

JUST REPORT JULY 28th 2025

Quote of the week [Nesrine Malik](#) in The Guardian – an opinion piece that surely speaks to our condition.. *“All that is not action is noise”*

WITNESS

Israel [continues to kill with impunity, including those seeking aid](#) in so-called safe zones and corridors

We held in mind the 88 children who have starved to death this month, naming baby [Mohammed Ibrahim Adas](#). And baby girl five-month-old [Zainab Abu Haleeb](#). They all have names. They are all loved.

The “pause” may be only for a week or so, [reports UN Chief](#)

Reported deaths and injuries

Daily count ([datatechforpalestine](#))– 792 killed 22-27th (AIJ) = 847; 2,716 injured. Further information on numbers and context at [Gaza unlocked](#)

Report on the cost of genocide [here](#)

LEARN

HIRN – Ali Morgan reported first hand on the work of the [Hebron International Resource Network](#). This is a small organisation with no bureaucracy run by “Hamed Tamimi”¹ who are immensely effective at building, rebuilding and resistance. It was heartening to see photos of the work which is so positive and life affirming. You can donate via the Amos Trust. Hamed will be touring the UK in October – contact Ali for more information (email actionhourcampaign@gmail.com with HIRN tour in subject line, and I will forward). Donate via the Amos Trust link, above.

Ali has also sent a report on the recent shooting in the South Hebron Hills – see **Annex 1**.

Palantir update. Palantir is the software company to which the UK Labour Government awarded the NHS contract to develop a Federated Data Platform to digitise and share all our medical histories. Peter Thiel, the founder, is a dedicated foe of public health – “the NHS makes people sick” he said. Wes Streeting made adoption of the FDP mandatory for all trusts in 2024. In brief, Palantir is the software used by Israel to target Palestinians; it is also used for surveillance in immigration and undercover policing, in the US and UK.

[The BMA has just voted to reject the contract](#), but all the 40+ Integrated Care Boards in the UK are signed up. Of the 215 NHS trusts. 72 have adopted the platform. 130 have signed up. Unethical, inefficient and untrustworthy – our data will be sold to the highest bidders (insurance companies for example) as Palantir have given no guarantees of confidentiality.

This must be resisted at all costs. Healthworkers for Palestine are co-ordinating opposition through Medact – see [here](#) for information and local groups; [here for toolkit](#) and to see which trusts have signed up. Opposition by patients is via Just Treatment [here](#). See also Nicola’s [powerpoint from 2024](#) on the background and **Annex 2**. If you want to witness evil personified², see Alex Karp CEO speech to Palantir shareholders [here](#). Actions below.

¹ His real name is never used for obvious reasons

² IMHO... note that Palantir is the surveillance tool of Sauron and Saruman in Lord of the Rings. Clearly Karp’s role models.

Ban on protests update. It is still unclear what it is possible to print about opposing this legislation. Defend our Juries run [briefing sessions](#) on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at 6.30 which are well worth attending. A decision regarding judicial review is expected this Thursday. Campaigning against prohibition is lawful. **A mass action is planned on 9th August and apparently the target of 500 volunteers has already been reached.** See [Annex 3](#) for more background.

Handala humanitarian yacht for Gaza intercepted, [volunteers detained](#) and on hunger strike.

ACT

- Edinburgh University is considering striking out its previous adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism, which as we know, conflates antisemitism and anti-Zionism, and is used to suppress criticism of the state of Israel. Pro-Israeli Jewish groups in the UK are already [lobbying for its retention](#). Write to the Principal principal@ed.ac.uk, stating why you support the move – see the letter sent by CAMPAIN in [Annex 4](#).
- Palantir action
 - i) Sign [petition from Just Treatment](#) (**only 2 weeks left for this, urgent**). Another [petition here](#) – the more the merrier.
 - ii) Check if your health trust has signed up – use the website to [write to trusts to protest](#), template [here](#)
- BDS petition: Boycott clothing shop ZARA: Dressing Up Apartheid and Genocide – sign [here](#).

SHARE

- Very useful resources from the [Palestine Trauma Project](#) whom we heard about a few weeks ago. Free course on [teaching English to refugees](#); Information on trauma informed approaches... [see here](#)
- Raising funds for Gaza, new initiative of [volunteer fasting](#) here.

Small wins and a couple of big wins

- Dutch government [declares Israel a security threat](#) – partly due to Maccabi fans misreporting...as highlighted in our very first JUST meeting!
- UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk says UK ban on Palestine Action [is a violation of international law](#).
- Israeli UK citizens [petition](#) for action from our government
- [Joint statement](#) from EU and British government on ending the war³
- Israeli organisations B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights [acknowledge genocide](#); two hard hitting reports. Leading Israeli figures [call for sanctions](#).
- Another [UN conference on the 2 state solution](#) – boycotted by US and Israel.

Up and coming

Defend our Juries [briefing sessions](#) about the protest ban and relevant actions on Tuesdays and Thursdays (29th July, 31st July)

Thursday 31st till Sunday 3rd July [Green Gathering Chepstow](#), lots on Palestine including Lowkey.

³ Repeat after me “all that is not action is noise”

Friday 1st August, Friday 8th August Stop Starving Gaza: [Pots and Pans protest](#) – if you haven't got a local group why not start one!!

Sunday August 3rd Mendip Friends of Palestine [Open Garden for Gaza](#) Pilton, Glastonbury 2-5pm

30th July – 25th August, Pleasance Theatre Edinburgh. [The Horse of Jenin](#) - written and performed by Palestinian comedian and actor, **Alaa Shehada**. Blending storytelling, mask and stand-up, the show follows the life of a boy growing up in Jenin, Occupied Palestine.

Annex 1: Israeli Settlers Shoot Awda Hathaleen Dead and Injure Another Palestinian in Masafer Yatta

Note: Ali Morgan's account is about settler violence in the village of Umm al Khair in the Masafa Yatta, South Hebron Hills, a village where HIRN does a lot of work. It's also the village that Ann Davison and Ali got a £15k Quaker Relief grant for HIRN to fund school transport for girls and kindergarten children. They suffer constant settler violence. An elderly man was killed there a couple of years ago.

Armed Israeli settlers attacked the village of Umm al-Khair in Masafar Yatta in the south of the West Bank earlier today, killing Awda Hathaleen, 31, in cold blood, injuring another, and causing damage to infrastructure and private land.

Yinon Levy, a notorious violent settler who was previously under US sanctions and is still under sanctions by the UK, France, Canada and several other countries was filmed on location waving hand gun at resident and opening fire. Awda was shot in the chest, causing him critical injuries, and was evacuated to the Soroka hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Another resident, Ahmad Hathaleen was injured in the head from a bulldozer blade and evacuated to the hospital in Yatta.

An American medical student who was present at the scene attempted to give Awda initial first aid, but could not save his life. He said Awda was unconscious, suffering two penetrating wounds to the chest and had lost pulse as he gave him CPR.

The incident took place during a violent and armed settler attack, in the midst of an invasion into the village, and as settlers were razing village land with heavy machinery.

Settlers used a bulldozer to raze infrastructure in privately owned land at the edge of the village when residents came out to try and prevent the destruction. The bulldozer driver then lifted the blade while advancing forward, hitting Ahmad Hathaleen in the head with it, causing him critical injuries.

Following the incident, Israeli military forces went on to invade the village, arresting at least seven Palestinians and two foreign nationals, one American and one Italian. Currently there have not been any known arrests of Israeli settlers.

Annex 2. BMA on Palantir

1. **Palantir are an unacceptable partner** – The NHS cannot partner with a company complicit in genocide and multiple human rights abuses. Palantir's AI will benefit significantly from

this contract, which could potentially lead to NHS health data being used to improve and strengthen technology that is used for human rights abuses and war crimes.

2. **The FDP, especially with Palantir leading, will damage patient trust in health data and furthers capacity for state surveillance** – The FDP hugely expands capacity for state and corporate surveillance of health data, and there is no patient opt out. This is exacerbated by the company running it being Palantir, known for human rights abuses and state surveillance, which stands to benefit significantly from this contract. This will lead to a lack of patient trust in the FDP and other health data systems, with known negative impacts on care.
3. **The contract with Palantir futhers the outsourcing, privatisation and asset stripping of the NHS** – This contract enables a private corporation to become embedded and essential to the functioning of health data systems. The money spent on the contract would be better spent developing trusted and effective internal publicly-run data systems.

Key demands for NHS England

- **Cancel the contract with Palantir**
- **End the outsourcing, privatisation and asset stripping of the NHS**
- **End all contracts with companies complicit in the Israeli occupation**

Additional demands for trusts and hospitals

- Do not implement the FDP locally and/or pause any existing rollout plans
- Raise these concerns nationally and oppose the enforced rollout on all trusts
- Publicly and clearly communicate the trust's position on the FDP
- Explain whether – and how – patients can opt out of including our data in the FDP

Annex 3: on the proscription of Palestine Action

The proscription of Palestine Action under terrorist legislation has already created a climate of fear and chilled the atmosphere for discussion of Palestinian rights in the UK. This was brilliantly expressed in [by Charlotte Church in article in Novara Media](#), when she said that:

No official guidance was provided to the media about the implications of the new law, and no journalistic exemption was written into it. Legal experts have struggled to understand how it is likely to be applied and often can't give clear advice, except to exercise extreme caution. In many cases, extreme caution looks like not reporting things at all.

Charlotte goes on to say that:

...it's difficult not to worry that a counter-terrorism investigation could be launched on scarce grounds, severely impeding our operations or even shutting us down by confiscating our work devices and intimidating our journalists, irrespective of whether any actual charges could be brought against us. The application of the law in the past has demonstrably been 'raid now, justify later'.

The likelihood of being prosecuted might be relatively small. But the penalty for breaking the law is not. And by that she means up to 14 years in prison and possible deactivation of Novara Media's platforms.

This is occurring while their journalists should be focused on

exposing how a population is being slowly and deliberately starved to death in Gaza. More information here on the background by [Declassified](#).

One of the factors increasing the risks is the inconsistent way in which police forces around the country have been enforcing the proscription, with much attention drawn to the Kent police's [threatening treatment](#) of a local woman, Laura Murton, protesting for Palestine without displaying anything related to Palestine Action. On the other hand, eight sign holders in Totnes ([including](#) George Monbiot) and three in Edinburgh, on Saturday 26 July, displayed placards in favour of Palestine Action without being arrested.

Volker Türk, the UN Human Rights Chief [has heavily criticised the proscription](#), saying that this situation:

raises serious concerns that counter-terrorism laws are being applied to conduct that is not terrorist in nature and risks hindering the legitimate exercise of fundamental freedoms across the UK.

On Monday 21st the High Court held a hearing for the case for a judicial review the results of which are so far inclusive, though Justice Chamberlain says he will issue his ruling as to whether the review will go ahead next Wednesday 30th July. It remains to be seen if he will lift the proscription pending the review.

In the meantime, over 300 people working mainly under the auspices of Defend our Juries have taken part [in public events where they hold placards](#) expressing their opposition to genocide and support for Palestine Action. Most have so far succeeded in getting themselves arrested but let out on bail.

The police will face a far more serious challenge on August 9th when upwards of 500 people [plan to do this simultaneously in London](#). The logic of this *Spartacus* approach is that the police and the Home Office may not wish risk arresting thousands of peaceful and elderly (not to say geriatric) people, on grounds of terrorism. Notwithstanding the Home Secretary's determination, the absurdity of an action that bungs up our systems of law enforcement, and detracts resources from combatting crime, is likely to become all too apparent.

Given the law as it stands and the risks involved, we cannot advise people what to do. However, we have shared some relevant facts and insights.

Now about Richard Sanders' video:

If you have not already seen it we strongly recommend watching Richard Sanders' video on [How Labour Antisemitism Hoax Paved Way for Genocide](#). Sanders is a leading journalist covering Israel/Palestine and meticulously chronicled an Orwellian smear campaign against Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters in the Al Jazeera documentary [The Labour Files](#) broadcast in 2022. Sanders' latest video adds further valuable information and shows how the defamation of the Corbynites paved the way for the current atrocities. Most of all, it gives the lie to the idea that Britain has been a powerless marginal player with little influence over the course of events in the Middle East.

Annex 4: Letter to Principal of Edinburgh University from CAMPAIN

Note these points, compose your own.

To Sir Peter Mathieson Principal of Edinburgh University: principal@ed.ac.uk

I understand Edinburgh University is seriously considering divesting from Israel and un-adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism.

I am writing on behalf of CAMPAIGN, a non-partisan group that pushes back against false narratives in UK public domain. We have made many representations against the IHRA; we consider it a manipulative device that seeks to outlaw legitimate criticism of Israel and its founding doctrine.

Since 2016, many institutions have adopted the IHRA but they are now having second thoughts, prompted by Israel's mass murder and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their ancestral home. I personally have co-authored [a lengthy critique of the definition](#) in the journal of moral philosophy, ResPublica – see [HERE](#).

In [this brilliant video](#), journalist Richard Sanders shows how the concept of antisemitism was used to undermine Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters, of which a disproportionate number are in fact Jews. Whatever Corbyn's qualities as a prospective Prime Minister, he remains the only PM candidate to ever seek a fair deal for the Palestinians. We strongly recommend you drop the IHRA definition, which has assisted in muting dissent at a time when Israel has implemented its horrific plan.
