



War Criminal

International Criminal Court issues arrest warrants

The world's top war-crimes court issued arrest warrants on November 21st for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister and Hamas' military chief, in connection with the 13-month war in Gaza.

The warrants said there was reason to believe Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant are suspected of the war crimes of starvation as a method of warfare and of intentionally directing an attack against the civilian population; and the crimes against humanity of murder, persecution, and other inhumane acts.

The ICC was set up under the Rome Statute of 2002 to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression. It has 125 member states but not USA, Israel, Russia, or Ukraine. The State of Palestine acceded to the Rome Statute on 1 April 2015.

When asked at the Foreign Affairs Select committee if he would issue an arrest warrant for Netanyahu, David Lammy said, "*I will issue that to the courts and then the courts will make their determination under our law, recognising that we are signatories for the Statute of Rome.*"

Terrorism Act used on journalists

The Labour government has continued and extended the Tory attack on our freedoms in an ominous way. It has targeted journalists such as Richard Medhurst, Asa Winstanley and Sarah Wilkinson, amongst others, by using the Terrorism Act of 2000, in order to intimidate and silence pro-Palestinian voices

The International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland have condemned the rising use of counter-terrorism legislation against journalists as an intimidatory measure harmful to public interest journalism and press freedom.

What You Can Do

- Raise the issues in **your union**. Affiliate to LFoP (see contact details) and PSC.
- Tell **your MP** to demand an **end to complicity with genocide**, an **immediate full two-way arms embargo** on Israel, sign **EDM 164** re journalists and anti-terror legislation, demand **arrest Netanyahu**.
- **Join our weekly demos** Sunday 2pm Catholic Cathedral.
- Demand the **Merseyside Pension Fund** end investments in arms firms supplying the Gaza genocide and funding illegal settlements. Email **Councillors** who manage the Fund: **tinyurl.com/mpfform1** Demo at **Pensions Committee Mon 9 Dec 5pm Wallasey Town Hall CH44 8ED**
- **Boycott Barclays**. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJM.U.
- **Boycott Coca-Cola** which operates on stolen Palestinian land. #NotInMyFridge.

We abhor all attacks on civilians. The slaughter of Israeli civilians on 7 October 2023 by Hamas, and some by Israeli forces, does not justify the massive ongoing Israeli slaughter of Palestinian civilians.



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