



Women in Black
London

**JUSTICE
FOR
PALESTINIANS**

**Only justice and democratic statehood for Palestinians
can bring peace to the region.**

Recent months have seen open aggression by Israel against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, with the bombing and destruction of significant sites. There has been deadly fire both ways across the border between Gaza and southern Israel. On the political front, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has enacted policies that impede, rather than foster, progress towards peace with Palestinians. Relocation of the US Embassy to Jerusalem in May, on the prompting of Donald Trump, was a combative gesture undermining the city's shared status. Continued settlement and wall-building in the Occupied West Bank are reducing the land available for a State of Palestine in any 'two-state solution'.

Meanwhile an end to the Palestinians' suffering by creation of a single shared state spanning Israel and the Occupied Territories has become even less imaginable. In July a new 'nation-state law' defined Israel unequivocally as a 'state for the Jewish people' only, relegating all identities other than Jewish to non-citizenship, including the 20% of Israel's present population that are Israeli Arab (both Muslim and Christian Palestinians). Arabic was stripped of its status as a national language. Ever less thinkable, therefore, is a democratic state embracing as equal citizens millions more Palestinians from the Occupied Territories.

Women in Black in London stand in solidarity with Palestinian women in the Israeli Occupied Territories in their struggle for justice, peace, well-being and a secure, prosperous and nonviolent future for themselves and their children.

We stand with Israeli partners the Coalition of Women for Peace, with Machsom Watch and other organizations in which Jewish and Palestinian Israeli women work together for a peace agreement and sustain contact with Palestinian women in the West Bank and Gaza. We likewise call for return to a fully equal and inclusive citizenship in Israel for Jewish and non-Jewish people alike.

To the Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

Dear Theresa May: with Women in Black I appeal to the British Government to use all means in its power to influence the Israeli Government to redirect its policies towards fostering peace and the renewal of negotiations with Palestinian leaders.

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Women in Black London hold vigils every Wednesday between 6 – 7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2H OHE. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to violence, militarism and war. Contact us at: wibinfo@gn.apc.org; www.london.womeninblack.org; www.facebook.com/womeninblack.london; [Twitter@WIB_London](https://twitter.com/WIB_London) **Donations for leaflets very welcome.** FilePal2018/09/01