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To: [Lesley Harrison](#)
Subject: Immediate Ceasefire & Humanitarian Aid- Gaza
Date: 12 February 2024 13:55:50

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Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 3:58 pm

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Cc: GUEST, Alexander <alexander.guest@parliament.uk>

Subject: Re: Immediate Ceasefire & Humanitarian Aid- Gaza

Hi Sarah

I hope this find you well. A quick note to say thank you for all your work regarding Middle East Crisis. I know you have done a lot of work on Palestinian matters in past and your recent support is very much appreciated by the community.

The Middle East conflict needs to be resolved in peaceful manner in the long term, however at present time humanitarian aid urgently needs to reach people of Gaza including children and disable people who are starving to death with no medical care, this is against all norms of international law and conventions.

It will be helpful if UK Aid reaches vulnerable people. As chair of International Development Select Committee please continue to hold the Ministers, Government, and the Department to account on how they are delivering the humanitarian aid.

Speak soon. Take care. Saghir.

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Subject: Immediate Ceasefire & Humanitarian Aid- Gaza

Dear Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing regarding the present conflict in Middle East. I would be most grateful if the matter could be raised through your office with British Foreign Secretary and Israel Embassy regarding immediate ceasefire fire in Gaza and allowing humanitarian aid to people of Gaza.

The complete seize of Gaza is collective punishment of innocent people, including children, women and disable people which is contrary to international norms and law. It also be helpful to ask question the British Foreign Secretary and British Government what emergency humanitarian aid is being provided to vulnerable people in Gaza, who have no water, food, access to medical care clear breaches of the basic human rights.

Many thanks for your support. Take care. Saghir.

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A Statement from Faith Leaders in Rotherham

As we struggle to find words to express our reactions to events around the world, we come together as a visible expression of our friendship, solidarity, and support for each other in Rotherham. We are appalled by the suffering we hear and see, and we pray for all those who are in distress and for those in anguish, including within our own communities here in Rotherham, as they fear for family and friends.

As catastrophes and conflicts continue to affect so many, our prayers become yet more fervent for urgent humanitarian relief and for peace-building at every level.

In coming together at this time as faith leaders, we reach out to all those within our communities to join us in prayer. Amidst deep emotional distress, we urge reflection on faith, providing wisdom to guide our thoughts and actions with a common Creator as our witness.

As we make sense of global events and strive to respond, may we firmly safeguard the good relationships, shared values and bonds that we have worked to build in Rotherham over many years.

We will stand together.

Signed:

Haji Saghir Alam, Muslim Community of Rotherham

Revd Canon Phil Batchford, Rotherham Minster & St Paul's Masbrough

Adrian Dexter, Liberty Church

Rabbi Golomb, United Synagogue

David Homer, Buddhist

Venerable Javaid Iqbal, Archdeacon of Doncaster, Chair, Sheffield Diocesan Board of Faith and Justice

Rev Fr Desmond Sexton, Hallam Diocese

Rev'd Matt Stone, Herringthorpe United Reformed Church

Ms Tricia Williams, Baha'i Community of Rotherham

From: [Cllr Saghir Alam](#)
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Subject: UN Peacekeeping & Independent Human Rights Commission Inquiry
Date: 12 February 2024 14:04:09

Date: 03/11/2023 16:44 GMT

Subject: UN Peacekeeping & Independent Human Rights Commission Inquiry

The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP

**Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth
and Development Affairs**

**I am writing regarding the ongoing conflict in
Palestine which is causing humanitarian crisis
especially unnecessary deaths of innocents
victims including children.**

**The United Kingdom is Signatory to the United
Nations Charter. I would urge you to your office
as Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs and
also the United Kingdom as Permanent Member
of UN Security Council to request the UN to
send a immediate Peacekeeping Force to
Palestine especially to end human suffering and
establish peace in Palestine and the region.**

**UN Peacekeeping will helps to achieve lasting
peace, supports political processes, protects
hundreds of thousands of civilians lives and help**

guarantee cease fire and allow Humanitarian Aid to innocent people.

I would also ask that United Kingdom request an establishment of Independent International Commission of Inquiry under the United Nations Human Rights Council to visit areas of conflict at earliest opportunity to safe guard human rights and to ensure international laws are been followed.

I would also like you to use your office bring key stakeholders together to reach a political solution as in 2014 British Parliament formally voted to recognise Palestine as a state.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely, Saghir.

Councillor Chris Read – Leader of the Council

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7th February 2024

Maryam Shameela
[redacted]

Dear Maryam

Thank you for your email dated Sunday 14th January 2023.

The events that have unfolded in recent months in Gaza and Israel have seen countless lives lost and a deepening humanitarian crisis. Every life that is lost is one too many and my thoughts are with all the innocent victims, on both sides, caught up in the conflict.

Rotherham Council and communities across the borough have a proud history of supporting those who have fled war in their home countries, most recently in both Ukraine and Afghanistan.

In your email you expressed a desire for the UK to increase the amount of international aid for the Palestinian territories affected by the conflict, but I'm afraid this is not a matter over which I, as the Leader of Rotherham Council, can determine.

The Charity Commission has produced guidance for individuals wishing to send aid to help the civilians affected by the conflict, and they recommend that people give support via existing regulated charities. These organisations are best placed for getting international aid to civilians caught up in the conflict and can more easily adapt to the changing situation in the area.

The link below provides you with further information on how to support civilians impacted by the conflict:

[Charity Commission advice on how to help civilians impacted by the Israel-Gaza conflict - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/charity-commission-advice-on-how-to-help-civilians-impacted-by-the-israel-gaza-conflict)

With regards to your question about ensuring that humanitarian aid safely reaches people in need in accordance with humanitarian principles, I can advise that this is a matter for national government and can only be addressed by your MP.

I hope that the information that I have provided will be helpful in guiding your decision on how best to support the innocent civilians affected by this distressing conflict in these troubling times.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Council