

JUST.. REPORT February 10, 2025

WITNESS

We held in our minds Eli Sharabi released Israeli hostage, who spoke in ignorance of looking forward to being reunited with his wife and daughters, killed on 7/10 in Kibbutz Be'eri. And [Mohammed](#), an autistic Palestinian 4 year old who was so attached to his apple that he held onto it for months as it withered away- but held it out to his sister as bombs fell "Yasmin..you eat".



LEARN

Ceasefire threatened. We note that the mainstream media presents the threat as coming from Hamas who have suspended hostage exchanges – a direct response to the constant ceasefire violations by Israel – over 100 Palestinians killed since it started; limited aid allowed through and inadequate tents. Novara. [Novara Live](#) was very good on this, do watch. [Balfour Project](#) excellent for updates.

We reviewed some of our key actions to date

- [Criminalisation of protest](#) – is becoming an increasingly serious threat to civil liberties.
- Update on Palantir – the software programme running the Israeli military and surveillance which the NHS is mandated to use for storing and managing health data – that's yours and mine. [Watch the contractor](#) glorying in the numbers they have killed in defence of the West. For more details see the **JUST report from 16/12/24**. We will pick this up again when I have done more digging to discover what actions will be most effective

ACT

- [TUC Day of action at work Thursday 13th February](#). Alert colleagues, post messages with yourself with the logo (see [Annex 1](#)).
- Be on the streets on Saturday to demonstrate the importance of protest – a plea from Ben Jamal, PSC. [National demo](#), local or at least write to your MP (see [Annex 2](#) for arguments you can use).

SHARE

We heard about a wonderful poetry event run by Emma in York (more details to come). Sue read one of the poems written every day of the genocide by Khowla Badwan, *Keep Telling of Gaza* available [here](#) or [here](#)

NEXT WEEK

Update from General Synod of the Church of England; How MPs try to ask questions; Art installation prefigures Trump's dream scenario. (note, content changes depending on the news; do send suggestions)

ANNEX 1

Write to MP. We realise that long emails don't get much response. Thanks to Dan for suggestion:-
I ask you to please do the following Evidence can be put below. That way you can send 30 a day!



Discuss with colleagues in your branch what kind of action is best suited to your workplace and its circumstances.

Take action in your own workplace and ensure **all** workers are treated respectfully.

Some options are:

- Take a photo with [Recognise the State of Palestine](#) message and share personal statements of solidarity. These could be combined into a collage or video montage for social media.
 - Lunch-and-Learn Sessions: Organise workplace discussions or virtual lunch-and-learn sessions about Palestine.
- [Email your MP](#) in support of the trade union movement's calls on the UK government to:
 - work with the international community to ensure unhindered access to aid, and continued support for UNRWA to provide humanitarian support
 - immediately recognise the State of Palestine
 - ban the trade in goods from the illegal settlements.

Annex 2 Another action for this week

The BBC (**again** www.bbc.co.uk/complaints). See here for [last weekend news](#) about how emaciated the Israeli hostages are with no mention of the condition of Palestinians on release. Laura Kuenssberg interviews Herzog who denies everything, and she does not provide the killer evidence from [Sde Teiman and other detention centres](#). Again, watch [Novara Live](#) for a good discussion and the LK interview. Also, draw on Miranda's email below (thanks Miranda).

At 7am, the news summary spoke of the condition of the Israeli hostages as well as Netanyahu's response. It made no mention of the condition of the Palestinian prisoners at all who were not held in a war zone, not held where there were terrible food shortages, lack of medical care and under Israeli bombardment and therefore with no context to the imprisonment of either the Israeli nor the Palestinian prisoners. Why are Netanyahu's views important, unless the news spells out that his criticism will translate to more Palestinian collective punishment?

The Sunday programme went into much more detail about an Israeli hostage on the same lines. In much longer news reports on BBC TV and radio, it was mentioned that many of the Palestinian prisoners were held with no charge or trial, so tantamount to hostages. They mentioned the terrible state of many of them and the fact that 7 had to be immediately taken to hospital. It is known that Israeli routinely abuses, starves, tortures and denies medical attention to Palestinian prisoners whether charged with crimes or not. Such treatment has been the norm since well before 7th October, but has since been much worse. Many more Palestinians are taken hostage continually than are released and there is no mention of the many Palestinians who die in Israeli detention due to the treatment.' In so many cases the BBC places much more importance on the lives and health of Israelis than of Palestinians. There are good exceptions, but mostly that is the norm.

thanks to all for your support Nicola