

I agree with the statements that you make. I and the SNP have long supported a two state solution for Israel and Palestine as ultimately the only way to find lasting peace and reconciliation in the region. The conditions in which so many Palestinian citizens now find themselves living is absolutely heartbreaking, but while building on occupied territories continues a solution seems to be farther away than ever.

We need stronger diplomatic action to ensure international law applies to all and we don't turn our back on the plight of the people of Palestine. Scottish Ministers and SNP MPs have pressed the UK Government to use its influence to promote self-determination for Palestine and help relieve suffering in the occupied territories. Last year SNP Westminster Leader Angus Robertson led a delegation to the region to see how we can support the peace process (<https://stv.tv/news/politics/1371853-angus-robertson-visits-israel-to-promote-two-state-solution/>)

I showed my support by backing the Justice for Palestine campaign, together with over half of the SNP MPs prior to the election (<https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/2674/revealed-more-half-snp-mps-back-justice-palestine-campaign>)

The SNP called for an arms embargo on Israel following the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza using weapons with British components, pending proper investigation. It's vital that the UK ensures it is not complicit in the killing of innocent civilians, in violation of international law, through the selling of arms. I'm concerned about the UK Government's policy direction generally on human rights (I questioned Theresa May on putting arms deals over human rights soon after she became PM: <https://goo.gl/pRc1dN>)

At Westminster, SNP MPs will continue working to ensure we play our role as good global citizens, seeking to progress a lasting peace settlement in the Middle East, bringing concerns about the situation in Palestine to the chamber and pursuing a two state solution for Palestine and Israel.

Best wishes

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