



Women in Black London

**Only justice for
Palestinians can bring
peace for Israel**

Last week the UN Security Council voted for an 'immediate and lasting' ceasefire in the war in Gaza during the month of Ramadan. But this ceasefire ends on 9th April.

Everyday the news from Gaza gets more and more desperate. 85% of Gaza population is facing catastrophic food shortage. Aid agencies report seeing patients trying to recover from life-saving surgery and loss of limbs, mothers who have just given birth, newborn babies, all suffering from hunger. (IPC) The United Nations Works and Refugee Agency (UNWRA) in Gaza, an essential lifeline for humanitarian support, has been defunded by the United States, the UK, Germany and others.

Since 7 October, when Hamas killed 1,200 Israelis and took 250 hostage (130 are still unaccounted for) 32,845 Gazans have been killed, of which 13,000 are children and 8,400 women. 1.4 million Gazans, most of them displaced, have been forced into the small city of Rafah, on the border with Egypt.

The UK government, it was revealed on Saturday, has been told by its own lawyers that Israel has breached international humanitarian law in Gaza. This means that arms sales to Israel must cease immediately.

Women in Black London call for a permanent ceasefire, for strengthened international efforts to encourage dialogue, diplomacy and nonviolent means of securing peace for the people of Palestine and Israel. This is the only way out of the tragic cycle of violence experienced by the Palestinian people and those still held hostage by Hamas.

Women in Black in London stand in solidarity with Palestinian women in the Occupied Territories in their struggle for justice, peace, well-being and a secure, prosperous and nonviolent future for themselves and their children.

We stand with Israeli partners, such as Women in Black Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, the Coalition of Women for Peace, MACHSOM WATCH and other organizations in which Jewish and Palestinian Israeli women work together for a peace agreement and sustain contact with Palestinian women in the West Bank and Gaza. With them, we call for full equality in Israel for Jewish and non-Jewish citizens alike.

Please share this leaflet with others and write to your own MP or elected representative (<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>) asking that they work to:

- Support an unconditional, permanent ceasefire in Gaza
- Reinstatement of UNWRA to help facilitate delivery of essential humanitarian aid to Gaza.
- End the illegal arms trade between the UK and Israel.
- Support South Africa's case at the International Court of Justice against the state of Israel under the Genocide Convention



Join us: Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery and beside Page 8 Hotel. St. Martin's Place, London WC2.

Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

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