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BRENT GREEN PARTY STATEMENT ON GAZA

Brent Green Party condemns Israel's devastating attack on the people of Gaza and the killing of civilians including many children. We call on the British government to take action to ensure an immediate end to the military attacks on Gaza. We call for an end to the siege which has been denying the population medicines, food and their livelihoods.

Shahrar Ali, Green Party candidate for the European Parliament, said: "Might is not right! The latest announcement from the Israeli military to pause their assault for three hours a day to assist humanitarian relief is cynical in the extreme: they are the direct cause of the deepening humanitarian crisis. The lives of Palestinians are being made a living hell, with children freezing at night because families have to choose between leaving their windows open or risk glass shattering into them."

Martin Francis, Green Party parliamentary candidate for Brent North, said: "We call on the government to ensure that the favourable status of Israel in the EU, including the EU trade agreement, is reviewed immediately since it is a country which is violating international law and we should not be contributing to the economy of such a state."

Brent Green Party urges all British citizens to lobby their MPs to press for government action, and to take part in the daily demonstrations outside the Israeli Embassy in High Street Kensington 5.30-7pm and to join the national demonstration on Saturday 10th January 12.30 pm Speakers Corner, Hyde Park London.

NOTES

1. Statement from Jean Lambert MEP

http://www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/news_detail.php?id=397 (06/01/09)

2. Green Party leader Caroline Lucas MEP statements

<http://another-green-world.blogspot.com/2008/12/green-party-urges-end-to-israeli-air.html>
(28/12/08)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/dec/30/israel-and-the-palestinians-middle-east-letters>
(30/12/08)

3. Latest information from the Palestine Solidarity Campaign

<http://www.palestinecampaign.org/>

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