

Israel's shadow on Burnham, Miliband

Prime Minister Andy Burnham has said Labour "didn't get it right" on Gaza. Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband vowed to work to end the "terrible suffering". But the right words are "ethnic cleansing", "apartheid", and "genocide". It won't end without effective economic sanctions.

Liverpool Riverside MP Kim Johnson initiated a letter to the Prime Minister signed by 80 other MPs and Lords. It pointed to the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry which confirmed Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. It cited Britain's responsibility to prevent genocide as soon as it knows there is a serious risk. It quoted the International Court of Justice ruling that Israel is practising racial segregation and apartheid. It called for comprehensive sanctions, a full arms embargo and a ban on all trade that aids or assists the illegal occupation.

Neither Burnham nor Miliband have replied. A Foreign Office spokesperson just quoted Miliband's earlier words. This isn't going away.

Defence Minister backs settlers' Gaza plans

The push to rebuild Jewish settlements in Gaza is now an election issue in Israel. On 20 July several thousand right-wing activists marched to the Gaza fence calling for Israel to re-establish settlements in the Strip. Almost half of the government turned up and the Army handed out bottled water. Defence Minister Israel Katz backs a plan to rebuild three settlements in Northern Gaza. His office is also promoting "voluntary migration" from Gaza, which is ethnic cleansing. Netanyahu backed that concept on Israeli TV.



Our new banner celebrates the Suffragettes. The Supreme Court will test the recent ruling against Palestine Action by the Appeal Court. Those judges also termed the Suffragettes' campaign for women's right to vote, as an acceptable form of direct action. The Women's Social and Political Union targeted infrastructure, government, churches and the general public with an array of militant and violent direct action. Today they are heroines.

What You Can Do

- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund divestment from Elbit, Palantir, Raytheon... and Israeli banks:** tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **Demo** 2pm Sun 6 Sep 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 Trump's Gaza plan, demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel.** Use the words "ethnic cleansing", "apartheid" and "genocide" to speak on Palestine.

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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