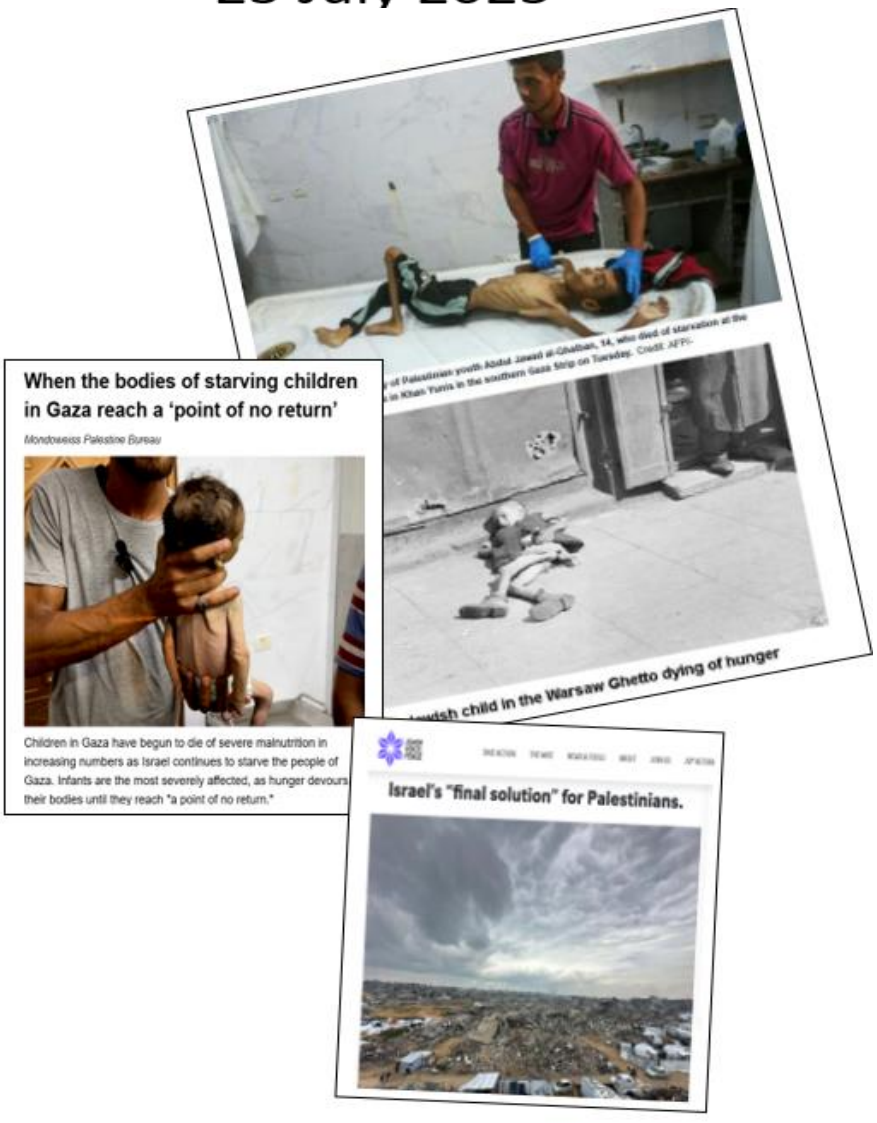
OPEN LETTER

to

Chris Murray MP

for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh

23 July 2025



Chris Murray, MP for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh,

As I am still waiting for your reply to a very serious letter sent as email and also delivered to your constituency on 20th January this year, I now see no other option than to re-send it as an OPEN LETTER with some updates as introduction. In short: time is running out for humanity, if it hasn't already; as "my representative in Westminster" you will have to decide what side you are on. The time for all your empty words is long over. We are in many ways back both to WWI and WWII (with it all: trenches and even a full-blown death camp), and sadly, in the west at least, there is not one single statesman/ woman in sight. There seems to be nobody there to save us from a re-run of historic evil, and that at a time when nature itself is ready to finish us off – that says, if we wait too long to do it ourselves. In light of all that, you, "representing us", need to choose side. Time for that is running out. Get up on "soap box", stand up for peaceful relationship with other people and, most urgently, demand Britain takes REAL immediate actions to stop the ongoing murder. Keep blood off your hands! Stand up to Starmer.

Lars Gideon Petersson

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Two weeks ago, Britain remembered the horrors of 7/7. The PM was there; all the "big and important" people showed solidarity and "stood up against the barbarism". Let me make it absolutely clear: we should all be allowed to travel on public services and walk around safely - without fears of being blown up by bombs. As you would be, also I am passionate about that; I am in no way questioning that right for all of us: I am a lifelong opponent to all violence. But, where are all the other monuments? I might have missed something. Yes, I have seen this memorial for 7/7 and have heard of the one for 9/11 but I cannot recall hearing of a memorial for 3/8, neither one for 5/10, nor for the casualties of 18/3 or…. And, I must have missed the Honourable Member of Parliament for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh's passionate call for a suitable memorial for the latest (of course outdated when I write this, not to mention when you read it) casualties in the long row of victims of terrorism: those of 13/7.

May I remind you, Mr Murray, your boss and PM, Mr K Starmer, the leader whose policies you support with your political mandate and actions, expressed understanding for turning off the drinking water to Gaza during the initial stages of the ongoing genocide. He might have backtracked, but, sorry, no excuses can undo such support of what would be an obvious war crime of the worst sort. Chris Murray, in memory of those infamous comments, will you now request the PM to take the lead in the prompt erection of a suitable memorial to honour the ten people, among them six children, killed by the IDF on 13th of July, 2025 while waiting to fill their water containers in the concentration camp that is called Gaza? I think that would be a suitable gesture of repentance for the words which obviously slipped.

However, when writing this I realize we soon will need more of those: after all, events move quickly nowadays. Among many others, a memorial for the victims of the gas attack killing 15 aid seekers three days later needs to be included. After all, just the word 'gas' as cause of death of undesired people carries with it a sound of discomfort, to put it mildly. Or, will we, if going down that road, too soon run out of space for memorials? Should we rather save that space for those of us considered worthy of being remembered, i.e. should we rather forget the "surplus populations", those no matter what destined for extermination and oblivion?

On the memorial for 20/7 (2025) please write: "Israeli forces killed at least 115 Palestinians on Sunday 20/7, including 92 people who died while seeking aid. In the deadliest incident, Israeli troops massacred at least 79 people at the Zikim crossing in northern Gaza, where Palestinians gathered to wait for 25 aid trucks from the U.N. World Food Programme. In a statement, the U.N. agency said, 'As the convoy approached, the surrounding crowd came under fire from Israeli tanks, snipers and other gunfire.'" Today is 1/7/25, We still wait for more than the usual wishy-washy condemnations….

Fifty-three years ago, I, Lars Gideon, spent a formative part of my youth working on a Zionist project very close, a few hundred metres away only, to Gideon's Cave and the Spring of Harod just north of what is now well known as the West Bank. In those days, ethnic cleansing of Israel/Palestine was not yet speeded up; it was before the check points, the heavy restrictions on movement for "the unworthy" had come into full effect so, when having time, unhindered I could walk across the mountain into the only recently occupied territory and enjoy the company of the utmost friendly and welcoming population there.

More by chance than anything else I learned this place on the northerns slope of Mount Gilboa was where my own name or at least its fame originated. It had been named after the biblical figure "General" Gideon famed for having led a divinely sanctioned massacre. Today the landscape has changed character and now one more of modern Israel's bizarre biblical "theme parks" is here to be found, another of the designed pieces of "evidence" put forward to "prove" to whom this land had been given by God, and "General" Gideon himself has just been further honoured by giving his name to yet another, now in our time ongoing massacre: "Gideon's Chariots". This way, in a strange personal way, the naming of the Israeli terror regime's latest efforts to achieve what I fear is on its way has deeply affected me. The "Final Solution to the Palestinian Question", the sick Zionist version of the "Endlösung der Judenfrage", is literally set to happen in my name.

Honourable Chris Murray, Member of Parliament for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh, on numerous occasions I have privately let you know my position on this matter, never to see a reply that I can accept as just remotely serious. On one occasion I sent the following message on to you. I hadn't expected a response and none I got, but it disappoints me. Therefore, this letter will now be open, accessible to anybody.

Jewish Network for Palestine (JNP)
United against Zionist Settler Colonialism, Apartheid and Genocide

Dear JNP Members and Supporters,
On Nakba Day, Jewish groups in 19 countries scream: 'Open the damned gates!'

Global Jews for Palestine, a collective of Jewish groups in 19 countries have for five years, made statements on Nakba Day, the anniversary of the expulsion of 750,000 Palestinians from their homes to establish the state of Israel in 1948. **This year we scream!**

Right now, 2.3 million Palestinian people are being tipped into intentional, avoidable starvation and they cannot wait for help. Every hour Israel's brazen, genocidal crime of starvation wastes more innocent lives.

2.3 million people are trapped behind an illegal blockade wall, while thousands of trucks stand idle with their cargo of food, just beyond the crossings. 2.3 million human beings have been subjected to the most intensive use of explosive weapons in human history. The land of Gaza has been carpet-bombed, its environment poisoned, its hospitals and schools and homes laid waste. The people now being starved are the survivors of what was already beyond imagining.

I wish to stress that I expect you to know this, or, as a member of the national Parliament, at least you should know: Britain has been heavily involved in all this for centuries - historically all the way up to present time. I shall not go into details; there is no space for that here and there should be no need, but let me make it absolutely clear: without the policies of this country what is now unfolding as a total humanitarian disaster and genocide would not have happened. On that background, on anybody who continue to support (with their parliamentary seat and vote) a government that does nothing else than pay lip-service to the defence of the Palestinian people blood sticks. Claiming to be "horrified" etc. etc. but doing nothing else than asking questions and issue hollow statements is not good enough.

There is one huge difference between the mass murdering of today and WWII. Today, we all know what is going on; there cannot be a single person left who does not know that a mass murder/ethnic cleansing operation is taking place right in front of everybody's eyes. Still, apart from keeping up the support for the perpetrators - including with weapons - "we" do nothing, but issue empty statements. While far from all Germans - in fact only a tiny minority - would have known about the death camps of WWII we all know firsthand of the death camp that is called Gaza, and while brave people like Greta Thunberg and her friends at the Freedom Flotilla are hijacked by state pirates in international water when trying to bring food and medicine to starving people, "we" as a nation, you as a governing party, do nothing.

It is all a disgrace: it is a disgrace that you didn't even have the decency to express just the usual empty words of "horror", "passion" etc. etc. to a message like the one below from my wife:

"This is an illegal act, an act of piracy. This ship was sailing under a UK flag, carrying civilians of numerous nationalities. Please advise me of what action the British government is taking to protest this unlawful act." She asked *"What is your individual response as my representative in Westminster?"*

I am sure, had you agreed with my wife and had you had the courage to stand up against your leader and those who make the policies of the government (the policies you support with your mandate from Edinburgh and Musselburgh) then you would have said so; then you would have demanded government action against such piracy. So, why not? After all, British authorities would not hesitate to defend British-flagged ships in international water off states like Somalia or Yemen, would they? Racism, bigotry, different rules? Would you please inform me:

what rules regarding piracy against British flagged ships do you individually support and your government subscribe to?

Today the entire world population is watching in horror first hand when the history of genocide repeats itself, and nobody in the position of power enough to interfere shows any sign of doing so. As said before, and what cannot be allowed to be forgotten, your leader, Mr. Starmer, once expressed unforgiveable support for the genocidal suggestion to turn off the water supplies for the Gazan population. I now demand that you use your position in Parliament to demand that Starmer takes immediate action, serious action to stop the ethnic cleansing of Palestine. If nothing happens to prevent the murdering regime from annihilating innocent human beings, then I request you resign the whip, join the street protests and use your MP platform (as long as you keep having it) to defend justice.

Claiming all the following in your email-responses to the people you allegedly represent, while doing nothing but paying lip-service to justice is a disgrace. If you feel so "passionately" about these matters as you claim, then stand up, support Jewish Network for Palestine and all other supporters of justice and humanity and scream to your leader, Mr. Starmer, as they did: 'Open the damned gates!' Yes, of course, Britain can open them. What Greta couldn't do, your government can: order the British Navy to immediately deliver what is urgently needed: food, medicine, shelter. Maybe Starmer's friends in "the coalition of the willing" would be happy to help out as well? I bet the Zionists would think twice before attacking them.

Gaza is the death camp of our time. Greta, my young compatriot from my birth country, bravely expressed "I have a platform to speak: I have a duty to use it". You, as an MP, have one yourself; if you raise your voice together with your colleagues (I presume others would be just as "horrified" and "passionate") not even Starmer could stop you. We have seen that with internal British matters. It is not good enough just to play the word-game and in self-interest guard your job. You have an effective platform from where to scream, use it. Remember, non-action is complicity. Remember, you are part of a government party that supplies weapons to this massacre. That fact carries a lot of responsibility. You cannot say, "I didn't know". YOU DID KNOW, and this far you have done nothing of any value whatsoever to protect the victims.

You claim you "completely and utterly share that horror and concern" and that "we cannot turn our eyes from what is unfolding". You are with your own words "someone who cares deeply for peace and justice in the Middle East", and you "passionately, profoundly believe we must NOT forget Gaza".

Sorry, when children and adults are killed when queuing for their very survival, it is nowhere enough to claim "As for my own contribution, I continue to speak out regularly in Parliament, and make sure that the Government's work in Palestine is robustly scrutinised." Murray, we can all scrutinise this government when it comes to this issue; all necessary evidence is out there in the open. We all know that the government is complicit with its actions and inactions; those words of yours are meaningless.

You write: "On May 19th, the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, and Canada issued a joint statement expressing strong opposition to the expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza. They described the level of human suffering as intolerable and criticized Israel's announcement to allow only a limited amount of aid into Gaza as wholly inadequate. Their statement emphasized that Israel's failure to assist the Gazan civilian population is unacceptable." We learned that, "If Israel does not cease its renewed military offensive

[Gideon's Chariot] and lift restrictions on humanitarian aid, the Government are prepared to take further concrete actions in response."

Very well. What concrete actions have been taken?

You would know very well that statements like "the government has opposed in the strongest terms any attempt to expand settlements in the West Bank" is nothing but empty words. Yes, as you claim, it is "blatantly illegal and undermine the viability of a Palestinian state…." But what do you do about that? Most outrageous of it all, you claim "it is an extremely complex situation. The UK's options are limited, and each choice is fraught with unenviable consequences. I understand the balance will be finely struck." Mr Murray,

in what way is mass-murder, land theft, ethnic cleansing, bulldozing of other people's homes, apartheid etc. etc. complex?

You talk about "announced sanctions on two members of the Israeli government, National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich" and that "the rhetoric of these ministers has incited settler violence, and appalling abuses against Palestinians." (…) but add that "sanctions are not a fix; they are a sign that the international order has failed. The Israeli government should have acted long ago to prevent these illegal settlements, never mind support them." Please understand, they, Israeli governments (ever since the founding of the state), do not act for one simple reason: *all* settlements are part of the plan to take over *ALL* land and complete the "final solution". Yes, sanctions *would* be a fix, but then it must be serious.

For the unaware person it might sound great, but I find it shocking to read sentences like "I have also been outspoken about the awful insinuation that Palestinians might not be allowed to return home and rebuild their lives. Refusing to permit Palestinians to return to Gaza would be nothing short of a breach of international law." In fact, probably due to ignorance, such a statement, obviously written to make your constituents feel you stand for justice, does the opposite: it whitewashes/forgives past atrocities; it makes it clear that those (the majority) Gazan who already in Gaza are refugees (from elsewhere in the ethnically cleansed Israel) should go back to their refugee camps. I.e. they should be "allowed to return" to the previous heavy sanctions on medication, food supplies, building materials, most everything that had been in place for years - long before 7th October. For somebody in the position you now find yourself you show an incredible lack of basic knowledge of this people's history as victims of persecution.

Your write: "Any so-called 'peace' plans that involve the permanent displacement of Palestinians from their homes is no peace at all. However, we cannot be distracted from the attempts that have already been made by illegal Israeli settlers to remove Palestinians from their homes. I am completely opposed to any attempts to illegally settle the West Bank; I have called upon the Government to not forget about this occupation".

Correct, British governments of whatever colour have always paid lip-service to this issue and have for years in reality "forgotten" all about it. However, anybody with a mandate to support the present government who is not "screaming from a soap-box" is part of and responsible for the long-term strategy of cleansing Palestine of the unwanted, the surplus population.

Yes, the "easy" questions from your constituents you have responded to and keep responding to by ready-written nonsense such above. But this one posted as email and handed in to your office in paper copy was never even acknowledged, less responded to. I ask you to do so now.

Edinburgh, 20 January 2025

Hi Chris,
Thank you for your reply to my PSC request sent regarding the peace march for Palestine and your omittance/avoidance/refusal to sign and support this EDM tabled by John McDonnel.

"That this House is alarmed by attempts by the Metropolitan Police to prevent an agreed march for Palestine from protesting at the BBC on 18 January 2025; notes the route for the march was confirmed with the police nearly two months ago and as agreed with them was publicly announced on 30 November 2024; believes that the BBC is rightly accountable to the public and that police powers should not be used to shield it from democratic scrutiny; rejects the Metropolitan Police's claim the march could cause disruption to a nearby synagogue noting that the nearest synagogue to the BBC is not even on the march route; further notes that the Metropolitan Police themselves have acknowledged that there has not been a single incident of any threat to a synagogue attached to any of the previous marches for Palestine, and that thousands of Jewish people have been joining the protests, many of them part of an organised Jewish bloc; notes that since these restrictions were announced nearly 200 MPs, trade union and civil society leaders and groups including Amnesty International UK and Liberty, Holocaust survivors and their descendants, lawyers, journalists and prominent cultural figures as well as over 700 members of the British Jewish community have spoken out in support of the right to protest; and, therefore, calls on the Government to urge the Metropolitan Police to drop these repressive restrictions and allow the planned protest to take place at the BBC."

For anybody with the slightest interest in human rights, proper justice for all in this world, it would be easy to give one's support to such a text. However, sadly I have noticed, you were not among the few British politicians who would side with this call for the basic right of people in this country to show solidarity with another people, one exposed to the most abhorrent treatment in modern history. No, sadly, you were not one of those 19 Labour MPs who had the courage to act independently; it would seem you were either too weak or, worse than that, unwilling to stand up to Mr Starmer's strictly imposed discipline.

Let me make this clear: I did not vote for you, I voted for Tommy Sheppard, the person, not necessarily the party, mainly but far from exclusively for his stand on basic human rights, fairness and specifically because of his genuine position on the Palestinian/Zionist question. As someone who has closely followed - on site and later from a distance - the slow but consistent step-by-step British/US et al-supported Zionist ethnic-cleansing of Palestine for the last 54 years, I am now distraught to find myself "represented" in Parliament by somebody who appear to regurgitate (as heard at the Portobello Townhall husting) the age-old mantra of "I believe in a two- state solution…", without seriously considering how that could be implemented. This concept, as we all know, has ever since the founding of Israel served as means to keep "people" happy until die Endlösung, the final solution, has been established on the ground – a country for Jews only.

Reading your response to the PSC letter I had signed and sent, I note that you write "There should have been a ceasefire in the Middle East a year ago". Interesting, indeed. Sorry Chris, this "war" (read: massacre, genocide, ethnic cleansing) started - with its latest chapter – more than three months before that. Tens of thousands of (already for generations displaced people from what is now considered the state of Jewish ethnicity) were already brutally massacred, or, as you write, "had their lives turned upside down", before the date you now feel the massacre should have ended.

You obviously had no problem with that. Or?

I am not surprised, but still sad to notice, your letter shows you support the first three months killing and maiming. Only thereafter you think it should have stopped.

Better than your leader, Mr Starmer, who famously supported the turning off of water supplies to a population under siege and heavy bombardment, you describe the massacres on Gaza as "one of the most appalling tragedies of our time", but, as you claim to "passionately believe in peace and justice in the Middle East" you would have appeared more trustworthy if you had used words like "appalling war crime, genocide, state murder" etc. etc. Chris, this is much more than a "tragedy", especially when this country, its government and allies are supplying much of the weapons.

You write: "I do understand the Met Police's concern of disruption to Jews attending Shabbat services at the synagogue around the corner from Broadcasting House on the day. However, as you have raised, this must also not disrupt fair and free protest." Please be aware, this has nothing to do with genuine Met Police concerns: it is about bowing to powerful lobbyists who, for years have tried to stop anybody speaking out against the Zionist project of ethnic cleansing. As an MP you should keep yourself adequately informed about the realities around this matter, but, if you are genuinely not and want to be, please for a starter have a look here and listen to Ben Jamal,

chair of PSC (Palestine Solidarity Campaign). I ask you to listen to the interview here: https://azvsas.blogspot.com/2025/01/meet-central-synagogues-fascist-rabbi.html Listen to Ben Jamal and learn from the valuable views of the anti-Zionist, anti-racist Jewish blogger, a son of a rabbi, and unstoppable socialist campaigner for Palestine. If you for whatever reason have avoided the truth behind the issue of this march and the background for John McDonnel's EDM then this might help.

As excuse for not supporting McDonnell's EDM you state: "I avoid signing EDMs. I get emails asking me to sign hundreds of them, and I don't have the capacity to properly research and interrogate all the ones I'm asked to sign by constituents (…). Also, if I'm honest, I'm sceptical about their impact." I agree with that general scepticism, however there are exceptions, and this is one. Furthermore, no matter what our own opinions might be, these EDMs are part of the Parliament and they and their authors, your own colleagues, should be treated with due respect, at least taken notice of. I accept that many of these EDMs are local, that few might have an interest for yourself and/or your constituents, but I challenge you on "capacity to properly research". Most of these do not need much research to decide whether they need further investigation or not, whether they warrant a signature or not. Most do not appear very contentious, if at all.

When writing this I notice that 642 EDMs have been tabled from election day to present, your hitherto time at Westminster. Parliament rules say that only your own constituents are allowed to write and ask you to act. Having had a look through these EDMs I am astonished by the alleged fact (?) that your constituents seem to have such widespread interests and concerns about issues from all around the UK that they allegedly have asked you to sign over 200 of these 642. You write: "I get emails asking me to sign hundreds of them" Really? I am not convinced, but as I suppose you won't openly lie to me, I will have to express my respect for my fellow constituents' far-reaching interests in matters from all over the country. With all respect to all these peoples' various concerns, for anybody to compare the general EDMs - such as those, the latest ones, I shall present below - with one regarding public support for millions of people threatened with extinction, then I am seriously worried about who has been appointed to "represent" me in Parliament. "Parks Police" (London), "First Step to stand: women's participation in local politics in Falkirk", "Highland hospital transport", "William Buchanan's contribution to Falkirk", "US trade and impact assessments", "Commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the genocide of Kashmiri Pandit Hindus from Jammu and Kashmir in India", "Linda Norgrove Foundation wins Voluntary Sector Partnership Award", "Open Doors 2025", "Female football cards and consumer products", "25th Anniversary of the reopening of the Forth & Clyde Canal", "Rolls-Royce Motor Cars investment in Goodwood", "Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2025."

I am fully aware that these latest EDMs are signed by very few. The one supporting "Female football cards and consumer products", that attracted 10 signatures, was by far outdoing the other, many not carrying more than one, the one tabling it. I do not know what your staff do at the Portobello Highstreet, but I do expect that the three-four young men there and/or, I presume, other staff at Westminster should have the few minutes time together to look at roughly two EDMs a day. To decide whether it should be politically appropriate and in the interests of yourself and/or your constituents to support or not "female football cards and consumer goods" or "Rolls Royce investments in Goodwood" or whether it should be worthwhile for the House of Commons and your own time to support the idea "of bringing festive cheer to Bonnybridge and Falkirk, starting with carol singing on a tractor", cannot to my best understanding be expected to take up that much time and investigation.

Personally, I have nothing against those ideas, it took me a few minutes to read them all, and I would have nothing against it if an MP and his staff find they might have better things to do than sign them. However, I think the least one should expect of ones MP is that he/she or their staff at least pay the respect to their colleagues' various interests and read and consider those in many cases trivial suggestions – as all that, whether we like it or not, are part of the Parliament. What is important is, among all these EDMs there are those which warrant serious consideration. McDonnell's is definitely one of those. Yes, I can accept that you did not sign "That this House commends Councillor Siobhan Paterson for organising the First Step to Stand workshop in Falkirk", but I cannot accept that you did not support the peace march for Palestine, I am appalled by it.

I shall finish this off with some simple questions to where you stand on issues important to me. You claim to support a two-state solution for the Palestine/Israel question. I am sure, we can agree: for any negotiation about just anything, the involved negotiators, be it private people or states, will start out with each their position. In this case, for a "two state solution" any discussion must start with the border between the two entities. Ever since the founding of the state of Israel, no Israeli government has ever told the world how much land they want; they have never presented a suggestion for where to draw the final border. Even the pre-1967 border was, as we know, an original territory extended after conquest by war. We all know why the Israeli state,

no matter who has been in charge, never have come clear about borders: they want it all. Therefore, “the international community” needs to step in and arbitrary decide what is justice and fair to both sides. As the UK initiated all this with the Balfour declaration’s promise of giving an indigenous people’s land, a land that at the time not even was under control and/or jurisdiction of the British state, to another people, Britain must have a special responsibility to finally arrange for a just and fair solution. I presumed you would not accept Russia to annex the contested and conquered eastern provinces of Ukraine. If not, how could you and your party accept Israel’s repeated conquests? Should we go back to the UN partition, the plan adopted on 29 November 1947 as Resolution 181? If not, why not?

Simply: let me know where you and your party want to outline the borders.

Regarding “sovereign” countries and “interference”: would you please

clarify whether it’s true that the RAF have been operating surveillance flights over Gaza from their base In Akrotiri, Cyprus, and feeding information to Israel.

If this was true, how could you justify collusion in the ongoing massacre of the civilian population of Gaza, including between 16,000 and 20,000 children?”

You represent the Labour party, at least theoretically a party standing on the side of the vulnerable. There should be no need for me to remind you about child (family) poverty in this country. Allegedly, we as a country cannot afford to properly help those in need. Still, it has been seen again and again, we have no shortage of money when it comes to producing and buying weapons and conduct warfare in other countries. Now we obviously are meant to believe that the war is coming home, even Portobello beach we could be led to believe might be under threat of invasion. Yes, believe it or not, your party colleague and defence secretary, John Healey, stated on 25 Oct 2024 that the British Armed Forces are “not ready to fight a war, or fend off an invasion.”

From the top of my head, the last invasion of the British Isles was by William the Conqueror and he and his people should be well established by now. I do not, and do not think either you or Mr Healey fear the appearance of another Spanish armada or a new German Hitler. Though invaded themselves several times by us, Russia’s (Soviet Union’s) only historic invasion of western Europe was to free Auschwitz etc. from Nazi-Germany. I am not aware of any historic attempt by them to invade the UK, nor am I aware of any threats to do so today. I cannot see what interests they would have in Britain, nor can I see where they would get the manpower from, the weapons, ships, vehicles, the logistics etc. etc. not only to invade but even more so to run this country.

I presume the “threat” is Russia.
What would they come for?

Have we not repeatedly noticed that they under heavy losses of young lives for months have struggled to take a village here and one there in eastern Ukraine. I cannot take Mr Healey’s fearmongering seriously. But obviously others can, and Mr Starmer’s Labour seems happy to divert huge money into more and more and more of all these weapons of destruction – all this at a time in human history when children and others go hungry and destitute also in rich countries as the UK.

I am sorry if you really didn’t know this, Russia needs no more land: they need security from “our” weapons coming closer and closer to their borders. When it comes to Ukraine: thirty-four years of NATO expansion is the very root cause for this present disaster,

sold to “us” as a “freedom-project”. Freedom for whom?

For the working class in Russia, Ukraine, the US or the UK? Hardly. No, the “elite’s’” freedom to profit on vulnerable peoples suffering, that is what all this is about.

Let me know who we fear will invade Britain.

If Russia cannot divert 3M soldiers for the job, maybe Denmark, or Iceland? Sorry, you need to wake up: the world is burning and melting; people are starving and it will only get worse. As an MP you need to stand up and speak out, not hide behind Mr Starmer’s party discipline and herd us all as sheep into the giant Titanic of a planet that already has hit the iceberg. Pull out the lifeboats and stop making enemies. More to that: I cannot believe: Mr Starmer flies to Ukraine three days before Trump will take over in Washington - at a time where there is a hope for an end to

> 22/7/25 Hindsight has shown, that was a terribly naïve hope. But the alternative was no better, just slower.

the slaughter - “to sign a new security partnership with Ukraine and to announce that the UK is further stepping up support for Ukraine’s war efforts” all this, allegedly under cover of secrecy and announced only at the last minute. Trump has announced he want an urgent deal to end the war. I see those hopes now as undermined by Starmer who insists that British backing for Kiev will “remain unconditional”. He intends to sign a 100-year partnership” designed to boost links between UK and Ukraine on defence etc. Do we really need to remind Mr Starmer that no politician can sign a 100 years deal with anybody, no matter what. Is he forcing this country into a war with Russia and all of you just stand there, watching it happens?

I shall finish this letter with asking you to clarify your position on another question, now regarding your present work place. The parliament you belong to has all together 1453 member; only 44% of them elected. Those unelected have, as you know, either inherited their seats, been appointed, in many cases on dubious reasons, or have automatically been made into legislators due to their jobs as, believe it or not, priests …

Are you in support of this?

Do you support that unelected members in a country with huge social problems and child poverty are due to receive

a tax-free allowance of £361 per day just to enter the Parliament building,

for whatever reason, this on top of having all their travel expenses paid, no matter where they come from in the country. At a time when charities desperately try to give poor children breakfast to make them able to learn, is it acceptable that all of you, including the unelected, enjoy subsidised restaurant facilities? That individual Tories might be happy for such arrangements I could understand, but is it acceptable that Labour members accept the same?

If not, will you speak out, or again remain silent?

Yours Sincerely
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