

JUST REPORT MARCH 24TH 2025

WITNESS



Ramy Abdu, chairman of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, lost his sister and her entire family after their home was bombed in Gaza 18/3/25. Nesreen and her son and daughters, Ubaida, Omar and Lian, were all killed, along with Ubaida's wife, Malak, and their small children, Siwar and Mohammed.

Over 270 children have died in the last week amongst around upwards of 700 killed in Gaza alone. For latest figures see [here](#) and [here](#).

ACT

- [Support Daniel Day](#), the activist who climbed Big Ben to protest against genocide. Daniel has been denied bail, is being held in a cell only in his underwear, his dietary needs have not been met, and he has been denied visit from a nurse. See Annex 1 for text to send. Write to Wormwood Scrubs prison governor amy.frost@justice.gov.uk ☐
- [Save Masafer Yatta](#). Israel has approved the eviction of over 1,000 Palestinians from their homes...one of the largest displacements ever. Click here to join the email campaign to prevent this [here](#).
- Palestine Solidarity Campaign is recommending [action against Palantir](#), the US company that supplies programmes that target and murder Palestinians, and which the NHS England and Wales must use to manage our health data online. We covered this back in December, and an updated presentation will be made available soon on the CAMPAIN website.

LEARN

The UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Alice Edwards, continues to maintain that there is evidence of rape and torture committed against Israelis by Hamas and others on 7/10/24. See here for [interview](#), where she is not challenged, and here for [her report from 2024](#). This is very important since these allegations continue to circulate, providing justification for Israeli retribution. The evidence cited has been challenged, see here for [Grayzone articles](#) and here for [Electronic Intifada](#). She makes no mention of the evidence that the IDF were directed to fire on their own citizens to prevent their capture. She has been [criticised for](#) her failure to speak out forcefully enough against the treatment by Israel of Palestinian detainees. [See here for letter](#). Meanwhile, there is a mountain of evidence regarding the torture and rape of Palestinians in detention, and of [sexual violence against Palestinian women](#). [Edwards is speaking out](#) – but maybe not loudly enough.

- Demonstrations in Israel. There is some evidence that Israelis are beginning to recognise what is happening in Palestine. For the first time, we see Israelis [hold up pictures of Palestinian children](#) at the large demonstration last weekend. A recent survey showed that [nearly 40% of Israelis opposed resumption of "war" on Gaza](#), just before bombardments recommenced; it's still a minority, but a major increase on previous figures. More and more people are potentially refusing to fight. It feels like a bit of a sea change.....

SHARE

- Sharen Green told us about the work she and Nick Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, did to try to get a motion passed at the Diocesan Synod. It's a very well-crafted motion focusing on positive action. It was blocked when one participant repeated misinformation about Hamas (difficult to rebut at the time) and a Jewish Christian member of the congregation spoke about feeling they had been kicked in the solar plexus. Nick withdrew the motion, and plans to hold several conversations before resubmitting. Have a look at Annex 2 for Nick's motion, which you might like to try out in your own faith setting, if relevant. More positively, one Palestine related motion has been accepted by the Ely diocese, and Carlisle has submitted another to the main synod meeting in July.
- **Pilgrimage for Palestine.** Poet Peter Oswald is walking from Bristol to London, and doing poetry readings each evening. [Details here](#) Peter set up [the HandsUP project](#) putting children in touch with each other and writing poetry. Books of children's poems are [available here](#). Moon Tell Me Truth is the one featured. You can hear a recording of the [Bradford on Avon event here](#)
- Pat Bryden told us about a [wonderful exhibition of children's art](#) now viewing in Edinburgh – could possibly tour, so investigate this. **Of 36 young artists, 22 are now dead.**

Up and coming

CAMPAIN will hold its AGM at 7 pm on Thursday 27th. To join CAMPAIN see here:

<https://www.campaign.org/join-us>. Please attend if you are able.

More actions and petitions in [Annex 3](#).

Britain-Palestine Project (renamed Balfour Project)

<https://balfourproject.org/future-events/>

Annex 1

Since Daniel Day's arrest, midnight 8th March, he has been held at Wormwood Scrubs. After attending court on Monday 17th March he was denied bail. He is currently classified as a 'high escape risk'. He has not been allowed clothes apart from underwear while in his cell. His dietary requirements are not being met, resulting in a 22 hour period without food. Dan has not been allowed to make any calls. Send a card or letter to Dan.

NB [here is advice on writing and on gifts](#). obtaining prisoner numbers which is the fastest way of reaching him requires going through gov.uk, and you need the prisoner's permission to do so. Put your name and address and FRIEND on the back of the envelope, address to him at HMP Wormwood Scrubs P.O. Box 757. Du Cane Road London W12 0AE.

Draft text to governor, Amy Frost. Write to amy.frost@justice.gov.uk .

I am writing to you with concern that the prison you run may be falling short of providing an inmate with his human rights afforded to him under British law. The inmate in question is Daniel Day, and there are several points of legal concern that I will now raise.

- 1. It has been reported that Daniel is not being allowed to wear clothing other than his underpants. This seems at best, highly unethical.*
- 2. It has further been reported that Daniel's dietary requirements are being ignored and he was not given food for 22 hours which directly violates Prison Rule 24 which states that prisoners must be provided with three meals a day. You do not have any legal right to deny food to a prisoner.*
- 3. Also reported was that Daniel was denied access to a nurse, once again this is in violation of his rights. As per the Prison Guide: "In the UK, prisoners have the right to receive healthcare services equivalent to those available in the community."*

I look forward to hearing from you with your interpretation as to the rights of prisoners within your establishment - I'm sure that you will be keen to ensure that Daniel's rights as a prisoner are being upheld and that your institution is not punishing him and revoking his rights for political reasons.

Annex 2. Nick's motion to diocesan synod

Motion to Salisbury Diocesan Synod 15 March 2025

The Dean to move that:

In the light of the long-running conflict in Israel/Palestine, and in the immediate context of the need to restore Gaza after its devastating loss of life and the destruction of its infrastructure, this Synod invites the people of our Diocese to commit to four dimensions of engagement:

- Prayer: to pray regularly for all the peoples of Israel and Palestine: for Christians, Muslims and Jews, that they will find a pathway to lasting peace with justice.
 - Presence: to strengthen the presence of the Christian community in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel by supporting the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and organizations which seek to counter the harmful effects of Israel's occupation, and which seek to build a future founded on the equality of all people living in these lands.*
 - Pilgrimage: at the earliest opportunity, to return to pilgrimage in the Land of the Holy One, to give financial and moral support to local people. The Christian community is especially dependent on the pilgrim and tourist economy and has suffered terribly since the beginning of the war in 2023. Pilgrimage must engage not only with the holy sites but with the peoples of Palestine and Israel, to learn of the contemporary realities of their lives, and to show solidarity with the indigenous Christian community.
 - Persuasion: to learn as much as possible about the long-running Israel/Palestine conflict and its present reality, in order to offer informed and effective persuasion of UK politicians and other decision makers. The goal must be to ensure that the UK, which has a long history of involvement in Israel/Palestine, plays its vital part in addressing the underlying root causes of the conflict and promotes the justified aspirations of Palestinian people, which have been tragically overlooked, to enable everyone to live together in freedom and equality with security. In this work of advocacy, it is vital that Christians avoid the words and works of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia so that what we advocate is exemplified in the way we advocate.
- Nicholas Papadopoulos January 2025*

Annex 3: other campaigns and petitions

Don't Buy Apartheid launched Wednesday March 19th 6pm, new campaign from PSC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyZ5DPLWdyQ>

Petitions and letters

- ❖ **UK lawyers for Israel represent a group of lawyers with dark intentions.** Through legal threats and harassment they seek to destroy the lives of professionals who speak up against the horrifying actions of Israel against the people of Palestine. They use vexatious accusations to accuse people of Anti-Semitism and then boast on their website their achievements of triggering suspensions and dismissals. They must be investigated. More information and petition [here](#).
- ❖ **Stop the use of counter-terrorism powers against pro-Palestine activists.** Sign petition [here](#)
- ❖ **Tell David Lammy - Demand Israel abide by the Ceasefire agreement**
Israel has reimposed a blockade on Gaza. The government must push Israel to abide by the ceasefire agreement, lift the siege on Gaza, and end its attacks on Palestinians. Write [here](#)
- ❖ **Stop DSEI Arms Fair.** In September 2025, DSEI, one of the world's largest arms fairs, is scheduled to return to London. At DSEI, deadly weapons and military technology will be marketed to representatives of human rights abusing states, including genocidal Israel. Email London Mayor Sadiq Khan to ask him to take concrete steps to stop the arms fair from returning next year. [Here](#)
- ❖ **Stop sending F35 parts to Israel** [Sign petition](#)
- ❖ **Barclays has acquired ownership of Tesco Bank. This means that Barclays is now operating under the Tesco Bank name and brand.**
As part of PSC's call to boycott Barclays because of its grave complicity in Israel's atrocities against Palestinians, we are now calling on all **Tesco Bank customers to shut their accounts. If you're a Tesco Bank (or Barclays) customer, pledge to close your account on our next mass account closure day 22 May. More details [here](#)**
- ❖ **Almost 70% of the Palestinian people Israel has killed in the Gaza Strip are women and children, says the UN, which looked at over 8,000 deaths between November 2023-April 2024.** Israel is now blocking aid to Palestinians still in Gaza – aid is currently at its lowest level in a year, according to the UN. Famine is imminent. **This is genocide.** Tell the UK Foreign Secretary, David Lammy, to hold Israel to account. **Sign the petition [here](#)**