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WITNESS

Dr. Mustafa Naeem from northern Gaza recounts the story of this skeleton: "Today, the body of our neighbor was found - buried and decomposed. He had been wounded and was bleeding for three days during the last evacuation from northern Gaza. When he realized he would not survive and that no one could reach him, he covered himself with soil and buried himself while in prostration. Now, his bones have been found in the position of sujood. His body was found beside a tree he chose as his final resting place. He left a sign for his family - his ring tied above the soil with a thread and a small branch from the tree - so they could find him." Source [here](#) (for over 16s only). Thanks to Sue.

This month has been the deadliest in Gaza since the "ceasefire" began. [Please share this article](#) as widely as possible. [Children are losing the ability to speak](#). This matters a lot to me as a speech and language therapist.

A spike in **West Bank** settler attacks since the start of the Iran war has triggered an unusually large wave of condemnations from the Israeli right, including the chief of staff of the army, prominent right-wing commentators and journalists, and even far-right ministers. Yet as **Oren Ziv** argued, [these denunciations are a smokescreen](#): they aim to obscure the fact that settler violence is state policy.

Elections in West Bank and Gaza result in [sweep for supporter of Abbas](#), what a surprise? But amazing they managed to hold elections at all in Gaza!

LEARN

- What is going on in the Green party?? First Tony Greenstein, now Mark Adderley – and 21 others who were standing for council office, mainly black, brown, Muslim. We were fortunate to welcome Tony himself to explain the situation. The process has been opaque, and GP activists are feeling furious and betrayed, as of course is Tony himself. Tony explained that he joined the Greens as the only viable alternative to a genuine socialist party (snap). Nobody is clear about what is happening, least of all him. He appears to be on a fast-track process to expulsion. The only reason they have given is a *documented history of antisemitism, including court decisions and recent terrorism charges*. The antisemitism charge would appear to relate to his libel action against the Campaign Against Antisemitism under the Defamation Act of 2013. Tony lost this case on the basis that their belief was honestly held; to defend this he would have had to prove malice – a high legal bar. CAA then claim this proves he was antisemitic, which of course it does not.

Those of us who are GP members need to raise this in our local meetings as a matter of urgency. There is also a petition for GP members to sign [here](#). Carmela raised the suspension at a meeting in Camden with 100+ people last week. Read Tony's blogs (and donate if you can, [here](#)). Glynis in Australia has been reading this coverage – see [Kernow Damo](#). CAMPAIN has sent the GP a strongly-worded letter asking it to reconsider the proscription, and will shortly turn it into an Open Letter that you will be asked to sign. Priscilla urged us to give Your Party another go, saying that it is genuinely trying to sort out conflicts.

- *Hope not Hate*. Is this organisation as highminded as it would like you to believe? According to research by [Jody McIntyre](#), journalist, *they have no senior Black staff or representation They ignore racism in labour, apartheid and ethnic cleansing in Israel and genocide in Gaza. They're part funded by Israel lobby*. Some of their [notable trustees](#) are Israel sympathetic to put it mildly. They have been investigated by the Charity Commission for fraud (cleared). Jeffrey reminded us that they turn out at counter protests against Palestine marches. Jody's piece is in full in Annex 1 and suggests that Hope not Hate is closely enmeshed with the Israel lobby and the Labour Together faction of the Labour Party. Annex 1 also contains links to Tony Greenstein's blogs on Hope not Hate.
- The Filton 6 trial... what we need to know

Day-by-day coverage is available here from [ReelMedia](#). Two articles from [Electronic Intifada](#) and [Grayzone](#) explain the background. Blog from Tony [here](#). Zarah Sultana has invoked Parliamentary privilege to speak up about this (see the EI article).

David and Tony have been down to Woolwich Crown court. A large ring of police prevents anyone other than relatives from entering the public gallery. We all agreed this was appalling and wanted a mainstream journalist to take it up... still waiting. Meanwhile, [activists were arrested](#) (again) for holding placards

reminding the jury they can acquit on grounds of conscience, deemed lawful in 2024, but apparently the police don't know that.

The Government appeal against the ruling that the ban on PA was unlawful is being held Tues 28 and Wed 29th from 10am. You can watch proceedings live or recorded [here](#).

ACT

- Key action for elections. [Councillor Pledge for Palestine](#). This is something important we can all do. Check who in your area has signed the pledge and make sure (if elected) that they will keep their promise to disinvest (or try to). It would also be useful to reach out to your local party and ask those candidates who haven't signed the pledge yet to do so.
- An LNER guard has been sacked for saying Free Palestine outside of work. He is asking to be reinstated and maintains that other workers who have posted Islamophobic statements have not been penalised. Sign [the petition to reinstate him](#). NB LNER has responded with no comment to an FOI request, petition organisers are determining what to do next
- Tell Eurovision to exclude Israel. Petition [here](#)
- Protest against the [closure of the FCO unit](#) monitoring Israeli war crimes (ordered by the much-admired Olly Robbins, civil servant sacked by KS over the Mandelson vetting)
- Add your name to the CAMPAIN open letter to the Green Party that Jonathan will be circulating.

SHARE

Petition to Parliament to investigate Israeli influence on British politics [turned down](#) despite 114,000 signatures... We need to keep an eye on what is happening here.

St George was Palestinian... born in the Eastern Roman Empire to a Palestinian mother from Lydda — modern-day Lod, a Palestinian town now inside Israel. He died a martyr's death, standing up to the Roman Empire. His tomb is still there. He never slew a dragon, never visited these shores and yet somehow, England claimed him as its own. *He was Palestinian. He always was.* Amos Trust has [designed a Tshirt](#) you can buy, and there is an excellent film to [watch here...](#)

Colin feels this info is a gross distraction as St George, like many of the early saints, was an invention. But NG thinks these mythical figures have power for good or ill, and enjoys reclaiming him from the Dark Side... make your own minds up!

New book on Jewish socialism looks really interesting. Read about it [here](#).

Jailed for beheading.... A statue of Christ. Shock horror, Christians...read [here](#)

Um... I think Christ said..Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me *Matthew 25*

Up and coming

Vigil at Woolwich Crown Court 8.30am one hour peaceful. [Please read this legal briefing if you're planning to attend.](#)

Saturday May 2nd *Palestine Protest and our right to follow our conscience*. Quaker British Yearly Meeting fringe event 12.30-2.15 with Dr Makram Khoury Machel. Open to all, would be great to see you. Organised by Quaker Palestine Solidarity. NG is chairing. Please register [here](#)

Sunday May 3 would have been Hind Rajab's 8th birthday. Sue Cooke and friends are organising a vigil outside York Cathedral. Let's use the opportunity to draw attention to the [Hind Rajab Foundation](#) and their work. Put up a birthday card in your window for her and her family.

Sunday 10th May The next JVL Education group's seminar will be: **The wars of the past: Did they achieve their goals?** with **Donald Sassoon**, chaired by Richard Kuper **6pm – 7.30pm**

ANNEX 1: Hope not Hate

1. From Jody McIntyre, original post [here](#).

One of Hope not Hate's directors is Alison Philips. She also happens to be the current CEO of Labour Together, the disgraced pressure group of Morgan McSweeney fame, and which was recently revealed to have spied on journalists investigating McSweeney's corruption. Another of Hope not Hate's directors is Jon Cruddas, a former Labour MP and *Friend of Israel* with ties to Morgan McSweeney. Cruddas was part of McSweeney's campaign to get Margaret Hodge elected for Labour in Barking & Dagenham. That campaign was also backed by Hope not Hate.

Cruddas, who voted for the invasion of Iraq, was a key figure in Maurice Glasman's Blue Labour project. Glasman is an admirer of Shabana Mahmood and reportedly wants her to take over from Starmer as Labour Party leader. He described McSweeney as *one of us*. Glasman joined Labour Together just after it was set up in 2015 and helped persuade lobbyists Trevor Chinn and Martin Taylor to fund the project. Taylor personally funded Shabana, as did Labour Together. Chinn has bankrolled Starmer, Streeting, Lammy, and many other Labour MPs. Trevor Chinn has also funded now Labour peer Ruth Smeeth.

Smeeth was a director of Hope not Hate from 2010-15. She was previously married to Michael Smeeth, the UK chair of the British-American Project. Ruth Smeeth has worked for many pro-Israeli lobby organisations including Labour Friends of Israel, the Jewish Labour Movement, BICOM, CST, and the Board of Deputies. She was named in a 2009 cable from the US embassy in London as a "strictly protect" informant.

Another Labour peer who has been consistently praised by Hope not Hate is Margaret Hodge. In the 1980s, Margaret Hodge dismissed reports of a paedophile ring operating in council-run children's homes under her watch. She was later appointed as Labour's Minister for Children. When Tony Blair appointed Margaret Hodge as Minister for Children in 2003, a survivor of the Islington paedophile ring went public. Hodge called him an *extremely disturbed person*. After being threatened with a libel suit, she apologised and paid £30,000 in compensation. Margaret Hodge calls herself as a *committed Zionist* and is another long-time supporter of LFI. In 2014, she had to apologise again when it emerged that Jimmy Saville may have sexually assaulted vulnerable children in an Islington care home. Starmer made Hodge a life peer. Starmer's wife Victoria worked for Margaret Hodge's husband Henry's law firm. The Hodges had become neighbours with the Blairs after persuading them to move to Islington. Henry Hodge was chair of the NCCL when it granted the Paedophile Information Exchange affiliate status.

In 2019, with Margaret Hodge as vice-president, the Jewish Labour Movement elected Liron Velleman as their Policy Officer. Velleman later served as a Political Organiser for Hope not Hate. In 2017, Jewish News named Liron Velleman on their list of *30 under 30: His style of Israel advocacy is sensitive and effective. Professional but always able to put others at ease, Liron is best known for his ability to do everything he says he will, and more besides*. In 2022, while representing Hope not Hate, Velleman provided evidence at the committee stage of the Online Safety Bill. Velleman was a Labour councillor in Barnet alongside Ella Rose, a national chair of the Jewish Labour Movement who previously worked at the Israeli embassy. He is now a convicted paedophile. On 20/3/26 former Labour councillor Liron Velleman, posing as *Tim Graham 95*, was sentenced for child sex offences after sending videos of his penis to what he thought was a 13-year-old girl. The judge condemned his *reckless, vile and frankly devious interest in children*.

When the Jewish Labour Movement elected Liron Velleman in 2019, ex-Hope not Hate director Ruth Smeeth was their national parliamentary chair. Predator Ivor Caplin was national movement chair. And Jack Lubner, the son of Labour megadonor Gary, had been elected youth officer. The day Smeeth stepped down from Hope not Hate Ltd, Jemma Levene was appointed as a director. Levene is currently the Chief Operating Officer of CCDH, the propaganda outfit set up by Morgan McSweeney + Imran Ahmed with Labour Together money. CCDH aimed to *kill Musk's Twitter*. In 2024, Imran Ahmed e-mailed Efrat Hochstetler, an official at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, thanking her for her *continued support*. Days earlier, he had met with Sawsan Hasson, an Israeli Embassy Minister. Hasson said that she would help find funders for CCDH. Smeeth was re-appointed to the Hope not Hate board under the name Baroness Anderson. She resigned again on July 11th 2024, exactly one week after Keir Starmer became Prime Minister. That same day, Starmer made her government whip in the House of Lords.

Simon Tuttle is a current director of Hope not Hate Ltd. He was also a funder of McSweeney's Labour Together project. Labour MP Anna Turley is another former Hope not Hate director. Turley, photographed with Wes Streeting and Jess Phillips, also supports LFI and the JLM. Jane Hogarth was Head of Corporate Relations for Labour from 2001-06, + has *extensive experience of fundraising from high-net-worth individuals*. In 2018, she joined Hope not Hate. Richard Hermer, a *close confidante* of Keir Starmer, was a volunteer at Searchlight, a predecessor to Hope not Hate. Hermer,

now Attorney General, worked with Starmer at Doughty Street Chambers and donated to his leadership campaign. Keir was the McSweeney Candidate. Hope not Hate was originally the campaign arm of Searchlight, but split over *strategic + financial disputes* in 2011. Nick Lowles has since made a habit of attacking his political opponents. But he hasn't said much about his ex-Political Organiser trying to groom schoolgirls.

2. Tony Greenstein's blogs on Hope not Hate

<https://azvsas.blogspot.com/2022/04/why-is-hate-not-hope-turning-blind-eye.html>

<https://azvsas.blogspot.com/2019/04/why-does-hope-not-hate-endorse-racist.html>

<https://azvsas.blogspot.com/2018/08/nick-lowles-and-hope-not-hate-join.html>