

JUST REPORT APRIL 13 2026

TRIBUTE: John Lynes (8/3/28-18/3/26) was a regular participant in these meetings, reporting from Hastings and describing many powerful acts of witness held there. He was a Quaker and member of the local Meeting where his memorial meeting for worship will be held on 9th May. 16.00-18.00. We are so grateful for his unstinting support of the Palestine cause, his good humour, his knowledge and steadfastness. He was a lovely man and we send our condolences to his daughters, Brenda and Margaret. I am putting a card in the post to them.

WITNESS

Here at home, it was the day our kids went back to school after the Easter holidays.

In Lebanon, 11-year-old Majd found his school destroyed and shared this photo with his cousin in York (from Sue C on JUST). In Gaza, 9-year-old Ritaj Abdulrahman Rihan had just copied down a maths question in her exercise book - before she could complete the answer she was [shot in the head and killed](#). In the West Bank, Umm al Khair, children and teachers were prevented from attending school and were [teargassed](#) as they sat down outside for an outdoor lesson. We pray for all children, all teachers and are appalled at the murders and deliberate destruction of education systems.



LEARN

Linda has researched the background to the Iran war. For her detailed report, email lindacpuk@gmail.com. Key takeaways: The expectation was that it would be another 4-day war, and a pushover: likely due to intelligence failings as well as hubris. China is a crucial player and has been supplying the Iranians with weapons. The Iranian government and military are dispersed, so that after the initial assassinations, the command-and-control systems seem to be functioning. Gaps have opened up between the US and their usual allies. When the price of oil rises above 90\$ per barrel, there is danger of global recession, which increases with subsequent increases (current price at time of writing is 89\$ but it was up to 100\$ when we were online. It is now no longer convenient to be at war because of the economics. Everyone is stuck – Trump and Netanyahu cannot be seen to lose, and the Iranians are not going to back down until they can be sure of a stable and more permanent deal. The Iranian attacks on Gulf states are because of the US bases and seem designed to undermine US influence, and to develop in time a Middle East that is more self-sufficient. They have been attempting to rebuild relationships. Outcomes are very hard to predict. It is possible that the deal that Obama negotiated could come back to the table. Linda, from her reading, thinks the issue is not one of nuclear material – it's about peace and security for Iran in the region. What can Britain do? Well stop allowing US to use our bases.

Jeffrey contributed information that was shared last week at a meeting of [UnXeatable](#) - (led by Israeli democrats who define themselves as liberal/left Zionists). Israel's former National Security deputy head Eran Etzion opined that Israel is so unfettered in aggression because Netanyahu was given free rein in Gaza by the world; that Netanyahu manipulated Trump into supporting the attack on Iran; re. intelligence failures Mossad really did *drink the Koolaid* and believed that the Iranian opposition and the Kurds would rise against the government. China is the reason that negotiations are taking place, though fronted by Pakistan; and China could help Iran *build back* its missile capability. Netanyahu may decide to call it a victory but compensate by reigniting the war on Gaza. Turkey is also in his sights. Etzion was speaking at a meeting of Israeli expats trying to organise in an Israeli election year and calling for a homeland for all citizens. He stated

- Netanyahu manipulated Trump under false assurances s <https://archive.is/eJKLa>
- There is more sympathy for Palestine than Israel among wider American public, it cuts across political lines.
- Pakistan is the FRONT but China is the one that pulled all the levers = in the ceasefire
- People should support the democratic party in Israel - Labour and Meretz – the only centre-left that is credible and upcoming under brave leadership of Yair Golan

For more on background to the war see [NY Times article](#). [Novara Media](#) has a useful report on Iran and the ceasefire talks. Paul Rogers on [Open Democracy](#) is good on Netanyahu causing the war. [Zeteo Substack](#), is excellent, I pay £7 a month. Iranian views are often featured. BBC News on [Iranian views](#) and [on Trump](#) are good - better than radio 4 (thanks Priscilla). Peter Osborne has a good piece on Iran in [Middle East Eye](#). See also yesterday's [report](#) on the breakdown of talks.

- **Palestine Action arrests.** Jonathan was one of 523 arrested (🇲🇵) thanks on our behalf, several others were there in support. Pal Action was discussed on the Laura Kuensberg show where Tucker Carlson was interviewed by Victoria Derbyshire and responded vigorously to her attempts to portray him as antisemitic. Watch [here](#) and see Owen Jones' critique [here](#). Do complain to the BBC about this.

ACTION

- Palantir is being debated in Parliament tomorrow. URGENT: Email to make your views known and to alert your MP to be there (if and only if they are opposed to Palantir!!) petition and letter [here](#).
 - Westminster Hall debate, [April 16, 3pm-4:30pm](#): NHS Federated Data Platform:
 - Foxglove [blog post](#) on the parliamentary drop-in and FT story:
 - Financial Times: Ministers [explore triggering break clause](#) in Palantir's NHS contract (paywalled).
- Complain to the BBC about Victoria Derbyshire's interview of Tucker Carlson – see above.
- Dr. Ghassan Abu-Sittah is a British-Palestinian reconstructive surgeon who has for decades been treating patients in Palestine, Lebanon and beyond, including children who have been horribly injured in Israel's attacks. He is being targeted by anti-Palestinian groups, and now Britain's medical regulator, the General Medical Council (GMC), is trying to stop him practicing. He has already been cleared of malpractice. See report [here](#). But UKLFI has again complained, and the GMC are seeking to overturn the tribunal decision. Already thousands of doctors have called on the GMC leadership to resign over this spurious attack, but we need to increase the pressure. Support Dr Abu-Sittah by complaining to the GMC [here](#) Crowdfunding [here](#)
- Call on the UK nominee to [withdraw from Eurovision](#)

SHARE

Superb exposé [here](#) by Damien Wiley (aka KernowDamo), on why the Board of Deputies, Jewish Chronicle and Campaign Against Antisemitism are all strangely silent about Israel bombing a synagogue...(Damien's channel is recommended by All Faiths All Ethnicities for Palestine).

Up and Coming

6.30pm Monday 20th April (so you can still come to JUST!!) Dr Mustafa Barghouti speaking from Palestine on Justice for Palestine or Neverending Nakba. Register [here](#).

And finally, thanks Ghislaine – [this amazing footage](#) of an Iranian music teacher playing in the ruins of his school to make sure that the last sound heard there is not the sound of missiles.