

Written evidence submitted by Dr. Jane Kevern (IPC0088)

Name: Jane Kevern, retired GP in north West of England. Writing as an individual devastated by the lack of human rights afforded to the Palestinian people, the apparent collective punishment of Palestinians by the Israeli government and IDF, the decimation of the Gaza Strip and the aggression by IDF and settlers in the West Bank and the failure of world leaders to hold Israeli leaders and the IDF to account.

1. Regarding what can, and should, the UK do, in cooperation with regional and international partners, to help bring about a ceasefire:
 - i) hold the Israeli government and Hamas equally accountable to international law - no impunity, no bias;
 - ii) enforce a total arms embargo, an end to the supply of any military parts or equipment to the Israeli government, an end to the use of the RAF Akrotiri base by the USA for any purpose relating to the attacks on Gaza and the West Bank; an end to UK surveillance flights over Gaza; an end to any military advice/training given by UK military to Israeli military;
 - iii) expel the Israeli ambassador if immediate action is not taken by Israel to comply with all applicable international law;
 - iii) make earnest diplomacy a priority to bring about a permanent ceasefire and to bring about the release of the remaining Israeli hostages and all Palestinians held in detention without charge, essentially hostages;
 - iv) apply significant economic sanctions to Israel if immediate action is not taken to comply with all applicable international law;
 - v) demand that independent observers are allowed unrestricted access to Israeli detention centres and prisons where Palestinians are detained;
 - vi) demand that international journalists are granted full unaccompanied access to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to reduce the risk of manipulative propaganda;
 - vii) speak up in Parliament and in the media about the Israeli breaches of international law - the on-going siege, the targeting of healthcare, the decimation of all civilian infrastructure etc.. Silence is part of impunity.

2. Please learn from how lack of action, lack of criticism has resulted in the following:

- i) The actions of the UK government to date make it appear to be part of an Israeli/USA/UK/German Zionist alliance with anything being tolerated to fulfill the Zionist expansionist goal - deeply unnerving;
- ii) the impunity, the failure to openly hold Israel accountable for anything it does in breach of international law encourages further breaches. It also puts the UK government in a bad light, tolerating and morally supporting a government flagrantly committing breaches of international law. Mass killings of civilians, a barbaric siege, the decimation of healthcare, illegal detention of civilians and allegations of torture are perceived by the public as being tolerated by the

government, and by Parliament in general. Deeply unnerving to see international laws applied selectively;

iii) the existence of Labour Friends of Israel supported by over a ¼ of Labour MPs portrays immediate bias.

Many thanks for reading my submission.

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