

# JUST REPORT JULY 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

## WITNESS

[Baby Hani](#) whom Halima brought to our attention a couple of weeks ago, is still waiting to be evacuated. We also hold in mind and hearts 3 children [awaiting permission to come to the UK](#), who has so far allowed only 2 children in. [Scotland is ready to receive 2,000 children](#) – the funds are there – but Keir Starmer will not engage.

643 killed this week (15-21<sup>st</sup>). Desalination plant hit, those queuing for water are slaughtered. A vivid report is provided [here](#)

Tanks have gone into central Gaza for the first time.

5 Israeli soldiers killed 9-16<sup>th</sup> July.

See [Gaza Unlocked](#) for the names and places of fellow human beings slaughtered 11-18<sup>th</sup> July

## LEARN

### Israeli influence on national legislation

- Well before 7/10/23, the UK government was being inappropriately lobbied by Israel and by Elbit systems to take stronger action against activists. See links here for further information: [Lowkey 15 minute talk](#), on the history and the key individuals involved; [Guardian report](#); [Declassified report](#) on interference with jury trials. Essentially, the code of conduct governing the actions of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has been violated, such that there is no longer independence. The Code of Conduct (2.1) regarding the CPS states that the independence of the prosecutor *from persons or agencies that are not part of the prosecution decision making*, is fundamental. Prosecutors must be free to carry out their professional duties without political interference and must not be affected by improper or undue pressure or influence from any source. Violation of code should have led to dismissal of charges against activists.
- The All Party Parliamentary Group on Defence is now [facing an enquiry](#) into the acceptance of funding by Israel arms manufacturer Rafael for the opportunity to partner with the APPG. See Jonathan Cook [here](#) for analysis of how Israel profits from the genocide. See [Annex 1](#) for details.

### Latest on civil liberties

- Hearing for a full legal challenge [July 21<sup>st</sup> at the High Courts of Justice](#) was before Lord Justice Chamberlain<sup>1</sup>. Evidence has been provided that bail conditions from Merseyside police prevent protestors from mentioning Palestine. We heard from Elizabeth who was present during the hearing. What was new to her, and I am sure to all of us, was that the decision to proscribe preceded the action at Brize Norton. Lord Justice Chamberlain asked all parties to return to hear his judgement on 30<sup>th</sup> July, but he will apparently release a press statement on July 28 – see [here](#)
- Over 200 people have now been arrested over the last 2 weeks for peacefully holding up signs, all over the country. By contrast, in Epping there has been continuing [organised violence](#) against asylum seekers, with only 6 arrests, despite attacks on police.
- [Bank accounts of Palestine supportive groups frozen](#), preventing transfer of money to Gaza for aid.

### Gas reserves in Gaza

if we can only stop genocide, these reserves could help rebuild. However, we know (that Israeli and other companies are already illegally exploiting these waters. Watch [this short film](#); Guardian report [here](#).

## ACT

We discussed JUST possible actions in the face of the threat to civil society. We are taking advice on how best to inform subscribers on this issue and will report next week.

- Use [PSC's action](#) to demand that the Independent Office for Police Conduct immediately opens a full independent investigation into the actions of Kent police officers in attempting to silence a peaceful protestor

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<sup>1</sup> Chamberlain denied the last appeal on the basis that the police would not exceed their powers. However since then, he has already had to intervene to say that that [Kent police actions are illegal](#), actions which Kent police amongst others, disregard.

- Follow this lovely example and set up a Peace of Cake fundraising event. <https://peaceofcaketgetherblog.wordpress.com/>
- Nadiya Hussain, beloved British baker, has been dropped by the BBC – almost certainly because of her support for Palestine. Watch interview on Novara [here \(52 mins in\)](#). Her book [Rooza](#) about food traditions associated with Ramadan and Eid has hardly been reviewed in the national press. Buy it for a gift, order it from your library, let's get it to the top of the cookery charts. Follow her on Instagram. Complain to BBC<sup>2</sup>. Recipe in [Annex 2](#)

## SHARE

We heard more from Colin about the regular meetings between his group and a group of Palestinians in the Shuafat district of East Jerusalem, which are much valued. We wonder if it is possible to link up once a month just for half an hour before our regular JUST meeting. Colin is going to look into this. John reminded us about the possibilities of twinning with Palestinian councils – Hastings Council has just voted to be the [first council to twin with Gaza](#). Congratulations Hastings!

### Stuff to read and watch

- [LED BY DONKEYS](#) new film broadcast on buildings. watch this
- Good [article in](#) London Review of Books on the Quaker Peace Testimony.
- [You Will Burn My House Down](#) – Bosnia, Palestine. Revision of powerful piece originally written in July 2015 to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide:
- Remember Arthur Koestler on the Nazi holocaust... read [here](#)

### Wins (big and small!)

- 60+ MPs demand [immediate arms embargo](#)
- 25 countries including UK and France [demand immediate ceasefire](#) as from today. Mind you, our government immediately [despatched a spy plane](#), and has also [welcomed an Israeli air force chief](#) Tomer Bar responsible for bombings in Gaza, so don't crack open the champagne yet.
- Hind Rajab Foundation [succeeded](#) in their complaint to the Belgian government regarding 2 IDF wanted war criminals attending a festival, who have now been arrested and deported. Belgian King has been very supportive of Palestine, apparently<sup>3</sup>
- Hague Group after a large emergency conference has issued [a joint statement](#) from 12 countries calling for 6 concrete measures : call on all signatory states to take immediate action to fulfil the six measures and report transparently on steps taken to fulfil these obligations; call on non-signatory states to endorse the Joint Statement; escalate campaigns to end complicity in Israel's genocide, apartheid and occupation
- Flemish government has been ordered to block all shipments of military or associated goods to Israel, [news agency Belga reported](#).
- Slovenia has banned the entry of far-right Israeli ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, on the grounds that they incite "grave violations of Palestinians' human rights with their genocidal statements," [according to Slovenian Press Agency STA](#). Slovenia is the first EU state to declare them personae non gratae.
- ICC [has upheld arrest warrants](#) against Netanyahu and Gallant, despite the pressures put on them.
- Joyous watch!! opera performer [unveils Palestinian flag!](#)
- [Syndicate of musicians](#) standing up for Gaza, including Kneecap.

### Up and coming

- Another Red Line for Gaza today 22<sup>nd</sup> July, outside House of Parliament – centred around "lost in Gaza". Look out for the publicity if any. Travelling to Aberystwyth
- 24<sup>th</sup> July [Launch of Global Jewish Manifesto](#). Register [here](#)
- 4-5 September – [Gaza Tribunal](#) set up by Jeremy Corbyn, free to attend.

<sup>2</sup> If you are reviewing your BBC licence... look [here](#) for what you can access without it. Thanks to Elizabeth for this link.

<sup>3</sup> Note to our own Royal Family...could do better

## ANNEX 1

In brief, Elbit and Israeli lobby met with the Home Office, predating the events of October 7 2023. “As well as Home Office ministers attending meetings with Elbit Systems representatives, the heavily redacted briefing notes show that one was attended by a director from the Attorney General’s Office said to be representing the [Crown Prosecution Service](#) (CPS). They also show that Home Office officials contacted the police about Palestine Action in 2022, and less than a month later, the first activist was jailed. Israeli Embassy lobbied government re. the PA. Policing minister Chris Philp met with Elbit and a member of Attorney General office was there representing the CPS.

Spring 2023, head of a drone factory in Leicester met with Chris Philp the policing minister, and DCC Leicester police Wes Tod to push for remand of activists and show police were to take strong action, NOT to facilitate peaceful protest but to facilitate the company activity. Leicester police are using Israeli intelligence software subsidiary of Elbit systems to carry out their work. Elbit has its own intelligence cell operating in the UK. Surveillance on protest groups was shared with police. Elbit UK security director Chris Morgan lobbied CPS to [demand retrial](#) of founders of Palestine Action who had been acquitted by a jury - trial now scheduled for 2027.

With regard to the APPG, records show donations came from a subsidiary of the defence giant Rafael, which is owned by the Israeli government. The [investigation](#) found the company had paid at least £1,499 to partner with the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Defence Technology, which provides “opportunities to network with MPs”. The money was paid directly to the group’s secretariat. But parliamentary rules say that APPGs should not “accept the services of a secretariat funded directly or indirectly by a foreign government”.

See also this [Dutch film](#) made in 2007 – thanks to Jan E for the link.

## ANNEX 2

**Watermelon Rind Curry**  
(from <https://www.nadiyahussain.com/>  
felt very appropriate!).  
Serves 4. Prep time 16 minutes.



Think of all the watermelon rinds you have thrown away. That equals a lot of curries you could have eaten. The only part of the watermelon that cannot be eaten is the hard, thin green exterior, the rest of it is perfect for a curry, especially the rind. It’s a cross between cucumber, water gourd and courgette, but is unique when cooked and spiced to perfection. Let’s begin by prepping the watermelon.

Once you have taken the red flesh and diced and popped it into a freezer bag (see tip below), get on to the rind. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the thin dark-green skin and discard. Chunk the light green flesh into 1–2cm pieces.

Pour the vegetable oil into a medium non-stick pan, add the cinnamon stick and heat over a high heat. Turn the heat down, add the desiccated coconut and toast gently. Now add the garlic, ginger and onion with the salt and cook down till light golden brown.

Add the turmeric, chilli powder, cumin and curry powder and mix through. Add the watermelon rind, the water and coconut cream and mix through. Bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes.

Turn the heat down and leave to simmer for 30 minutes till the rind is soft and the liquid mostly evaporated. Before you take the curry off the heat, pour the coconut oil into a small pan, add the chilli and curry leaves and, as soon as they start to pop, add to the top of the curry and serve.