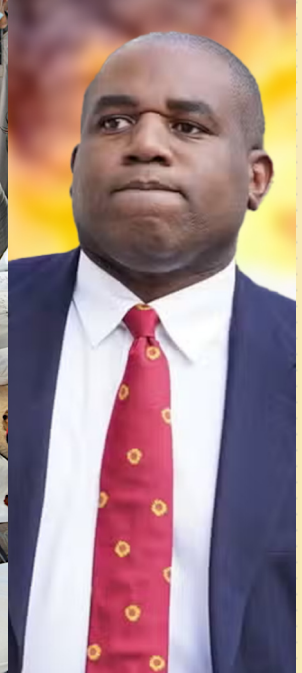


# Genocide, What Genocide?



In Parliament Foreign Secretary David Lammy agreed with Conservative MP Nick Timothy that "there is not a genocide occurring in the Middle East", and that terminology like "genocide" referring to Gaza was "not appropriate".

Keir Starmer, Prime Minister, was asked to share his definition of genocide and to outline what action he was taking to save the lives of people in Gaza.

He said he was "well aware of the definition of genocide" and that this explains why he has "never described or referred to [the situation in Gaza] as genocide". He did not elaborate.

## **Genocide Denier**

In response Francesca Albanese, the United Nations special rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territories, accused Lammy of being a "genocide denier" and said the UK has done "nothing" to prevent atrocities in Gaza.

Her report "Anatomy of a Genocide" concluded: "*Genocidal acts [in Gaza] were approved and given effect following statements of genocidal intent issued by senior military and government officials.*"

Already in January 2024 the UN International Court of Justice said that it was plausible that Israel had breached the Genocide Convention.

Furthermore on November 14 the UN Special Committee to investigate Israeli practices said that Israel's warfare in Gaza is consistent with the characteristics of genocide, with mass civilian casualties and life-threatening conditions intentionally imposed on Palestinians there.

By continuing to supply arms, intelligence and political protection the UK is complicit in genocide, which is punishable under the Genocide convention.