

## Written evidence submitted by Dr Brendan O'Brien (IPC0004)

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Para 1

My reason for submitting this is that I am angry with the role the UK has played and continues to play in the cruel war on Palestine (the 'Israel/Palestine conflict' is a long slow war).

Para 2

One lesson for a UK Gov wanting to do the right thing (which I don't believe this one does) is that 'raising issues', 'urging' Israel to change, pointing out that what they do is not conducive to peace etc does not work. On the issue of child prisoners for example, parliamentary records show the government has been doing this for years without effect.

Para 3

The government can strengthen peace efforts firstly by it's own actions.

- It should stop arms sales to Israel. As a start it should immediately ask every country it sends F35 components to not to send them on to Israel.
- It should condemn Israeli human rights abuses eg putting 14 year old girls into solitary confinement for interrogation.
- The government has powerful influence with America which it could use to promote peace. It should call on America to enforce a Two State Solution (the only way it will ever come about).

It should end it's hostility to Iran and engage with it. It should apologise for destroying democracy in Iran in 1953 (with hundreds killed on the street and a torturer put into power, which led directly to the extremism of the present government). Iran, the Gulf States and Hamas would all accept a 2SS.

I could say more but I do not believe this inquiry is being conducted in good faith with a PM who goes to Zionist lobby LFI to announce that his priority after over a year of slaughter and destruction is to get the hostages out (of course that should be one priority). Thank you.

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