

Kensington & Bayswater CLP

Motion calling on David Lammy and the Labour Govt to end ALL arms transfers to Israel from the UK and take a pro-active role in bringing about a ceasefire.

This CLP notes that:

Horrific attacks on Gaza by the Israeli Government have killed tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians. This is a result of catastrophic failure from world leaders to secure a ceasefire.

While the current US administration has armed and enabled Israel's actions in Gaza for more than a year, we are deeply concerned that an incoming Trump government may provide even greater support for Israel's war crimes with full impunity. We must act urgently to end Israel's war on Palestinians. We have a critical window of opportunity over the next few weeks to save lives.

This CLP applauds the fact that:

In September 2024, the UK Government announced the suspension of 30 arms licenses out of 350 export licenses to Israel. But a partial suspension is insufficient given the clear and compelling evidence that the Israeli military is committing violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes. Importantly, it excludes components used in F-35 fighter jets which have attacked so-called "safe zones" in Gaza.

The UK Government has recognised the clear risk that Israel is using UK-made arms components to violate international law in Gaza. **But until it ends all arms transfers to Israel, the UK remains complicit in Israel's war on Gaza**, and acts that UN human rights experts and the International Court of Justice have concluded may plausibly amount to genocide.

This CLP believes that:

The UK Government must go further and immediately end ALL arms transfers to Israel and prevent UK complicity in violations of international law. There are no excuses for delaying action to protect civilians from atrocities.

People who survive the violence in Gaza are being starved, forcibly displaced and deliberately deprived of everything they need to survive – water, food, medical help and shelter. The Israeli military continues to attack hospitals and kill and injure healthcare workers. **This is an act of collective punishment and is against international law.**

International law plays a critical role in protecting us all. The UK's failure to impose meaningful consequences on those who violate international law weakens the foundations of the international rules-based order that a US Trump administration is likely to further erode.

Therefore, this CLP resolves:

- To write to our local Labour elected representatives and ask them to publicly show their support for ending all Arms sales from UK to Israel.
- To write to the Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister to ask that the UK end all arms sales to Israel and takes a far more pro-active role in bringing about a ceasefire, the only way to ensure the safe release of the remaining Israeli hostages and the end of the conflict in Gaza
- **To call on our Labour government to speak up and act to bring about the end of the conflict in Gaza.**