



Scottish Palestinian Forum

STATEMENT ON THE CONDUCT OF ISRAELI MILITARY FORCES DURING JANUARY 2023

Scottish Palestinian Forum condemns the actions of Israeli military forces following the murder of at least 10 Palestinians including an elderly woman and two children during their attack on Jenin Refugee Camp on January 26th 2023.

We are shocked to learn that this attack included attacks on hospitals , ambulances and many homes.

Israeli military attacks in the Occupied Palestinian Territories throughout January have caused tremendous suffering for the Palestinian people . Since 2023 started Israeli military forces have so far killed at least 30 Palestinians including 7 children.

Scottish Palestinian Forum also expresses its sadness that 7 Jewish Israelis were killed by a Palestinian near a synagogue in a settlement outside of Jerusalem on January 27th 2023. We grieve for these heartbreaking losses of life.

The committee of the Scottish Palestinian Forum consider that the root cause of all this violence is the Israeli Government's cruel apartheid and settler -colonial rule over Palestinians. Scottish Palestinian Forum will continue to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for peace and justice.

The Israeli Government is backed by substantial military aid from the US which is supplemented by arms sales from the U.K. This massive disparity in power allows the Israeli Government to control and dominate Palestinians on a daily and routine basis.

We therefore call for the U.K Government to end the two way arms trade with Israel. Amnesty International issued an extensively researched report in 2022 which indicated that the Israeli Government treatment of the Palestinian people amounts to Apartheid.

It is time for the U.K Government to take some action in response to this situation .

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