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UK urged to act over Palestine Action hunger strikers

Several activists held in British prisons have been refusing food since early November over terrorism charges and prison conditions



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Former hunger-strikers from Ireland, Palestine, and the US detention facility at Guantanamo Bay have appealed to the UK government to intervene over pro-Palestine activists in British prisons, some of whom have been refusing food for over two months, warning that their lives are at risk.

In an open letter published by Al Jazeera on Sunday, the signatories said they were acting *"in*

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uncompromising solidarity” with eight Palestine Action prisoners who began refusing food in November.

The detainees are being held in detention in connection with alleged break-ins and damage at Israeli arms maker Elbit Systems UK’s site in Filton near Bristol and at RAF Brize Norton airbase in Oxfordshire.

Currently, three activists reportedly remain on hunger strike, while the others have suspended it.

The prisoners deny the charges. Their demands include immediate bail, the right to a fair trial, and the lifting of the terrorism designation imposed on the Palestine Action group, which was outlawed in July after activists spray-painted two planes red at Brize Norton in protest against Israel’s war in Gaza.

The authors of the letter said the activists were imprisoned *“without trial and without conviction,”* accusing the authorities of *“injustice”* and of using terrorism-related language to *“strip these prisoners of public sympathy and basic rights before any trial takes place.”* They claim detention periods could last up to two years, exceeding normal custody time limits.



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The signatories compared the case to earlier hunger strikes by suffragettes, Irish republican inmates in 1981 – when several prisoners died in Long Kesh prison – and Guantanamo detainees in the 2000s, arguing those movements were later vindicated.

They called for an *“urgent ministerial meeting”* with families and lawyers, *“immediate bail”* for the Palestine Action prisoners, the dropping of terrorism related charges, *“fair trial conditions free from fear*

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driven narrative and political interference,” access to independent medical care, an end to censorship and visit restrictions.

One of the hunger strikers, Kamran Ahmed, was hospitalized last week for a heart complication, according to Sky News, which cited medics warning they could be at risk of death.

Prisons Minister Lord Timpson has said hunger strikes are *“not a new issue”* for British prisons and that ministers will not meet the detainees, arguing it would be *“entirely unconstitutional and inappropriate”* for the government to intervene in ongoing legal cases.

The authors of the letter argued that *“hunger strikes end only when power intervenes, or when people die.”*

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Heba Muraisi, and Kamran Ahmed are past the 66 long days Bobby Sands struggled against British state injustice. If they die they will be forever a source of resistance to the British Imperial state and may bring it down.

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Maybe don't commit terrorism!

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Quite right genocide is terrorism. How can you demonstrate against the terrorist state?

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UK governments have supported the Genocide against the people of Palestine since it started after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. Deceit and genocide has become the main tool of the US since it took the reins of Empire from the British. Brits don't all like the mass murder by the fake state of Israel and the US. also british politicians.

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Starmer and his jewish tribe are supremacists

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