

JUST REPORT FEBRUARY 2, 2026



WITNESS

Between 26th January and February 1, Israel killed at least 50 people in Gaza, including 6 children. On [Saturday 31st alone](#), they killed 31. But still Palestinians resist in every way they can. Maha Hussaini, a researcher with Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor, posted a photo on Wednesday of [two young people painting a mural](#) on a wall in Gaza City in University Square, which once held the university buildings of the oldest universities in Gaza. Choose life.

Remember and remind those you speak to of the 9,000 hostages in Israeli jails. And the [776 Palestinian bodies](#) still not returned – see Red Ribbons below

LEARN

- The Green Party voted last night to allow a motion about identifying as an anti-Zionist party to go forward to the next stage, where amendments will be discussed, before going forwards to the Spring conference agenda. The full text will be released formally, but meanwhile the [Canary](#) has some information.
- Latest information about UNRWA is [here](#). [Médecins sans Frontières](#), having agreed last week to pass on details of their staff to Israel government, has now refused. Do write and thank them. But the implications are terrible.
- Palantir is supplying data to ICE for hunting down “illegal immigrants” in USA. See [BMJ report](#)

ACTION

- **URGENT** parliamentary debate scheduled for February 5th Thursday afternoon (when many MPs will be leaving London for their constituencies). Use PSC's new [e-action](#).
- BBC World at One, Friday 30th Jan (30m:45s in) , [appalling item](#) about [IDF accepting the Palestinian Health ministry figures of dead and missing](#) – host invites Israeli spokesperson, from Times of Israel, no Palestinian commentary. See Naomi Wimborne Idressi's letter [here](#). Please write – you can commend them as she does for 2 good pieces recently, but this was beyond the pale. Ratio of combatants to civilians is “the main issue” focuses on 22,000 combatants.. has remained the same 1:3 and this is acceptable. The IDF says Johnny Dymond the host has always said it is **lower than in comparable urban conflicts...** it seeks to minimise civilian casualties and of course there are civilian casualties because Hamas uses human shields. See here for evidence on [human shield use](#) by Hamas and Israel, and an excellent response to the ratio claims, [rebuttal in the Guardian](#).
- **URGENT** Next week's General Synod of the Church of England has again deferred the debate on Palestine as there is “no time”. Contact synod reps and your local bishop in light of the public statement from 3 bishops [here](#). The email should be something like [GSReps@...diocese.org](#). Apparently there will be a fringe meeting addressed by a Palestinian speaker but this information is not public. Please ask them to attend (open to only Synod members). Remember to contact [Sharen Green](#) if you want to lobby the Synod on Feb 10th.

Local actions

[Red ribbons for Palestine hostages](#) – this is a global campaign that can easily be local – decorate lampposts, bridges, wreaths...

American Friends Service Council (AFSC) last week suggested contacting libraries and bookshops to promote books on Palestine. See Annex 1 for how to do this and list of possible texts – need to be easily accessible.

SHARE

- JVL webinar on Holocaust Memorial Day and Antisemitism, Feb 1st was excellent. The two speakers, Charlotte Reiner and Nira Yuval Davis spoke from personal experience; Yuval Davis researches the topic. Among many moving and memorable insights was reflection on the differences between the commemoration in Britain (broadly speaking, certainly in relation to international law and until recently) was universalist – never again for anyone; whereas in Israel the national emphasis is on exceptionalism – never again for Jews. Charlotte and Nira unpacked and explained this history which was enlightening. You can watch a recording [here](#). (not yet uploaded at the time of writing).
- Jeffrey shared information about an Israel-based campaign, [Zochrot](#), which has a lot of anti-Zionist resources – in 2024 they ran a course called '[Unlearning Zionism](#).' And [Combatants for Peace](#) - an Israeli campaign for both sides
- On the [SUNDAY programme](#), 1st Feb at 07.35am, a good discussion for once about Queen Mary University of London removing posters about genocide from office doors – a Palestinian and Israeli academic combined forces to resist, successfully.
- John from Durham is trying to get the Cathedral to foreground Palestine, but they have had little success so far. We'd like to get a focus going on cathedrals, so please think about visiting your "local" and email me at actionhourcampaign@gmail.com with CATHEDRAL in subject line to say what there is (if anything!!!) and any ideas. For example, asking for a Holy Land prayer tree doesn't sound a big request..... John has an exhibition by photographer, Margaret Olin, of beautiful Bedouin pictures of the people and landscapes of Masafer Yatta. To see some of her photos, visit [here](#). If you would like to borrow the exhibition, please email me and I will pass on his contact details.
- Ideas for banner slogans please! Bring to the next meeting...

Up and coming

Please register if you haven't already for the Palestine Solidarity Campaign AGM on Feb 14th; Last day for on-line registration **Feb 6th**. Jonathan's resolution re. media reform & restructuring needs supporting. You need to be a PSC member (obvs..)

Crystal Palace Friends of Palestine are pleased to announce an exclusive screening of the award-winning film 'All That's Left of You' at West Norwood Picturehouse next Thursday 5th February at 7.30pm. The film will be followed by a Q&A with the director Cherien Dabis, hosted by Dr. Ghada Karmi, a Palestinian physician, academic, and writer whose life and work have been deeply influenced by the experience of displacement and the Palestinian national struggle. Tickets are selling fast, so [book soon](#):

The film is being released in cinemas in the UK on the 6th Feb via T A P E: <https://www.tapecollective.co.uk>

Sunday February 8th [Grassroots for Palestine](#) - in N London 6pm. Young people from Palestine will work with locals to produce a "play in a day" to be performed. Ambassador Husam Zomlot will be there. (NB they are visiting us in Hertfordshire on 14th February, so excited).

February 24th 3pm Register for [British Palestine Project. Being Jewish after the Destruction Of Gaza](#)
With Peter Beinart.

NB NEXT WEEK – PLEASE COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE DIVIDE – read Martin's paper on Jewish history and talking to Zionists. Martin is thinking strategically – how can we get a message across, how can we communicate without alienating the other person. If you have Jewish heritage and would like to share your thoughts in the meeting, please email me at actionhourcampaign@gmail.com to let me know, with DIFFICULT CONVERSATION in the subject line. (of course everyone will get a chance to speak....)

Annex 1 Calling Libraries & Bookstores about our Books

AFSC said: So far, our program has published two books, *Displaced in Gaza* and *Light in Gaza*, and Yousef has edited a book of Dr. Refaat Alareer's writings called *If I Must Die*. We encourage you to call local bookstores and libraries and ask them to stock these books!

Our tips for calling libraries and bookstores include:

- Adapting your call based on who you're talking to and whether they seem interested
- Having details about the books on hand to reference during the call
- Sharing personal details about why these stories matter to you and others in your community
- Following up with a visit in person

Encouraging the library/bookstore to host educational events about Palestine if they seem open to stocking the books. Even if they already stock books about Palestine, you can always call to thank them for stocking those books and ask them to add more to their collection, or ask them to host an educational event. Encouraging your local bookstores and libraries to stock these books is a great way to help others in your community educate themselves about Palestine. You could link to showings of the *Voice of Hind Rajab* film.

Suggested texts from JUST participants included:

- Raja Shehadeh *What does Israel Fear from Palestine ?*
- Marfleet, P. 2025. *Palestine, Imperialism and the Struggle for Freedom*. Bookmarks.
- Munther, I. 2024. *Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza*. Eerdmans.
- Osborne, P. 2022. *The Fate of Abraham: Why the West is Wrong about Islam*. Simon & Schuster.
- Pappé, I. 2017. *The Biggest Prison on Earth: The History of the Israeli Occupation*. Oneworld.
- Pappé, I. 2024. *A Very Short History of the Israel–Palestine Conflict*. Oneworld.
- Pappé, I. 2024. *Lobbying for Zionism on Both Sides of the Atlantic*. Oneworld.
- Shaw, M. 2025. *The New Age of Genocide: Intellectual and Political Challenges after Gaza*. Agenda.
- Shehadeh, R. 2024 *What Does Israel Fear from Palestine?* Profile.
- Shlaim, A. 2025. *Genocide in Gaza: Israel, Hamas, and the Long War on Palestine*. Irish Pages Press.
- Qumsiyeh, Mazin (2011). *Popular resistance in Palestine : a history of hope and empowerment*. London New York: Pluto Press
- Qumsiyeh, Mazin (2004). *Sharing the land of Canaan : human rights and the Israeli-Palestinian struggle*. London Ann Arbor, MI.
- Fida Jiryis *Stranger in my own Land.*)
- Asa Winstanley *Weaponising Antisemitism*
- Rachel Havrelock. *River Jordan - the mythology of a dividing line.*; University of Chicago Press
- Susan Abulhawa. *Mornings in Jenin* (Got my village book club to read and Makhram Khoury came to speak. Very readable emotional book with facts.)
- Sami Hermez with Sireen Sawalha, *My brother, my Land*, (personal account of effects of occupation in village)
- Holden, P. 2025. *The Fraud; Keir Starmer, Morgan McSweeney and the Crisis of British Democracy*, O/R Books (shows how claims of antisemitism were weaponised in a ruthless factional war within the Labour Party)

(NB a Quaker text was mentioned, *Slating Silence* 2025... see review [here](#) on Quaker Socialist Society)

Thanks to John T for sending in...

- Cobban, H. (2024) *Understanding Hamas: And Why That Matters*. 1st ed. La Vergne: OR Books, LLC.
- Loewenstein, A. (2023) *The Palestine laboratory: how Israel exports the technology of occupation around the world*. London New York: Verso.
- Osborne, P. (2025) *Complicit*. New York and London: OR Books. Available at: <https://orbooks.com/catalog/complicit/> (Accessed: 3 February 2026).
- Perugini, N. (2015) *The human right to dominate*. New York: Oxford University Press (Oxford studies in culture and politics).

- Sabaaneh, M. (2018) *Palestine in Black and White*. Great Britain: Saqi Books. Available at: <https://saqibooks.com/books/saqi/palestine-black-white/> (Accessed: 3 February 2026).
- Sacco, J. (2003) *Palestine*. London: Jonathan Cape.(graphic cartoon)
- Sacco, J. (2009) *Footnotes in Gaza*. London: Jonathan Cape.(graphic cartoon)
- Zaru, J. and Ruether, R.R. (2008) *Occupied with nonviolence: a Palestinian woman speaks*. Edited by D.L. Eck and M. Schrader. Minneapolis, Minn: Fortress Press.

NB we really need some kids books'. I found these two sites, but it would be good to explore options.

- <https://teachpalestine.org/articles/childrens-books-palestine/>
- <https://aroundtheworldinhomeschooldays.com/books-on-palestine-and-israel/>