

STOP THE WAR COALITION



This branch notes:

1. Israel's devastating military assault on Gaza which has killed thousands of Palestinians, and the total siege that has destroyed vital infrastructure.
2. The huge number of children among the fatalities in Gaza, and has caused widespread trauma, and the massive disruption to education caused by war and siege.
3. United Nations agencies and international human rights organisations such as Amnesty International have documented war crimes being committed by the Israeli army in Gaza.
4. The British government's loyal support for Israel including through continued arms sales and its refusal to call for a ceasefire – something supported by the majority of the British public.
5. The efforts by UK government to criminalise protest in solidarity with Palestine, including peaceful tactics of boycott, divestment and sanctions promoted by the global Palestine solidarity movement.
6. Palestinian trade unions have called on trade unions internationally to do everything in their power to end complicity with Israel's crimes.
7. The huge demonstrations calling for a ceasefire, organised by Stop the War, PSC and other organisations.

This branch believes:

1. Civilian deaths due to violence in Palestine and Israel are deplorable and preventable.
2. Israel's bombardment and siege of Gaza, and the collective punishment of its people, and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank must end immediately.
3. Israel is guilty of apartheid policies under international law, as documented by human rights organisations, and this underpins the ongoing deadly violence in Palestine and Israel
4. Justice, equality and freedom for the Palestinians, with the rights of everyone in the region respected, is the only long-term guarantee of peace.
5. The UK government must stop being an enabler of Israel's apartheid policies, violence and anti-Palestinian racism.
6. The attacks on our right to protest for Palestine are an attack on our fundamental democratic rights and civil liberties and are part of the wider attack on our right to protest and strike.
7. As trade unions we should heed the call from Palestinian trade unions, support mobilisations and campaigns to pressure our government and resist the attacks on our right to protest.

This branch resolves:

1. To call on our union executive to add the name of our union to those calling for an immediate ceasefire and support the call from Palestinian trade unions coordinate trade union solidarity efforts for Palestine with other trade unions in the UK and internationally.
2. To support the national demonstration for Palestine in London on 11 November and to encourage our members to be there along with our banner.
3. To donate towards local organisations putting on transport to the demonstration of £ ____
4. To affiliate our branch to the Stop the War Coalition and Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

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