

Write to your member of parliament and to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Minister for Children. Demand Protection of Palestinian Children

Please use this template to send a personalised letter to your MP demanding immediate action to protect Palestinian children. Request the United Kingdom government ensure that Israel adheres to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We condemn the killing of all children - no child should ever be a target and all efforts must be taken to end violence against all children and to end collusion with such violence.

Dear (MP's name),

As your constituent, I urge you to take immediate action to end Israel's war on Palestine, in particular its children. Israel's repeated assaults have had devastating impacts on Palestinian children, contravening international laws and threatening the future of Palestine by endangering the lives, health, development, and well-being of its youngest and most vulnerable. Many in our community share my deep concern about the enduring harm this relentless war imposes on Palestinian families and children, affecting them not only now but also for generations to come.

I specifically request that you call upon the Government to demand that Israel adheres to both national and international laws, particularly the following:

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC): This legally binding international agreement outlines the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of every child, regardless of race, religion, or abilities. Israel is a signatory to the UNCRC and must be held accountable to its provisions, especially:

Article 3: Prioritising children's best interests.

Article 5: Protecting parental care responsibilities.

Article 6: Guaranteeing children's right to life

Criterion 2C of the Strategic Export Licensing Criteria states that the Government will

"not issue export licences if there is a clear risk that the items might be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international humanitarian law".

The Government has acted on this by suspending thirty out of three hundred and fifty export licences to Israel but it continues to supply Israel with the parts for the F35 planes that are bombing Gaza's children.

Recent reports from organisations such as The UN Child Rights Committee (CRC) [1], Amnesty International [2] and The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967 [3] have extensively documented these violations, underscoring the need for accountability.

I ask you to take an ethical decision and address this urgent matter to ensure that UK taxes are not funding human rights abuses or supporting inhumane and illegal acts.

Please send a written response to my address below. I look forward to hearing your that you have made commitment to protecting the rights and lives of Palestinian children.

Sincerely,

1. Concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Israel (16 October 2024)

<https://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?Open&DS=CRC/C/ISR/CO/5-6&Lang=E>

2. 'You Feel Like You Are Subhuman': Israel's Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza (5 December 2024)

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde15/8668/2024/en/>

3. A/79/384: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese -Genocide as colonial erasure (1 October 2024)

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/country-reports/a79384-report-special-rapporteur-situation-human-rights-palestinian>