

CEASEFIRE NOW!!!

The relentless bombing of Gaza continues. Over 25,000 have been killed and 60,000 injured.

The majority are women and children. Starvation and disease is beginning to claim more lives and the war in the Middle East is spreading.

Labour politicians should be calling for an immediate ceasefire.

Please support the resolutions put forward tonight.

Thamesmead East Motion

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This TE branch calls for a permanent and immediate ceasefire in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank as the only way to stop the deaths of more innocent men, women and children in addition to the thousands of Israeli and Palestinian civilians who have already lost their lives.

The current conflict is also leaving many more people injured or maimed, laying waste to the whole neighbourhoods and has displaced around two million people.

No matter how long it takes or hard it is to achieve, only a negotiated political settlement can provide any kind of solution.

This branch also notes:

1. No military solution is possible in this conflict.
 2. Escalating levels of violence will not achieve a lasting peace.
 3. The sanctity of all human life should be recognised and respected.
 4. Humanitarian pauses will only possibly provide temporary respite, and cannot by definition bring a permanent end to the killing.
 5. Unless the fighting stops, many civilians will be unable to access food, water, medical supplies and fuel – or adequate levels of such.
 6. War crimes and breaches of international law, as a matter of legal principle, do not justify further breaches of international law and war crimes. All parties should cooperate with the international criminal court to investigate all claims of war crimes.
 7. Families, particularly with young children, left homeless by the conflict have no prospect of rebuilding their lives while it continues.
 8. Calling for a ceasefire is an important first step in ending the horrifying scale of bloodshed. Politicians, political parties and governments cannot ignore overwhelming public calls for a cessation in hostilities.
- The countries who are diplomatic, economic and military backers or enablers of the warring parties, have the power to make them stop immediately.
9. All hostages and political prisoners should be released.

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PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA NOW!!!

WE CALL ON YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION

Ceasefire now – stop the killing in Gaza.

THE ABBEY WOOD BRANCH OF THE LABOUR PARTY:

1. Condemns unreservedly the killing of 1,200 people by Hamas on October 7th. No cause justifies such a horrific mass murder of civilians, including children.
2. Condemns the Israeli government's attacks on Gaza, which, while claiming "the right of defence", have resulted as at 2nd of January according to Al Jazeera and increasing exponentially every day in the killing of over 22,185 Palestinians, including 9,100 children, over 57,035 injured and the displacement of 96% of Gazans displaced, 170 IDF soldiers killed and many thousands, according to the unreliable official Israeli figures, injured and no progress on the release of remaining hostages.
3. Condemns the killing by Israeli settlers and the Israeli military of at least 324 Palestinians on the occupied West Bank, and East Jerusalem, and the displacement of hundreds of families and the escalating mistreatment of the 2m Palestinian residents within the borders of Israel.
4. Believes that the Israeli government's actions in carrying out indiscriminate bombing of a densely populated civilian area, including the targeting of hospitals and other health facilities, refugee camps, schools, and places of worship, are neither proportionate nor defensive, and have created a humanitarian catastrophe.
5. Considers that these actions, together with the imposition of a siege denying food, water, fuel, and medicines constitute material breaches of international humanitarian law leading to multiple war crimes. There is considerable support for the South African Government's move to take Israel to the ICJ for "Genocide".
6. Considers that calling for a "humanitarian pause" can only result in a pause in the killing, leading to the deaths of thousands more civilians.
7. Notes that a YouGov poll suggests that 76% of the British public supports a ceasefire, and that only 8% opposes it.
8. Notes the huge demonstrations in Britain, Ireland and across the world demanding a ceasefire, suggests that most world opinion stand with the Palestinian people.

We therefore reaffirm our support for an immediate ceasefire and the lifting of the blockade, and call for:

- The urgent provision of humanitarian relief, including food, water, fuel, and medicines to the inhabitants of Gaza.
- The restarting of meaningful peace talks leading to the release of all hostages and all Palestinians unjustly detained, including those detained since 7th October
- An end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian land as set out in United Nations resolutions, its discrimination against Palestinians and illegal land seizures and settlement building.
- Justice and human rights for Palestinians in both Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories and for all national, ethnic, and religious communities.
- A comprehensive settlement of Palestinian national aspirations.

If passed, to be sent to all NEC members)