

JUST REPORT JULY 6th 2026

WITNESS



We held in our hearts and minds Dr Abu Safiya who is in grave danger of losing his life. You can watch this short film [here](#). The [director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza](#), was abducted by Israel in late 2024 and has been held in detention ever since under Israel's *Unlawful Combatant Law* legislation enacted in 2002 that allows indefinite detention without formal charges and strips prisoners of protections under the Geneva Conventions. He has been beaten daily, until he loses consciousness and told his lawyer *This is the last time you will see me. They brought me here to kill me. I don't see myself surviving. This is the end.* Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) has called for his *immediate transfer from the facility and an urgent judicial visit to assess his condition – before it's too late.* Israel supreme court has ordered the state to respond by Tuesday 7 July to a petition seeking release of 14 doctors detained without charge, and specifically address the charges made about Dr Safiya's condition.

Deaths and injuries Gaza 29th June-6th July 2026: 38, injured 64¹ West Bank incursions continue – footage of [stun grenade flung into car](#) by IDF soldier. In the last 3 months, [83 attacks on Christians in Jerusalem](#). [UN report on occupied West Bank June 2026 details the continued harassment and destruction](#).

Lebanon attacks continue; Netanyahu says that Lebanese Christians [asked Israelis to annex their holy sites](#) to protect them from Hezbollah... Christians deny this is the case. General agreement that the *pact* is a pretence, as killings continue ([4 yesterday](#) including principal of a school and her mother revisiting family home). Israel reported killing 4 terrorists. Not clear if they were referring to this event.

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Hamas civil government [dissolved today](#). It is to hand over to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (under the control of course of the Board of Peace). Ha'aretz report [here](#) – watch this space as it is not clear what will happen – other than that we know this will not satisfy the Israeli government. BoP has commented they are *looking for actions not words*. Does not apply to the military wing of Hamas. One view expressed was that morally Hamas should disarm because they have no right to target Israeli civilians; another view expressed was that the Hamas arms are mostly rifles and unexploded Israeli ordnance and are being used to resist occupation.²

General Synod of the Church of England will finally debate the [Carlisle/Kairos motion](#) on Palestine, FIVE YEARS after it was first proposed³. Celebrate the fact that the two Archbishops have made positive statements about Palestinian rights to freedom. Sue told us about the upcoming actions in York including a *die in*... Some CAMPAIGN members will be attending.

ACT

- Sign [petition for release of Dr Abu Safiya](#) (again). This petition is on WhatsApp, if you can't manage it, try this [Amnesty letter](#) instead. If you are able to, attend the rally for him, [Tuesday 7th July 6pm outside Downing Street](#).
- Write to your diocesan representatives to Synod NOW to ask them to back the Kairos motion. NB don't forget it is irrelevant if you are a member of the Church of England, this is the ESTABLISHED CHURCH that acts on behalf of all of us! The points we would make are: celebrating the fact that the motion is being debated and the principled

¹ [datatechforpalestine](#)/gaza deaths. Daily record, which in the past has presented some slightly odd totals, but I go back to it to check; [Drop Site Daily News](#); [Gaza Unlocked](#) is reliable as they have reports from the ground, but is always in arrears, as AFSC meets on Fridays, and the data relate to the previous week.

² For those interested, [this is a summary](#) of Hamas weaponry

³ The last synod said no time for Palestine but did have time to discuss flower arranging.....

stand of the two Archbishops on Palestine. Ask that the reps support the Carlisle Kairos motion/having read the motion, give a couple of reasons. Follow these steps

1. What is your diocese? Look [here](#). Go to the relevant web page
 2. Put in the search box “**diocesan representatives to general synod 2026**” which took me to the relevant page. I got the list of individuals and there was a general email address. Failing this, send your letter to the **main contact administrator** and ask them to forward urgently to the diocesan representatives.
- If you identify as a Christian, follow up by joining the [JustPeaceCoalition](#), for all who call the Holy Land home. Join Christians, churches and organisations across the country as we work together for justice and peace across Palestine and Israel. Sign the commitment, take action and join the movement for a just and lasting peace. The situation is urgent: let’s stand together and act with courage.
 - Write to your MP to support Abtism Mohamed MP who is sponsoring a backbench debate Thursday 9th July in the House of Commons, calling for a ban on British trade with illegal Israeli settlements. [Write to your MP](#) demanding they take action.
 - Protect independent media - The Government is planning to force Youtube to prioritise MSM. Read Skwawkbox [here](#) for the background. Fill in their [consultation](#) and oppose the plan. Youtube are warning this will force out independent content
 - If you are a Lloyds customer, protest about the reputational damage done by [debanking the Canary](#)... they do not have enough money to pay their staff at present, so if you can, donate

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- Tony Greenstein has been expelled from Green Party for antisemitism – messages of support and complaints if you are a GP member appreciated, visit [his site](#).
- CAMPAIN lodged an FOI regarding Mark Rowley’s statement that Palestine marches are deliberately routed past synagogues. Met responded that it needed to be more specific. CAMPAIN is following up.
- Several articles about the British Museum’s actions on Palestine (example [here](#)) coincided with our letter being sent to the trustees and the Director – Nicola is following up with Nur Masalha, Peter Osborne and Chris Garrard (Culture Unstained) who sponsored a major petition on the topic.
- A correspondent objected to our PDF with guidance on the GMC consultation because he, as a non-Zionist, non religious Jew felt strongly that it is Jews who should decide if they are an ethnic group or not. The HAC (Healthworkers Against Censorship) guidance was that to concede a separate Jewish ethnicity in association with acceptance of the IHRA definition could penalise those criticising Israel as racist and antisemitic . We take the point that persecution of Jews is done based on ethnicity not religion, and that nonreligious Jews may indeed identify as a distinct ethnic group. We provided him with the contact details and I said I would share his views this evening. Comments welcomed.
- NB if you have NOT YET filled in the GMC consultation with my helpful pdf, please have a go!! You have till the 21st! Check for CAMPAIN’s corrected email of Friday July 4th, 4.05 pm or thereabouts.

Football joys and sadnesses

Celebrate the amazing Palestine [women’s amputee team](#), back on the pitch. Mourn the murder of the Palestine national goalkeeper but note the [pledge to keep his legacy alive](#).

On the Canary (See why we need it!!) read about the way that Palestine has featured consistently [throughout the tournament](#). “These moments confirmed that some victories are measured by their human impact, which lasts long after the game ends.”

Up and Coming:

- Tuesday 7th END UK COMPLICITY IN GENOCIDE - SANCTION ISRAEL_. LABOUR AND PALESTINE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH ARISE. Next steps after Keir Starmer’s departure. ONLINE, TUESDAY JULY 7, 18.30 - Zainah El-Haroun, Al-Haq (Palestinian human rights organisation) Giorgia Gusciglio, Europe Co-Coordinator for BDS Campaigns, Palestine BDS National Committee; Richard Burgon MP; Ryvka Barnard, REGISTER [HERE](#)
- SOAS 2 terror trial.. Sarah Cotte – verdict expected 8th July Protest outside the court – DETAILS [HERE](#)

Please note – some more forthcoming events were discussed, but in view of the need to get this report out asap, these will be featured next week.

Thanks to all

ANNEX 1 Sue's letter to diocesan reps – feel free to adapt

I am writing to you with my deep concerns regarding the decades long crimes against humanity inflicted on the people of Palestine. I sincerely hope you will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers and do all in your power to be part of the changes we all need to make. In this respect I trust you will support the Carlisle Diocese Motion on Kairos Palestine which is to be debated on July 12 at General Synod in York.

The motion can be found on the website : <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/general-synod/special-agendas/diocesan-synod-motions#na>

This is a long overdue answer to a cry from fellow Christians in Palestine first issued in 2009 and again in 2021. Christian Palestinians always ask for help for their Muslim brothers and sisters also subjected to a brutal occupation. Naturally antisemitism, Islamophobia and all forms of racial and religious prejudice are rejected. The motion calls for the church to inform itself at all levels about the situation in Palestine/Israel – a step which has become extremely urgent since October 2023 – and to engage in advocacy for dignity and human rights to be accorded to all individuals.

It also talks about money – notably to review its investment policies in the light of the International Court of Justice's 2024 Advisory Opinion on the illegality of the occupation of Palestinian territory. In other words, the church should be very sure that it does nothing to support any company profiting from the occupation.

You could add: It is to be celebrated that the motion has finally been put forward for debate at this critical time for Palestine. And that Archbishop Sarah has added her voice to that of Archbishop Stephen in calling for justice and freedom for Palestinians.