

## JUST REPORT JUNE 23, 2025

### WITNESS

**PALESTINE ONLINE** 🇵🇸 @OnlinePa... · 19/12/24  
Dr. Hani Al-Haitham, renowned as one of the finest physicians and the head of Shifa Hospital's emergency department, met his tragic end at the hands of the Israel. #GazaGenocide

**Drop Site** 🇵🇸 @DropSiteNews · 08/12/2024  
Israel has bombed and killed Dr. Nasif Abu Alamrin, a **doctor** at Kamal Adwan Hospital, along with his wife and children, at their home near the hospital in northern Gaza.



We held in silent witness all 1,400 and more medical workers killed in Palestine, as reported [here](#)

### Updates

The figures on [Gaza Unlocked](#) suggest that more than 400 people were killed and many more injured 14-20<sup>th</sup> June. Further information from Al Jazeera including the targeting of famished people seeking food [here](#), and as usual [Skwawkbox](#) insists we witness the full horror of what is happening.

### LEARN

We considered not only the killing of medics and the targeting of hospitals in Palestine and elsewhere, but also the silencing of healthworkers in the UK.

- In December 2024, UK Health Secretary Wes Streeting [called on regulators](#) to root out healthcare professionals who criticize Israel's genocide in Gaza, joining various anti-Palestinian political groups in the UK – such as UK Lawyers for Israel – who have been feeding information to the government in order to target specific doctors over their criticism of Israel.
- Dr. Nadeem Haddadin-Crowe is a British-Jordanian doctor specializing in emergency medicine who previously worked as a contracted (“bank”) worker in an NHS hospital, but was suspended due to his social media posts about Gaza. He is currently [fundraising](#) for his legal case over his employment, as well as to clarify employment rights for NHS contract workers in England and advocate for the right to speak out against war crimes
- Ahmed Baker, a British Palestinian nurse, is [taking legal action](#) after managers insisted he remove a watermelon image from his social media.
- Mariam Karimi (JUST June 9<sup>th</sup>) shared this helpful [guide for healthworkers](#) – do send out to others.
- Meanwhile the BBC has decided [not to show a](#) powerful documentary about the experience of Palestine medical workers, because of “impartiality” concerns. This is an ugly contrast with their [failure to disclose](#) that a counter-terrorism expert, wheeled on to justify Israel's attack on Iran, is a director and trustee of a charity that raises money for the IDF.

Turning to **Iran-Israel conflict**, Israel has suddenly discovered that bombing hospitals is a war crime <sup>1</sup>. Claims that the Soraka Medical Centre was a direct target appear to be untrue: the building was damaged by a shockwave because of the proximity of a military command centre in Beersheba. See [here](#)

<sup>1</sup> Oh, wait... only if it is an Israeli hospital, all others are military targets

It is very difficult to know what is happening in this war, but the following are worth a read: TRT world [here](#), suggests the US informed Israel before attacking the nuclear sites. Orly Nov [here](#) Richard Medhurst on Iran's nuclear programme [here](#) and statement from Iran Trade Unions (very moving) [here](#).

**Palestine Action.** Yvette Cooper has announced the move to ban PA, classifying it as a terrorist organisation. Helpful articles with arguments against this – JVL [here](#) in the Guardian [here](#) and [here](#), [Middle East Eye](#) and especially Sally Rooney [here](#). If this goes through, words of support will be regarded as criminal actions with a potential sentence of up to 14 years. This is a Spartacus moment<sup>2</sup> see [actions](#) below. Failure to stop this will have a very serious impact on civil liberties. Note we cannot be retrospectively prosecuted for joining PA UNTIL it is banned (legality unlike the Labour Party national executive<sup>3</sup>...) once banned we can (in principle) campaign to repeal.

## ACT

- [Write to the General Medical Council](#) to demand they: **Protect** doctors who speak out against mass human rights violations; **Prevent** misuse of complaints to silence moral or political expression, and; **Investigate** possible complicity by UK-registered doctors in violations of international law
- BBC. [Complain to the BBC](#) about the lack of impartiality, and bias against reporting the facts from Palestine (see above links). Read Jonathan's excellent report on the launch of the Campaign for Media Monitoring report on the BBC [here](#).
- PALESTINE ACTION ban: Sign petition [here](#); Use their briefing and template to write to your MP [here](#); Join [here](#) – note there are many ways of supporting that do NOT involve direct action. Address for writing to prisoners here [palactprisoners@protonmail.com](mailto:palactprisoners@protonmail.com). Elbit 18 go to court next Monday.
- Various petitions to sign against Iran war [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)
- **Stop press**, I have added this action because of the unbelievable brutality of the German government in [refusing to allow a baby into the country](#) because **he** (yes you are right, the baby) is deemed a security threat. Complain to the German embassy. Telephone 0207824 1300; contact your local honorary consul, see list [here](#).

## SHARE

June 21<sup>st</sup> March – 350,000 of us in London in extreme heat. 60 Quakers publicly demonstrated with a Quaker banner.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> [Protest against the PA ban in Trafalgar Square](#) – Diana and Jonathan were there and reported chaotic scenes; the police were heavy handed and some reports suggest racial targeting in the arrests. See this excellent [DoubleDown report](#).

We discussed letters in the Quaker magazine [the Friend](#), that oppose last month's British Yearly Meeting discernment that [genocide is taking place in Gaza](#). See Annex 1 for the text of these. The magazine is influential for Quakers across the country – we are not expecting to change the minds of the writers, but to inform the readers. Thanks to all who contributed. Nicola is collating and liaising with Quaker Palestine Action members and will share next week.

[Sole Survivors](#) is an incredibly moving series of films about individuals. Watch Rawan's story. Produced by The [Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy](#), which provides brilliant information to which you can subscribe

Palestine museum in Edinburgh, see [here](#). Uplifting new Palestinian poet-led group here, called Karamah, (dignity) launched yesterday in the Palestine museum, to keep culture going with Palestinian young people here, with drama, music, poetry and a performance on Human Rights Day, as part of [Arts 27](#). Take a look people, very inspiring and hopeful.

2 important articles from JVL Ilon Pappé [here](#), and Sarjevo declaration, [here](#)

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<sup>2</sup> Gird your loins by watching [this terrific scene...](#). Cheer yourselves up watching the [Life of Brian](#) timeless parody; inform yourselves of the REAL STORY from the 17thc at [Fuente Ovejuna](#)

<sup>3</sup> The NEC introduced retrospective expulsion for LP members who had attended meetings of Labour Against the Witchhunt BEFORE the organisation was banned... NG was one of them

## Small wins and inspirations

- Shipping company Maersk [disinvests](#) from companies linked to settlements
- Mahmoud Khalili is [released](#), united with his wife and baby son, and vows to go on campaigning for the right to speak out in the US.
- Gazans are incredibly versatile, resilient and imaginative.. here is an article about how they are turning [waste plastic into fuel](#).

## Up and coming

### JUNE

June 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm [Palestine Book Club](#) poetry workshop FREE online see [here](#) for information and [here](#) to register

June 26<sup>th</sup> UNWRA representative speaking to Scottish Parliament

June 26<sup>th</sup> Palestine Book Club 6.30pm Hear about participants' experience on the Global March to Gaza, online, email for info BCOP <[bcop0081@gmail.com](mailto:bcop0081@gmail.com)>

June 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30 talk [by Ilan Pappé Marsh House, Bramingham Rd, Luton LU3 2SR](#)

Nb this link gives all upcoming Palestine Solidarity Campaign events.

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1st July. Support Filton 18 in their court case at **Kingston Crown Court**. Details [here](#).

June 30 – July 13<sup>th</sup> [Avi Shlaim](#), wife Gwyn and others are organising symbolic fast for Gaza outside Parliament 9-7pm **every day for 2 weeks**. 4 volunteers at a time. See Annex 2 for details, email [gwynfast4gaza@gmail.com](mailto:gwynfast4gaza@gmail.com)

### JULY

Big Ride for Palestine register here [Amos Trust](#)

1-5th July P21 Gallery London is featuring the amazing [Villa in the Jungle installation](#) that we looked at last year. Visit!

6th July (5.45) 6pm to 7.30 pm WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OPPOSE “NORMALISATION” IN ISRAEL AND THE UK? A JVL FORUM members only. To register for this event please fill out the form linked [here](#).

9th July [Hastings exhibition](#) of poetry and art by Palestinian children.

11th July 6.30 London, fundraiser for Gaza mothers [Children Not Numbers](#)

## Annex 1 Letters to The Friend

### Still learning

At Yearly Meeting this year, I felt that the focused, calm clarity of our clerks, and the discipline of everyone present in the room and online, was wonderful. Nevertheless, I feel driven to express my reservations about our public statement on Gaza.

I used to lecture on the development of international law during the 1946 Nuremberg trials, including the controversy about the introduction of the crime of genocide. I was unaware until now that this seems not to be generally known, and I regret not having been able to share my knowledge about this in a timely way.

There were extremely strong arguments in 1946 against including a specific crime of genocide in international law. As Philippe Sands explains in his book *East-West Street*, proving an intent to destroy a group of people 'enhances the sense of solidarity among the members of the victim group while reinforcing negative feelings against the perpetrator group... [It] tends to heighten a sense of "them" and "us"... By pitting one group against another, it makes reconciliation less likely.' It was predicted then that making genocide a crime could encourage what it was meant to deter. That prediction would seem to have come true in the Middle East. By using the word 'genocide' in our public statement, therefore, I believe we may have made peace harder to achieve, both there and in our overlapping communities in this country. If we had instead written in our public statement about 'crimes against humanity' (which includes indiscriminate attacks against civilians, murder, forced deportation and torture), we might have encouraged dialogue and reconciliation. The term, 'crimes against humanity', unites rather than divides people. It reinforces the sense of a shared human nature: everyone involved in the conflict is a human being, and so are all the people working for peace. We may have missed an opportunity to follow a pathway that could bring peace closer. But I know we will all go on learning about, and working towards, peace in whatever way we can, and I do absolutely trust in that. *Kate Green 13<sup>th</sup> June*

Yearly Meeting's Minute 30 states the belief that Israel's action in Gaza amounts to genocide. The public statement released later by Britain Yearly Meeting defines genocide thus: 'specific acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. Genocide does not constitute one overwhelming, horrific act only, but is a process with many stages.' I share the belief that Israel's actions amount to genocide. But I am not clear why Yearly Meeting has not said, based on the above definition, that we also believe the actions of Hamas amount to genocide. Hamas is committed to the destruction of Israel. Surely the massacre of 1,200 Israelis on 7 October 2023, alongside widespread sexual abuse, amounted to an attempt to destroy, in part, the state of Israel. The view could be taken that there is no comparison between the actions of Hamas and Israel due to the larger numbers of civilians killed and displaced by the latter. But the definition by which Yearly Meeting has judged Israel's actions states that there does not have to be one overwhelming horrific act for genocide to have occurred. Nor does it state that the numbers killed are critical in establishing a finding of genocide. The issue is whether specific acts have been committed with 'intent to destroy in whole or in part a national group'. I feel that the actions of Hamas on 7 October amounted to genocide, according to the criteria by which Yearly Meeting has rightly judged the actions of Israel. *Richard Pashley 13<sup>th</sup> June*

### **Sharing moral outrage**

The recent Yearly Meeting minute on Gaza – along with wider statements and coverage in *the Friend* – has prompted me to write with concern about what appears to be a disproportionate focus within Britain Yearly Meeting on the Israel-Gaza conflict.

This conflict is undoubtedly tragic, and worthy of moral attention, and bearing witness. But it is only one of many devastating global crises. Consider Russia's war on Ukraine, where estimates suggest over a million soldiers have been killed or injured on both sides, and at least 13,000 civilians confirmed dead. Then there is: Sudan's civil war (60,000-130,000 deaths since 2023); the Ethiopia-Tigray People's Liberation Front conflict; the international coalition's military intervention in Yemen, which has caused one of the worst humanitarian disasters of recent times, resulting in widespread famine, disease outbreaks, and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians; Syria's civil war; Myanmar's campaigns against ethnic minorities; the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh; Libya's internal collapse; Cameroon's separatist unrest; jihadist violence in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger; armed group clashes in Colombia; political repression in Venezuela and Burundi; Bangladesh's violent crackdown on student protesters under former prime minister Sheikh Hasina; and the cross-border atrocities of the Lord's Resistance Army, responsible for an estimated 100,000 deaths, more than 20,000 child abductions, and the displacement of over 1.5 million people across Uganda, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Central African Republic.

All of these conflicts involve widespread suffering, displacement, and grave human rights abuses. Yet many receive little to no mention in Quaker discourse or publications. This raises difficult but important questions: Why does one conflict so often command the lion's share of our moral outrage? Is our attention being guided by consistent principles, or does it sometimes reflect selective focus or implicit bias?

We live in a violent and fractured world. Our role as Quakers is not to amplify one tragedy while ignoring others, but to bear faithful and courageous witness to suffering wherever it occurs. Let our testimonies be rooted in equality, truth, and peace, not in partiality.

To speak truth to power with integrity, we must be willing to look beyond the headlines and extend our compassion impartially, holding all people and all suffering in the Light.

*Richard Romm*

## Annex 2. Fast for Gaza details



### **FAST FOR GAZA** **Commencing 30/6/2025** **Parliament Square, London**

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Palestinians in Gaza are being deliberately starved. When they try to obtain food they are being massacred. Israel is *deliberately* inflicting on Gaza “*conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part*” (Genocide Convention, Article II).

Our friends, families and colleagues in Gaza are not only profoundly suffering but they are also in despair at the indifference of those with the power to stop the slaughter.

Now, with Israel’s attack on Iran, the catastrophic situation in Gaza is hardly reported. Many citizens worldwide continue and will continue to protest but are also looking for new ways to register support for the starving people of Gaza.

We in the **UK Palestine Mental Health Network** together with allied solidarity groups will be holding a **Fast for Gaza** in front of Parliament every day for two weeks commencing **Monday, 30 June**.

We do this to protest the obscene and intolerable conditions forced upon our brothers and sisters in Gaza and to challenge the UK Government’s complicity.

This is modest, do-able public fast (water may be consumed) which will involve four people at a time fasting from 9am to 7pm each day.

It is a symbolic action, designed to be part of a mosaic of small solidarity actions which are happening worldwide to demonstrate that we will never abandon the people of Gaza.

We very much hope you will wish to dedicate one day of fasting to join us in this protest.

Please respond to this address [gwynfast4gaza@gmail.com](mailto:gwynfast4gaza@gmail.com) to register your interest and you will be sent further details and a document on which you can indicate the day/days on which you can join us.

In solidarity, UK Palestine Mental Health Network

