

Labour Conference 2026: Contemporary Motion

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Title: The Government must act on Israel's ongoing atrocities against Palestinians (250 words)

Conference notes:

- On [9 August](#), Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the US-backed 15-point plan for Gaza.
- On [10 August](#), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported that Israeli military operations continue across Gaza, resulting in Palestinian civilian casualties.
- On [16 August](#), an Israeli minister called for routine daily killing of dozens of Palestinians in Gaza.
- The NPF Annual Report 2026 does not reference any atrocities committed in Gaza by the Israeli state, but Israel has violated the October 2025 Gaza 'ceasefire' [thousands of times](#), with more than 1,250 Palestinians killed in that time, and in June 2026 the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry report confirmed that Israel's genocide in Gaza is ongoing.
- Israel is on trial for genocide at the ICJ and in 2024 the ICJ judged that Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, to be unlawful and ruled that Israel was in violation of the international prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid.

Conference welcomes Andy Burnham's apology for Labour's stance on Palestine and acknowledges Ed Miliband's statement on [11 August](#), but believes decisive action is needed against Israel's genocide.

Accordingly, conference calls on the government to:

- Accept the findings of the UN Commission of Inquiry that Israel has committed genocide.
- Impose comprehensive sanctions on Israel, including a full arms embargo.
- Ban all trade that aids or assists Israel's military actions in Gaza or its unlawful presence in the occupied Palestinian territory, including all trade with Israel's illegal settlements.