

More than 100 Muslim Labour councillors demand Keir Starmer immediately halts arms sales to Israel

[LBC](#) can reveal that 114 Muslim Labour councillors have written to the Prime Minister calling for an immediate arms embargo to Israel.

In an open letter, the cohort of elected Labour politicians call for their own party leader Sir Keir Starmer to impose “an immediate and complete suspension of arms sales to Israel”.

Coordinated by the Labour Muslim Network, the letter says “we must not be complicit in these clear violations of international humanitarian law . . . It is our moral obligation to act now. That is why we have come together, as Councillors, as Muslims, and as Labour members to call on this Labour government to meet our moral obligation by suspending all arms sales to Israel until such a time that international humanitarian law is observed and respected”.

Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer MP,

Dear Prime Minister,

We, the undersigned, are writing to you as Muslim Labour Councillors representing communities all across Britain to call for an immediate and complete suspension of arms sales to Israel.

The tragic human toll we have seen over the past year has been unimaginable.

In the past few days alone we have seen images of Palestinian children and families burnt alive following Israeli military strikes at Al Aqsa hospital, and the continued shelling of schools used as shelter by displaced civilians. It is also being reported by the Associated Press that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to seal off humanitarian aid to northern Gaza. A plan that, if implemented, would cut off food and water to hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians who have nowhere safe to go.

Over 17,000 children are estimated to have been killed in Gaza by Israeli military attacks in the last year. 31 hospitals and 88% of schools in Gaza have now been destroyed or severely damaged. The death toll has now surpassed 42,000 as we see continued escalation in Gaza and now Lebanon.

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Kind regards,

The list of Labour Muslim councillors includes senior figures within local authorities with local mayors, council deputy

leaders as well as local cabinet members signing the letter.
(Rather a lot come from London Borough of Barking and
Dagenham; others come from the Northern towns and cities of
the grooming gang atrocities)



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Cllr Mahalia France-Mir - Leeds City Council
Cllr Asghar Khan - Leeds City Council
Cllr Mohammed Iqbal - Leeds City Council
Cllr Raffiq Moosa Mohammed - Leicester City Council
Cllr Hanif Aqbany - Leicester City Council
Cllr Yasmin Surti - Leicester City Council (Chair of Labour Group)
Cllr Mustafa Malik - Leicester City Council
Cllr Saima Ashraf - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham (Deputy Leader)
Cllr Regina Rahman - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Manzoor Hussain - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Faraaz Shaukat - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Mohammed Khan - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Muhammad Saleem - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Fatuma Nalule - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Mukhtar Yusuf - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Cllr Ishma Moeen - London Borough of Brent
Cllr Nasim Ali - London Borough of Camden
Cllr Dr Aysha S. Raza - London Borough of Ealing
Cllr Soraya Adejare - London Borough of Hackney
Cllr Ibrahim Ali - London Borough of Haringey
Cllr Ahmed Mahbub - London Borough of Haringey
Cllr Saiqa Pandor - London Borough of Islington
Cllr Jilani Chowdhury - London Borough of Islington
Cllr Ibtisam Adem - London Borough of Lambeth (Policy Lead for Sanctuary Seekers and Migrants)
Cllr Mariam Dawood - London Borough of Newham
Cllr Syed Shikul islam - London Borough of Redbridge
Cllr Alia Khan - Luton Borough Council
Cllr Zanib Raja - Luton Borough Council
Cllr Ahmed Ali - Manchester City Council (Deputy Executive for Vibrant Neighbourhood)
Cllr Yasmine Dar - Manchester City Council
Cllr Muqaddasah Bano - Manchester City Council
Cllr Zahid Hussain - Manchester City Council
Cllr Shaukat Ali - Manchester City Council

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The news comes just days after 21 Labour MPs (including some recently suspended) backed a parliamentary motion calling on

the government to end “all military exports to Israel”. The cohort of MPs led by Richard Burgon includes Diane Abbot and former Labour Party chair Ian Lavery.