

We Will Not Be Silenced

British State Repression

On Saturday 18 January a peaceful demonstration aiming to highlight British government complicity in Israel's slaughter took place. Dozens of protesters were arrested, including chief steward Chris Nineham and Ben Jamal, Director of Palestine Solidarity Campaign. They were both charged under the Public Order Act. The following day Jeremy Corbyn and Labour MP John McDonnell were called in for police interviews.

Since the genocide against Gaza began following Hamas' attack on Israel in October 2023, over 20 London protest marches with hundreds of thousands attending, were coordinated with the police and without incident.

Police lies

The police claim that that protesters 'forcefully' broke through a police cordon to enter Trafalgar Square. The media repeated these allegations. However, all independent observers and social media show clearly that Corbyn and McDonnell were invited to pass through freely along with others in the procession.

The following week more than 40 leading lawyers wrote to the Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper, warning that the actions of the Metropolitan police were a *"disproportionate, unwarranted and dangerous assault on the right to assembly and protest"*.

We oppose this and any other attempt to shut down the voices of Palestinian solidarity.



Thousands of Palestinians return to what is left of their homes, showing pride in their Gaza homeland. The ceasefire is holding as we go to press, but it remains to see whether the talks on 'Phase Two' start on time, or at all. [19 January 2025, Jabalia. photo: Omar El Qataa]

What You Can Do

- Raise the issues in **your union**. Affiliate to LFoP (see contact details) and PSC.
- **Join our weekly demos** Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.
- Tell **your MP** to demand an **immediate full two-way arms embargo** on Israel, sign **EDM 164** re journalists and anti-terror legislation and **EDM 601** re Dr Abu Safiya, oppose any moves to **annex the West Bank**.
- press for **Merseyside Pension Fund divestment** from arms trade. tinyurl.com/mppform1
- **Boycott Barclays**. Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **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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