

I am responding to your email personally as I want to give you my cast-iron, solemn guarantee that I am aware and have been actively campaigning in support of Palestine for years. I am an active member of TARIF organisation, one of the signatories, and we are on the streets of Middlesbrough with regularity educating the public about the Israeli expansion and mistreatment. I am happy to speak to you directly, or visit you if you wish. I feel passionately about the injustice in the middle east and think that many of the problems we face in our present day stems from our Foreign Policy over the last 100 years.

On June 17th I will be standing with my brothers and sisters in Middlesbrough outside Binns in recognition of 100 years since the british foreign secretary wrote an article which stated that 'The British Government supports the right of Isreal to found an homeland with the country of Palestine'.

I oppose every injustice that occurs to every palestinian from their displacement, destruction of their homes, persecution and imprisonment of their children and mistreatment of United Nations facilities within Palestine.

On a personal note one of the things that still brings a tear to my eye is the death of Yasser Arafat. A man who was making great progress for Palestine and peace.

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