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to Jonathan

Dear Jonathan

Thanks again for a speedy response to my letter of July 5th. We really appreciate your discussing this important topic with us.

However, we are disappointed you seem to have ignored the key issue to which I drew your attention.

I put it to you that your comparison of the Palestinian cause with those of extreme right-wing groups did not hold water. When our Government is backing up a state that is committing such widely and authoritatively attested crimes under international law, and is so patently at odds with what is supposed to be British Government policies (notably those against illegal settlements and in support of a two-state solution), there is no way one can speak of "threat neutrality".

We think it urgent you review the inclusion within the definition of terrorism actions that "involve serious damage to property". As currently formulated, that clause can be expected to undermine civil liberties. The distinction between civil disobedience and terrorism must be maintained and legislatively protected.

We also think you should point out that the UK is obliged, under international treaties to which it is a party, to cease all support for any country which the ICJ deems may be committing genocide. Indeed we understand that under international law, a person (not just a state) can be held legally responsible if they had the capacity to act to stop a genocide, and failed to do so.

If you can act on these points, I think you will find yourself on the right side of history.

Best wishes

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