

Al Quds in London 2018

Hard on the heels of the Free Tommy Demo in London on Saturday came the annual Al Quds march calling for Death to Israel. I had a prior engagement for once so I couldn't attend the groups countering the abomination (terrorist flags off our streets!) but enough of my friends did that I have some photographs and eye witness accounts of what was happening in and around Mayfair.

With the US embassy moving to South London the [IHRC wrote](#) to London mayor Sadiq Khan seeking his assurance that the march would be protected from Zionist and Far-right extremists and telling him that "We are heartened that you have now distanced yourself from the extreme groups who were targeting Al-Quds Day last year..." As we never get a satisfactory response to the little matter of the terrorist flag of Hezbollah fluttering on London's streets I don't think he, nor any Home Secretary for the last 10 years has ever been 'on side'.

The Zionist Federation who organise the Jewish counter protest were also worried about 'far-right extremists'.

[March for England after Al Quds 2009](#) and they, with the Free Secular Iranian Exiles had been countering for several years previously) also do not have any truck with neo-nazis and the like. I don't think neo-nazi groups will ever get involved with groups that support Israel. This is the Zionist federation's third year, their [The Jewish News](#)

The saga which led to the bizarre situation that we were threatened with arrest to protect the rights of those waving the terrorist flag of Hezbollah adorned with an image of an AK47 gun was a farce but the fact that the Al Quds rally itself was allowed was not funny...the Police enforcing the will of the Home Secretary saw a wheelchair as a greater threat than a machine gun.

The stand off was not planned. I had moved to the route where the marchers had planned to go thinking that a large number of people would do the job that the Government should have but the Police following orders from on high moved us all away. Mandy and I refused to go.

A civilian support worker told me that I had to move. My lawyer's mind kicked in, and I asked why? He walked away.

Two officers came and told me that the marchers would walk around me and they "could not guarantee my safety". "That's ok" I said, "I never asked you to, I'll take the risk". They walked away.

Another officer then told me that I had to move and that the Police had an order closing the street " can I see it?" He shrugged and walked away mumbling that it was in a van somewhere.

After 45 minutes, a different officer told me that she would arrest us. I pointed out that the Police had said we could stay and so we were doing nothing wrong. She then went away and then came back to withdraw my permission at which point she warned me that we would be arrested. The Police had chosen the side of the terrorists.

And so it was that after nearly an hour a Police Support Officer moved me down the street.



Photograph from the [IHRC twitter feed](#) that I take the horrible image of the Israeli flag being burnt by a member of Neturei Karta while the flag of Hezbollah flutters above.



I say this every year but next year this MUST be stopped.

Photographs from media sources credited for such and freinds including Cliff Dixon and others whose

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