

# RESPECT

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## STOP THE MASSACRE IN GAZA

**The Israel's assault on the Gaza strip is an affront to humanity. One of the most densely populated places on earth, blockaded by land, sea and air, is suffering aerial bombardment from Apache assault helicopters and F-16 fighters. Bombs and missiles are raining down on a population, penned in by barbed wire and unable to flee to safety.**

Over 300 Palestinians had been killed in the first three days of this latest Israeli slaughter.

And as ever with war, along with the bombs and the deaths have come the lies. The Israeli government is keen to claim that it is 'only responding' to missile strikes launched from within the Gaza strip. Yet this defence of 'only responding', so eagerly repeated by our own media, is a travesty of the truth – for it turns the laws of cause and effect upon their head. It ignores the history of 60 years of oppression and occupation, of a continuing attempt to wipe the Palestinian nation out of history.

It is that history of oppression – from the forced expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in 1948 and the occupations of Gaza and the West Bank in 1967, through to the refusal to recognise the results of democratic Palestinian elections and the continued blockage of Gaza - that has fed the continuing resistance of the Palestinian people.

That resistance is both completely understandable and entirely legitimate.

Respect fully and unconditionally supports the cause of Palestinian freedom. We will do everything we can to raise solidarity with the Palestinians of Gaza, suffering today under bombardment. And we will continue to work alongside all those who understand that the only way to create a peaceful and secure Middle East is to turn the slogan 'Free Palestine' into a living reality.

### A message from George Galloway MP



*"The barbaric Israeli assault on Gaza will go down in infamy alongside Deir Yasin and Sabra and Shatilla as one of the defining events of the Palestinian tragedy and resistance.*

*"The atrocities are continuing – so too must the world-wide protests. We in Britain have a particular responsibility. Our government, alongside George W Bush, has sickeningly placed the blame on the Palestinians for their suffering in Gaza.*

*"Our government arms the quisling Arab regimes whose cowardice and greed are as necessary to Israel's murder as its US supplied weapons.*

*"Historically, it was a British foreign minister who authored the Palestinian tragedy when he signed their country away to the Zionist movement.*

*"Respect helped organise the militant demonstration on Sunday in London outside the Israeli embassy within 24 hours of the first air raids on Gaza. We stand in solidarity with the protests called by diverse groups across Britain.*

*"Every single MP should be put under pressure to speak out clearly against Israel's aggression. Those who do not will have the blood of innocent Palestinians on their hands.*

*"Let's unify our efforts. Stop the Slaughter in Gaza. Hold the British government to account. Freedom for Palestine."*

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