

Motion title: Solidarity Motion with Palestinian Workers and Youth

Proposer: Noah Holland (Marxist Society)

Seconder: Ameer Al-Magidi (Arab Society)

Summary:

This motion aims to affirm SU support for the struggle of the Palestinian people against occupation. To achieve this, the SU must campaign and organise in defence of the cause of the Palestinian people and condemn British imperialism's role in the oppression of the Palestinian people. For a Socialist Federation of the Middle East! Intifada until victory!

Union Notes:

1. A new conflict has flared up between Israel and the Palestinian people.
2. Thousands of Palestinians, including women and children, have been killed by the Israeli security forces in recent years, such as during 'Operation Cast Lead' in 2008-09 and 'Operation Protective Edge' in 2014. Before the events on 7 October, 200 Palestinians have been killed this year alone.
3. Israel is actively supported by western governments, with billions in British military equipment being used by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). The United States subsidises Israel's military to the tune of 3.6 billion dollars per year.

Union Believes:

1. This latest conflict is a direct consequence of decades of violent oppression of the Palestinian people by the Israeli state, with the support of western imperialism, beginning with the ethnic cleansing of the Nakba in 1948.
2. Recently, this oppression has been intensified by the government of Benjamin Netanyahu, which is the most reactionary in Israel's history.
3. Imperialist diplomacy – such as the Oslo accords – has failed. Only a mass uprising on both sides of the green line and across the Middle East can free the Palestinian people, end the occupation, and ensure equal rights for all peoples.
4. It is the duty of the international movement of workers and youth to support this struggle.

Union Resolves:

1. To declare its solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people against occupation and for the Palestinian right to national self-determination.
2. To call on its members to mobilise and campaign against companies, banks, and institutions that aid the manufacture and delivery of arms to Israel.

3. To condemn the British government's support for the Israeli state and the distortions of the mainstream media in Britain in its coverage of this conflict.
4. To organise and support local rallies in solidarity with Palestine.
5. To submit this motion to the National Union of Students and call on it to publicly support the Palestinian struggle and oppose British imperialism's role in the oppression of the Palestinian people.

Supporting Evidence:

1. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/07/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-conflict-timeline.html>

Amendments:

Amendment from Noah Holland:

To add:

Union Notes:

4. Recently, our comrades UCL Marxist Society have been suspended for their support for Palestine.
5. The Marxist Society believes this is an outrageous attack on their democratic right to freedom of speech.

Union Resolves:

6. to express solidarity with UCL Marxists, who have been suspended for their support for Palestine, and to support and encourage co-ordination with students and workers in universities across the country for the common cause of Palestinian liberation.

Amendment from Bailey Prevezner

To add :

Union Beliefs:

5. This council believes that the actions taken by Hamas over the past 5 days is not acceptable and should be called out for its incredibly awful nature.
6. This council also believes that the actions taken by Hamas and the Israeli government is not the opinions of the Israeli/Jewish and Palestinian populus most of whom just want peace and security