tanks and bombs used on Gaza, and in Israeli banks which fund the illegal settlements. Councillors have let it happen. Arms firms supplying Israel fund research at the University of Liverpool.

### Break all links with Israeli apartheid!

## **Before 7 October**

Armed Palestinians crossed into Israel on 7 October. By then there were • 240 Palestinians killed this year by the Israeli military and settlers, • ethnic cleansing with systematic house demolitions and land seizures, whole villages driven out and farmers deprived of their livelihoods, • preparations to annex the entire West Bank, repeated invasions of the al Agsa mosque by ultranationalist religious settlers, • the prospect of Israeli normalisation with Saudi Arabia, • the 16-year siege of Gaza, • seven massive attacks on Gaza since 2004 causing thousands of Palestinian deaths and tens of thousands of injuries, • the ongoing legacy of 1948, when Palestinians were ethnically cleansed from villages now in Israel.



#### West Bank

In the occupied West Bank, 330 Palestinians have been killed since 7 October, as Israel unleashed airstrikes, incursions by armoured personnel carriers, and bulldozers sent to refugee camps and other densely populated areas.

We abhor all attacks on civilians. The slaughter of Israeli civilians on 7 October by Hamas, and some by Israeli forces, does not justify the massive ongoing Israeli slaughter of Palestinian civilians.



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