

Burnham: We need Deeds, not Words

The Suffragettes called for “*Deeds, not Words*”.

In early September, Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband said the government would examine how to stop UK companies “*financing, constructing or advertising new settlements*” in the occupied West Bank.

This would be a small step towards complying with the International Court of Justice. The ICJ ruled that all States “*are under an obligation not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel's illegal presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*”.

The UK has signed a joint statement with 20 other countries and the European Commission denouncing the construction tenders for the massive E-1 settlement project near Jerusalem that will cut the West Bank in two.

But even ending UK finance to *existing* Settlements and a full ban on Settlement goods would not stop the juggernaut. It is the **Israeli government** and the **IDF** that need stopping.

Unless sanctions force changes from **all parties** to Israeli apartheid, ethnic cleansing and its endgame Annexation, the West Bank agenda will continue unchecked.

Gaza

If Labour actually intends to undo the damage of its last three years, it would **acknowledge** what genocide scholars, international and Israeli human rights organisations and a UN Independent Commission report are all saying. **Israel has committed genocide in Gaza, and continues to do so.**

Real action means a **comprehensive two-way arms embargo**, including the F-35 components exported to the US and sent on to Israel. The genocide has been carried out with weapons supplied by the US, Germany, Italy and Britain.

A Conference motion from Labour and Palestine calls on the government to:

- Accept the findings of the UN Commission of Inquiry that Israel has committed genocide.
- Impose comprehensive sanctions on Israel, including a full arms embargo.
- Ban all trade that aids or assists Israel's military actions in Gaza or its unlawful presence in the occupied Palestinian territory, including all trade with Israel's illegal settlements.

Passing a Conference motion would be significant Words. But Israel will not change course unless and until it faces Deeds.

What You Can Do

- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund divestment from Elbit, Amazon, Raytheon... and Israeli banks:** tinyurl.com/mpfform1
- **National demo** noon Sat 26 Sep St George's
Demo 2pm Sun 4 Oct 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: demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel.** Use the words “ethnic cleansing”, “apartheid” and “genocide”.

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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