

'Justice' tilts against solidarity action

Remember when apartheid South Africa smeared all its opponents as terrorists? It's happening in Britain now.

The T-word first made the statute book in 1974 as a stick to beat the Irish and their supporters. It became an offence not just to belong or give money to a 'proscribed organisation' but even to express any kind of support.

An Act of 2000 extended terrorism to cover serious damage to property 'designed to influence the government'. On this basis direct action against genocide is classed as terrorist.

In July 2025 the Government capitulated to Israel lobbyists and proscribed Palestine Action, who do not try to burn down asylum hotels but do attack Elbit factories outside working hours. Any expression of support is now an offence.

Sensing the absurdity, over 3,000 people have sat down in public and held up placards that the

(continued from front). Rimas 'Amuri, 13, lived with her family in the al-Jabriyat neighborhood in the southern part of Jenin Refugee Camp. On 21 February 2025, Rimas asked her mother for permission to go to her uncle's house next door. No clashes were occurring in the neighborhood, but as she turned onto the path about 20 meters from home, soldiers fired at her from a distance of 30 to 40 meters. Rimas collapsed to the ground, crying out for help. Her mother, brother and cousin could not reach her as the soldiers kept shooting as she lay dying. The ambulance was delayed as troops swarmed the camp. The hospital found Rimas was shot in the back.

police are compelled to arrest them for. What will be the sentence for displaying a piece of cardboard?

Worse follows. Sentences for damage to arms factories are being raised if the judge perceives a 'terrorist connection'. Guidelines intended to keep sentences short are going out the window. Defendants can be forbidden to tell the jury about their intentions... and then sentenced for what the judge thinks they intended!

Another line of attack is to threaten the lawyers. One leading barrister in the recent Woolwich trial faces a 'contempt' charge for his closing speech. We cry foul when this happens in other countries – now it is happening here.

The state is doing what it can to protect apartheid Israel. Be shocked, but not surprised.

What You Can Do

- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund divestment from Elbit, Palantir, Raytheon... and Israeli banks:** tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **Demo** 2pm Sun 2 Aug Catholic Cathedral.
- **Boycott Barclays.** Leaflet outside Lord Street branch Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1
- **Tell your MP: condemn Israeli massacres and the Trump/BoP Gaza plan, demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel.**

The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7th October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7th October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7th October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.



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