

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

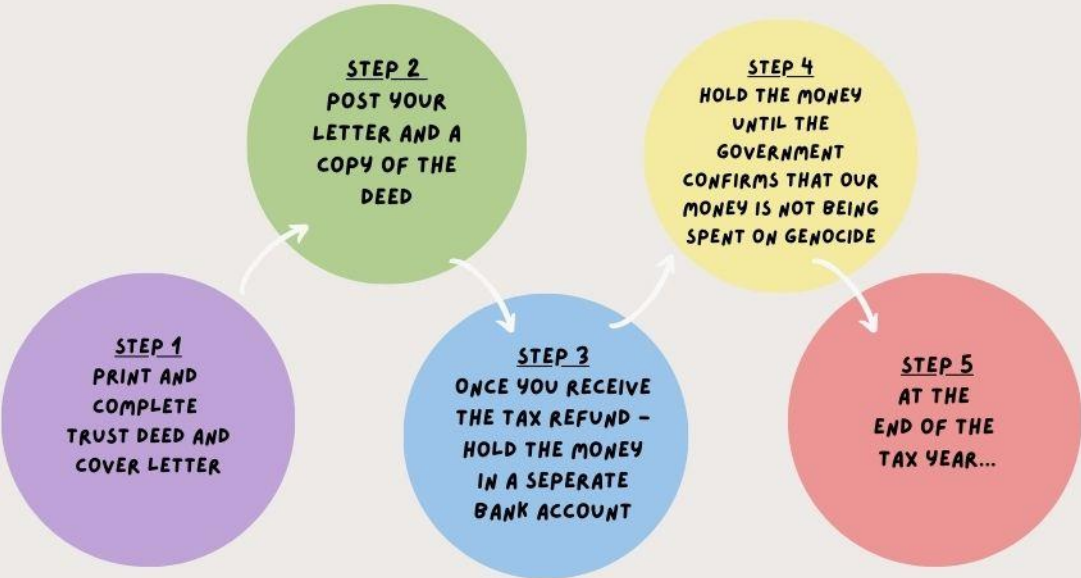
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**PAYE AND
SELF-ASSESSED TAX**



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STEP 1
PRINT AND
COMPLETE YOUR
PACK

- 1). Print out the **Step-by-Step Pack**. In this pack, you will find a **Trust Deed Form** and your **Cover Letter**.
- 2). Fill the **Cover Letter** with your name and address at the top and your bank account details from Step 3 (see below). **Sign the letter** at the bottom.
- 3). Fill out the **Trust Deed Form** with your **name, address** and the **date**.
- 4). Sign the deed in front of **two witnesses**. The witnesses can be anyone **EXCEPT** a family member. Both witnesses then **sign the bottom of the form**, with their **occupation** and **address**.

STEP 2
**POST YOUR
LETTER AND A
COPY OF THE
DEED**

Once you have your completed documents, you need to notify the **Primary Beneficiaries of the Trust**. This simply means letting the **HMRC** know that you have set up a Trust and will be putting your refunded tax into there.

- Send the **Trust Deed** and the **Cover Letter** to **HMRC**

STEP 3
**ONCE YOU RECEIVE
THE TAX REFUND -
HOLD THE MONEY
IN A SEPERATE
BANK ACCOUNT**

To keep your **tax liabilities** for the year separate from your **income**, it is best to **keep the tax monies in a separate bank account.**

This is where all the tax that have been refunded to you will go. **DO NOT** spend this money. This money **DOES NOT** belong to you.

- This money is not yours, and the primary beneficiary - the Government - must be confident you intend to release it, if the Trust Deed Document conditions have been met.

STEP 4
HOLD THE MONEY
UNTIL THE
GOVERNMENT
CONFIRMS THAT OUR
MONEY IS NOT BEING
SPENT ON GENOCIDE

Ensure you **retain refunded taxes** in the separate bank account you have made.

Ensure you **do not spend** this money, as it does not belong to you.

STEP 5
AT THE END OF
THE TAX YEAR ...

At the end of the tax year, if the HMRC and HM Government have **not met the demands of the Trust** (i.e. by agreeing to follow domestic and international law) then the money will be released to you - the **Second Beneficiary**.

As the Trust only lasts for one financial year, simply repeat **Steps 1 and 2** again to renew it again for the next tax year.

**DECLARATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND DEED
OF DISCRETIONARY REVOCABLE CONDITIONAL TRUST AND
WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT TO MANDATORY TAXATION**

On this _____[Day] of _____[Month] _____[Year]

I, [Full Name] _____(Trustee/Second Beneficiary)

Currently of _____[address]

being of sound mind hereby **DECLARE AND SAY** as follows:

1. I am a tax payer in the United Kingdom and I **pay** tax in favour of the Government of United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, public authorities and/or institutions, HMRC, Council and/or individuals/organisations acting as agents of HM Government (hereinafter jointly and severally known as the **‘Primary Beneficiary,’** in consideration of various taxes, demands or charges made upon me under various Tax legislation, laws and/or regulations enacted, passed or issued by the Primary Beneficiary, and **as Trustee and Second Beneficiary, Upon my tax monies being returned to me, I will hold said payment(s) in whole on a conditional, revocable trust** for the Primary Beneficiary until the last day of the financial year.
2. It has been brought to my attention that the UK Government and Ministers of State have deceived Parliament, HM Military Forces and the public for decades over the illegality of its military operations, its wars and their funding. Their claims that Britain’s participation in these operations is legal are false. War crimes are never legal and causing the deaths of people because of their nationality is a crime of genocide.
3. Since 2001, Britain has used £1.2 trillion pounds of taxpayers’ money on military affairs taking part in criminal wars and genocide in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, the Yemen and Palestine in which at least 1.4 million adults and 600,000 children have been murdered, many more injured and at least 20 million driven into exile and destitution. These are the worst crimes ever committed by Britain’s leaders, and they must _____ be _____ stopped.
4. Currently, the UK government is continuing to provide unwavering military support to Israel in its war crimes, ‘plausible’ genocide and collective punishment of the Palestinian people in Gaza. The current Israeli military offensive in Gaza is committing war crimes as confirmed by the UN and ‘plausible’ genocide as found by the International Court of Justice¹ (‘ICJ’). Despite this, the British Government have

¹ Order of 26 January 2024 | INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (icj-cij.org)

provided and continue to provide, military assistance to Israel. This includes the UK Government:

- (a) providing military assistance to Israel, sending 48² RAF military aircraft to Israel during the course of the genocide itself;
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 - (c) providing military assets to deliver practical support to Israel including P8 aircraft, surveillance assets, two Royal Navy ships and three merlin helicopters⁴;
 - (d) providing a company of Royal Marines on standby⁵ to support Israel;
 - (e) training Israeli military personnel in Britain⁶;
 - (f) providing communications intelligence to Israel;
 - (g) providing aerial surveillance to Israel;
 - (h) conducting at least 65 spy missions over Gaza for Israel from RAF Akrotiri⁷;
 - (i) providing export licenses to export military equipment to Israel including providing 15% of the components required for the F-35 stealth bomber⁸ aircraft used to commit genocidal acts on the civilian population of Gaza by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). These export licenses include 'Open General Export Licenses' which are used to export these F-35 components, lack transparency and allow for unlimited quantities and value of exports of the specified equipment without further monitoring⁹;
 - (j) permitting US military aircraft to use RAF Akrotiri¹⁰ to provide military equipment and weaponry to Israel¹¹ in support of their 'plausible' genocide
5. On 26th January 2024, the ICJ further ordered that Israel provide immediate humanitarian aid to the Palestinians in Gaza. Immediately following the ICJ's Order, the UK Government immediately withdrew all funding to UNRWA, the biggest humanitarian aid agency in the Gaza Strip, on spurious claims by the Israeli State about 12 UNRWA staff (0.4% of its total workforce) were involved in Hamas' 7th October operation. However, Channel 4 news confirmed unequivocally that the Israeli dossier about these allegations contained "*no evidence to support its explosive new claim that UNRWA staff were involved in the terror attacks on Israel.*"¹² This is confirmed by the US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken who admitted that he had not seen any evidence¹³ of Israel's claims against UNRWA and that the allegations have yet to be 'born out' (i.e. proven). UNRWA further admits that the accused staff members were fired without any evidence¹⁴ against them. It is clear that the action of

² [UK admits nine Israeli military planes have visited Britain since Gaza bombing began \(declassifieduk.org\)](#)

³ [Written questions and answers - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-deploys-uk-military-to-eastern-mediterranean-to-support-israel>

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ [Written questions and answers - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

⁷ [Britain has flown 50 spy missions over Gaza in support of Israel \(declassifieduk.org\)](#)

⁸ [United Kingdom \(f35.com\)](#)

⁹ [CAAT - Statement on UK Arms Exports to Israel](#)

¹⁰ [OSINT Shows Third U.S. Naval Group Arrives in Mideast, Countries Prep to Evacuate Thousands - National Security & Cyber - Haaretz.com \(archive.li\)](#)

¹¹ [U.S. military is secretly supplying weapons to Israel using UK base on Cyprus \(declassifieduk.org\)](#)

¹² [Israel's evidence of UNRWA Hamas allegations examined – Channel 4 News](#)

¹³ [US cut UNRWA funds but Blinken says Gaza claims not verified \(newarab.com\)](#)

¹⁴ [UNRWA staff accused by Israel sacked without evidence, chief admits | United Nations | The Guardian](#)

the UK government in withdrawing all funding to UNRWA without any evidence to support any of the allegations against UNRWA the day after the ICJ's ruling of 'plausible' genocide had the sole intention of aiding Israel with its genocidal acts in Gaza and is ipso facto a war crime, complicity in genocide and an act of genocide. The crimes of the British Government in both its complicity in genocide and as an active agent in facilitating the genocide in Palestine cannot continue and must be stopped.

6. The ICJ further confirmed that as an occupying power Israel has no right to self-defence¹⁵ over those territories it occupies, including the Gaza Strip and did not accept Israel's claim to self-defence in its Judgement and Order of 26th January. Recently, 800 serving officials in the US and Europe, signed a statement warning that their own governments' policies on the Israel-Gaza war could amount to "grave violations of international law". This transatlantic statement¹⁶ has been signed by civil servants from the US, the EU and 11 European countries including the UK, France and Germany. It also calls for these governments to:

"stop asserting to the public that there is a strategic and defensible rationale behind the Israeli operation."

7. It has been brought to my attention that all taxes, fees, fines, duties, charges and payments of money to the Primary Beneficiary are paid on receipt into a Consolidated Fund, whereupon some of this money is used by the Primary Beneficiary directly and/or indirectly, in whole or in part, for illegal and criminal purposes, in particular to finance the manufacture, procurement, supply and/or use by:

- **The UK Ministry of Defence and HM Military Forces of military equipment such as:**

- nuclear and high-explosive bombs, rockets, missiles and firearms,
- weapon delivery systems such as ships, aircraft, tanks, submarines and drones, and
- intelligence-gathering and surveillance systems,

for the instigation, facilitation, support or conduct of various illegal wars, invasions, occupations or armed attacks on the people of diverse independent Sovereign States, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, the Yemen and more recently in Gaza, causing serious bodily injury or death to thousands of innocent men, women and children, none of whom were given the opportunity to plead for their lives and the lives of their family in court before being summarily injured or killed by the actions of military forces by order or support of Britain's political, civil, judicial and military leaders.

8. I have also been made aware that:

- (i) the United Kingdom is a member state of the United Nations, and its Government, on behalf of its people, has signed and ratified the **Charter of the**

¹⁵ [131-20040709-ADV-01-00-EN.pdf \(icj-cij.org\)](#)

¹⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-68177357>

United Nations under which it has agreed with every other member State to be bound by its rules, which amongst others provide that:

"2.3 All members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace, security and justice are not endangered."

"2.4 All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations."

41. The Security Council may decide what measures, not involving the use of armed force, are to be employed to give effect to its decisions.

(ii) pursuant to the **United Nations' Declaration on Principles of International Law** it is agreed that;

"Every State has the duty to refrain in its international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. Such a threat or use of force constitutes a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and shall never be employed as a means of settling international issues."

"A war of aggression constitutes a crime against peace, for which there is [individual] responsibility under international law",

"No State or group of States has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State. Consequently, armed intervention and all other forms of interference or attempted threats against the personality of the State or against its political, economic and cultural elements are in violation of international law."

(iii) the **Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal (1946)** observed and held that:

"... individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience imposed by the individual State. He who violates the laws of war cannot obtain immunity while acting in pursuance of the authority of the State, if the State in authorising action moves outside its competence under international law"

(iv) the **Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal** issued the **Nuremberg Code on medical experiments** in which it ruled that:

"The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential... This requires that before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person which may possibly come from his

participation in the experiment. The duty and responsibility for ascertaining the quality of the consent rests upon each individual who initiates, directs or engages in the experiment. It is a personal duty and responsibility which may not be delegated to another with impunity...”

9. I also acknowledge and understand that, with the consent of the people’s elected representatives in Parliament, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

(i) is a signatory and party to the **Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**, and therefore there exists a potential risk to me and my family under Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 25 and 27 (the provisions concerning individual criminal responsibility) of prosecution and imprisonment by the International Criminal Court in The Hague for **aiding and abetting criminal acts of genocide, crimes against humanity and/or war crimes;**

(ii) ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court when it enacted the **International Criminal Court Act 2001** and the **International Criminal Court Act 2001 [Elements of Crimes] Regulations 2001** making it a criminal offence under section 52 of the Act for a person to engage in **conduct ancillary to war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or genocide** and therefore, knowing that thousands of men women and children have been injured and killed by order of Britain’s political, civil, military and medical leaders, there exists a risk to me and my family of prosecution and life imprisonment for the offences of aiding and abetting these crimes.

(iii) is a signatory and party to the **Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism** and ratified the Convention by enacting the **Terrorism Act 2000** in which it ruled in section 17 that: “*A person commits an offence if he enters into or becomes concerned in an arrangement as a result of which money or other property is made available or is to be made available to another, and he knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that it will or may be used for the purposes of terrorism* and because terrorism is defined in section 1 as the threat or use of firearms or explosives endangering life for a political or ideological cause, there exists a risk to me and my family of prosecution and imprisonment for a term of fourteen years for *fundraising for purposes of terrorism.*”

(iv) enacted **The Accessories and Abettors Act 1861** in which it ruled in section 8 that: “*Whosoever shall aid, abet, counsel, or procure the commission of any indictable offence, whether the same be an offence at common law or by virtue of any Act passed or to be passed, shall be liable to be tried, indicted, and punished as a principal offender.*”

10. It has also been brought to my attention that:

(i) the **UK Supreme Court**, in a case concerning the definition of terrorism in the Terrorism Act 2000 (**Regina ‘v’ Gul UKSC 64 (2012)**), stated in paragraphs 26 and 28:

26. “... *Terrorist action outside the United Kingdom which involves the use of*

firearms or explosives, resulting in danger to life is terrorism.”

28. “ ... Thus, it [the definition of terrorism] would appear to extend to military or quasi-military activity aimed at bringing down a foreign government, even where that activity is approved officially or unofficially by the UK government”

(ii) The **Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation** in a report to Parliament (2012) stated:

*“The power to arrest under TA2000 section 14 and to hold for extended periods of detention prior to charge can in principle be used against anyone who, it is suspected, is or has been concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. Legitimately elected political figures...in the UK could quite lawfully be arrested under this power... More generally...**it can be used against anyone at any time.**”*

11. I, therefore maintain and state that there exists a serious risk to me, my family, my colleagues and my friends under the common law, customary international law and the provisions of international and domestic law identified in paragraphs 8-10 above, of a criminal prosecution, conviction and imprisonment for aiding and abetting genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, fundraising for purposes of terrorism and/or other criminal acts of persons operating for and on behalf of the Primary Beneficiary.

12. On this premise, I therefore declare and say that I have no choice but to:

(i) **withdraw my consent** to any and all mandatory taxes, fees, fines, precepts, duties, rents, financial demands and/or charges made upon me under various Finance Acts, laws, orders and regulations enacted, passed or issued by the Primary Beneficiary; and

(ii) **withhold all such payments of money (taxes)** or other property to the Primary Beneficiary and to cause the same to be held in a conditional revocable discretionary trust for the benefit of the Primary Beneficiary by way of abandonment of, or complicity in, any and/or all illegal and/or criminal acts of the Primary Beneficiary identified at paragraph 4-7.

13. I further declare and say that **if**, prior to the end of the financial year, I receive incontrovertible documentary evidence that the Primary Beneficiary:

(i) has ended all involvement in the criminal acts identified at paragraphs 4 to 7 above; and

(ii) is acting in accord with the domestic and international laws specified in paragraphs 8-10 above.

14. I shall return all taxes held on behalf of the Primary Beneficiary in consideration of all lawful, legal and legitimate taxes, fees, fines, rents, charges, interest payments and/or financial demands made upon me.

15. If however the Primary Beneficiary continues to breach the common law and the

domestic and international laws governing warfare, terrorism, genocide and crimes against humanity identified at paragraphs 4-7 above, and continues to take part in the criminal acts identified, and is thereby complicit in the criminal offences of misconduct in public office, murder, crimes against peace, war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or genocide, then this conditional, revocable, discretionary Trust will be revoked on the last day of the financial year and all money and/or assets held in trust for the Primary Beneficiary will be carried forward on the same terms and conditions to the following financial year or at the discretion of the trustee returned to me, the settlor (the **Secondary Beneficiary**).

Signed _____ [Signature]

Trustee/Second Beneficiary

this _____ [Day] of _____ [Month] _____ [Year]

Witness (1) [Signature]: _____

[Name] _____ [Occupation] _____

Address: _____ Postcode _____

Witness (2) [Signature]: _____

[Name] _____ [Occupation] _____

Address: _____ Postcode _____

FAO: Jim Harra
Chief Executive & Collector of Taxes
HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
1 Horse Guards Road
LONDON
SW1A 2HQ

National Insurance: [add your National Insurance details]

[DATE]

Dear Mr Harra,

RE: DEMAND FOR REFUND OF TAXES PAID BETWEEN 2024/2025

I, [full name], hereby place you on notice that I request a refund of my taxes paid until such time as the UK Government ceases its complicity in Israel's 'plausible' genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza.¹⁷ I require you to halt any direct payments to the Consolidated Fund¹⁸ and repay my tax monies to me so that I can hold the monies on trust until such time as evidence is provided that the UK Government is **no longer complicit** in Israel's War Crimes and its 'plausible' genocide in Gaza and the West Bank ('Occupied Palestinian Territories'). My account details have been set out for you at the end of this Notice.

Israel's military actions in Gaza is extremely distressing and wholly unacceptable. The brutality of the Israeli war crimes is evident to all of us who are witnessing the images and videos from within Gaza. I am astounded that our Government has yet to halt all arms sales to Israel despite the significant death toll of recorded deaths which currently stands at 40,005 civilians killed including at least 15,700 children and 92,401 civilians injured.¹⁹ On 4th July, The Lancet issued a report estimating that the actual number of Palestinians killed are far greater and could be 186,000.²⁰ Israel is also now deliberately starving civilians in Gaza²¹ which is a war crime.²² There is ample evidence including video footage which highlights that Israel is indiscriminately killing Palestinian civilians or killing civilians including young children by

¹⁷ [Gaza: ICJ ruling offers hope for protection of civilians enduring apocalyptic conditions, say UN experts | OHCHR](#)

¹⁸ [Page 9, the self-financing state an institutional analysis of government expenditure revenue collection and debt issuance operations in the united kingdom.pdf \(ucl.ac.uk\)](#)

¹⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/gaza-death-toll-how-many-palestinians-has-israels-campaign-killed-2024-07-25/>

²⁰ [Counting the dead in Gaza: difficult but essential - The Lancet](#)

²¹ [LPHR legal briefing on starvation of civilians in Gaza - Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights](#)

²² [BSG-WP-2019-031.pdf \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

intentionally starving them.²³ It is totally unacceptable to me that my government aids and abets the war crimes by Israel.

Sir Keir Starmer, has failed to take a decisive role against Israel. He outrageously supported the withholding of power and water to Gaza.²⁴ David Lammy, Foreign Secretary recently called for a ceasefire, perhaps if they came clean with how much support Israel is receiving from Britain, whilst they are committing a genocide, we would be better placed to appreciate whether these are empty words.²⁵ Calling for both sides to settle when one side comes with military support from the USA is doomed to failure so why has our Government failed to demand that Israel halts its violent aggression against the Palestinians? There is ample evidence that atrocities and human rights violations are being committed in Gaza by Israel.

I understand that HMRC are directing income tax monies into a Consolidated Fund which in turn facilitates, in part, activities which can be deemed as criminal activities to which I am personally liable.

I set out the relevant legislation for you as follows:

- It is an offence for a person to commit genocide, a crime against humanity (s.51 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001);
- It is an offence for a person to 'engage in conduct ancillary to committing genocide (s.52 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001);
- It is an offence for a person to aid or abet in the commission of the offence (s.55 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001);

As highlighted above, British taxpayers are liable to face imprisonment, if convicted, where we aid or abet the UK Government's complicity in Israel's war crimes and genocide of the Palestinians. Prosecution of these offences has no time limit and carries a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment.²⁶

International Arms Treaty

It is also relevant here that the UK ratified the International Arms Treaty in 2014. The *"Treaty sets common international standards for arms export controls, and puts international law and human rights at the heart of the global arms trade. The ATT has the real potential to reduce human suffering, and increase security across the globe."*^{27 28}

Article 6(3) of the Arms Treaty states:

"A State Party shall not authorize any transfer of conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1) or of items covered under Article 3 or Article 4, if it has knowledge at the time of

²³ <https://www.yanisvaroufakis.eu/2023/10/15/list-of-war-crimes-and-crimes-qualifying-as-genocide-committed-by-israel-in-gaza-since-7th-october-2023/>

²⁴ [Israel 'has the right' to withhold water from Gaza, Keir Starmer tells LBC \(youtube.com\)](#)

²⁵ [Israel lobby funded a quarter of British MPs \(declassifieduk.org\)](#)

²⁶ s.53 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001

²⁷ [Arms Trade Treaty enters into force - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

²⁸ Treaty Series No. 1 (2015) - Arms Trade Treaty (publishing.service.gov.uk)

authorization that the arms or items would be used in the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, attacks directed against civilian objects or civilians protected as such, or other war crimes as defined by international agreements to which it is a Party.”

Article 7 of the Treaty requires states, in an objective and non-discriminatory manner, to take into account relevant factors, including information provided by the importing State. There does not appear to have been a credible assessment of Britain’s arm sales to Israel in light of the ICJ ruling and the countless pieces of evidence which show that the Israelis are at the very least indiscriminately killing Palestinians without care for the significantly high number of casualties including women and children.

The Government’s Strategic Licensing Criteria (SLC) 2 clarifies that weapons should not be exported when there is a clear risk they could be used in violation of international law.²⁹ Based on these criteria, the government is obliged to not grant a license if:

1. to do so would be inconsistent with the UK’s obligations under international law including for example the Arms Trade Treaty
2. it determines there is a clear risk that the items might be used to commit or facilitate internal repression or a serious violation of international humanitarian law.
3. it determines there is a clear risk that the items would, overall, undermine peace and security (internal or external).

The Government will need to provide evidence to me as a tax payer – why the Government considers it appropriate to continue with its arms sales to Israel where it has been accused of ‘plausible’ genocide.

ICJ Ruling and Order

On 26th January 2024, the ICJ affirmed in their ruling³⁰ that on the facts presented showed that it is plausible that Israel’s conduct amounts to genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza. To prevent genocidal acts from continuing, they further ordered that the following provisional measures must be taken by Israel:

(1) *“By fifteen votes to two,*

The State of Israel shall, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in relation to Palestinians in Gaza, take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of this Convention, in particular:

(a) killing members of the group;

(b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

²⁹ [CBP-9494.pdf \(parliament.uk\)](#)

³⁰ <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

(c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and

(d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group.”³¹

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNWRA)

On 27th January 2024, the Foreign Office announced that they were temporarily pausing future funding to UNWRA which supports 5.9 million Palestinians across the Gaza Strip and Palestinian refugee camps. UNWRA employs 13,000 Palestinians in Gaza and Israel only accused 0.4% of UNWRA’s employees. The Government took this decision based entirely on dubious allegations by the Israeli Government where Israeli officials have made clear unambiguous statements about the destruction of Palestinians in Gaza.³²

The decision to withdraw funding during a crucial time when Palestinians in Gaza are being deprived of food by Israel was extremely irresponsible and it could amount to war crime in of itself as the decision supported Israel’s actions on the ground. Starvation of an occupied people where 50% of the 2.2 million people are children is extremely contemptible. The EU has since reinstated funding to UNWRA and I demand that the UK reinstates it’s funding to the Relief Fund without any further delay.³³

UK Government’s complicity

On 8 December 2023, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Campaign Against Arms Trade as well as other civil rights organisations wrote to Government calling for an immediate halt to UK arms transfers to Israel. The Government decided to take no action despite the flagrant disregard of international law by Israel in Gaza.³⁴

Since the start of Israel’s military action, 31,184 Palestinians were killed in the first 4 months alone.³⁵ The entire Gaza strip has been bombed. Israel has repeatedly asked the Palestinians to relocate to certain parts of the Gaza strip only to then launch a military attack on civilian populated areas. In the words of Josep Borell, European Union Foreign Chief who recently said Israel says “*They are going to evacuate. Where? To the moon? Where are they going to evacuate these people? If the international community believes that this is a slaughter, that too many people have been killed, maybe they need to think about the provision of arms.*”³⁶

As stated in the *Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal in 1946*

“The very essence of the Charter is that individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience imposed by the individual State. He who violates the

³¹ [Order of 26 January 2024 \(icj-cij.org\)](https://www.icj-cij.org)

³² [‘Unproven Allegations’: U.K.’s Channel 4 Slams Israel’s Charge Against UNRWA - Israel News - Haaretz.com](https://www.haaretz.com)

³³ [EU reinstates UNRWA funding and increases emergency support by 68 million euros – Middle East Monitor](https://www.middleeastmonitor.com)

³⁴ [Letter to the UK Government Calling for an Immediate Halt to UK Arms Transfers to the Government of Israel | Human Rights Watch \(hrw.org\)](https://www.hrw.org)

³⁵ [Gaza death toll set to pass 30,000, as Israel prepares assault on Rafah | Gaza | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com)

³⁶ [Israel-Hamas war: European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell criticises the US’s rhetoric on protecting civilians in Gaza while it amps up military aid to Israel | World News | Sky News](https://www.sky.com)

laws of war cannot obtain immunity while acting in pursuance of the authority of the State, if the State is authorising action moves outside its competence under international law..."

I understand that it is personally and legally obligatory for me to stop any facilitation of supporting or financing warfare, crimes against humanity, possible genocide, fraud or any criminal activity that leads to the injury or death of innocent civilian men, women and children. As a UK taxpayer, I will require proofs that HM Government are acting in full accordance with UK law, UN Charter, UN Declaration on Principles of International Law and international law.

It has been brought to my attention that the Government continues to provide unwavering military support to Israel, despite the war crimes, 'plausible' genocide³⁷ and collective punishment of the Palestinian people in Gaza. The current Israeli military offensive in Gaza are war crimes as confirmed by the UN. Despite this, the British Government has provided and continues to provide military assistance to Israel. This includes:

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- (i) Providing export licenses to export military equipment to Israel including providing 15% of the components required for the F-35 stealth bomber⁴⁴ aircraft used to commit genocidal acts on the civilian population of Gaza by the Israeli Occupation Forces. These export licenses include 'Open General Export Licenses' which are used to export these F-35 components, lack transparency

³⁷ [Order of 26 January 2024 | INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE \(icj-cij.org\)](https://www.icj-cij.org/)

³⁸ [UK admits nine Israeli military planes have visited Britain since Gaza bombing began \(declassifieduk.org\)](https://www.declassifieduk.org/)

³⁹ [Written questions and answers - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](https://www.parliament.uk/written-questions-answers-statements/)

⁴⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-deploys-uk-military-to-eastern-mediterranean-to-support-israel>

⁴¹ Ibid.

⁴² [Written questions and answers - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](https://www.parliament.uk/written-questions-answers-statements/)

⁴³ [Britain has flown 50 spy missions over Gaza in support of Israel \(declassifieduk.org\)](https://www.declassifieduk.org/)

⁴⁴ [United Kingdom \(f35.com\)](https://www.f35.com/)

and allow for unlimited quantities and value of exports of the specified equipment without further monitoring’;⁴⁵.

- (j) Permitting US military aircraft to use RAF Akrotiri⁴⁶ to provide military equipment and weaponry to Israel⁴⁷ in support of their ‘plausible’ genocide.

Alicia Kearns MP recently said *“I remain convinced the government has completed its updated assessment on whether Israel is demonstrating a commitment to international humanitarian law, and that it has concluded that Israel is not demonstrating this commitment, which is the legal determination it has to make,” she said. “Transparency at this point is paramount, not least to uphold the international rules-based order.”*⁴⁸

Rishi Sunak’s Government refused to publish this legal advice or their revised assessment, yet, it continues to support UK arms sales to Israel despite the significant numbers of civilians killed in a small strip of land where civilians cannot leave due to the security fence on both sides of the Gaza strip.

On 12 December 2023, Martin Docherty-Hughes MP stated in Parliament, *“We are asking the UK Government to cease extending arms licences to the state of Israel and to immediately halt the export of weapons or components, as has been mentioned, to the state of Israel, alongside our calls for an immediate ceasefire, the recognition of the Palestinian state and the support of the International Criminal Court’s investigation into potential war crimes.*

*But let us be clear: the United Kingdom will pay dearly for the moral equivalence that its current policy entails. While even the Labour leadership might not want to say it, we in the SNP are more than happy to remind the Government of this fact: violating international law may be a great wheeze to try and impress Daily Mail readers, but it has a habit of eating away at the state’s international reputation like acid. In this case, it is a great tragedy that the people of Gaza and others now involved in this conflict have to suffer so.”*⁴⁹

Rishi Sunak’s Government repeatedly voted against or abstained from voting for a ceasefire at the United Nations Security Council. It was wholly unacceptable that an unelected Prime Minister is making decisions on behalf of the United Kingdom in favour of Israel’s genocide under the pretence of seeking a ‘sustainable ceasefire.’ We, the public, understand that this is ludicrous position to hold when there is a significantly high number of Palestinians being killed by Israel’s occupation forces or through deliberate starvation.⁵⁰

On 25th March 2024, the UN’s Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, produced a report which concluded that *there “are reasonable grounds*

⁴⁵ [CAAT - Statement on UK Arms Exports to Israel](#)

⁴⁶ [OSINT Shows Third U.S. Naval Group Arrives in Mideast, Countries Prep to Evacuate Thousands - National Security & Cyber - Haaretz.com \(archive.li\)](#)

⁴⁷ [U.S. military is secretly supplying weapons to Israel using UK base on Cyprus \(declassifieduk.org\)](#)

⁴⁸ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/mar/30/uk-government-lawyers-say-israel-is-breaking-international-law-claims-top-tory-in-leaked-recording>

⁴⁹ [Arms Export Licences: Israel - Hansard - UK Parliament](#)

⁵⁰ [Israel is deliberately starving Palestinians, UN rights expert says | Israel-Gaza war | The Guardian](#)

*to believe that the threshold indicating Israel's commission of genocide is met. More broadly, they also indicate that Israel's actions have been driven by a genocidal logic integral to its settler-colonial project in Palestine, signalling a tragedy foretold" and called for an arms embargo on Israel.*⁵¹

When calling for a ceasefire, Brendan O'Hara MP stated in Parliament, *"No one would deny that Israel has the right to defend itself—every country has that right. What no country has the right to do, however, is lay siege to a civilian population, carpet-bomb densely inhabited areas, drive people from their homes, erase an entire civilian infrastructure, and impose a collective punishment involving the cutting off of water, electricity, food, and medicine from civilians. And no country, regardless of who it is, can, in the name of self-defence, kill civilians at such a pace, and on such a scale, that in just 16 weeks almost 30,000 are known to have died, with a further 80,000 injured. We cannot allow the core principle of self-defence to be so ruthlessly exploited and manipulated in order to legitimise the slaughter of innocent civilians. If we do that, what hope is there for the future of the international rules-based order, an order created to protect people from atrocities, not to be used as a smokescreen to hide the execution of them?"*⁵²

Karim Khan, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a statement to say that he is seeking an arrest warrant against Netanyahu and his defence minister, Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity.⁵³

Khan announced that his office had "reasonable grounds" to believe that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant bear "criminal responsibility" for "war crimes and crimes against humanity". Khan also confirmed that his team has found evidence that Israel has *"intentionally and systematically deprived the civilian population in all parts of Gaza of objects indispensable to human survival...This took place alongside other attacks on civilians, including those queuing for food; obstruction of aid delivery by humanitarian agencies; and attacks on and killing of aid workers, which forced many agencies to cease or limit their operations in Gaza."*⁵⁴

The announcement by the ICC now means that the UK Government is obliged to arrest Netanyahu and Gallant should they enter any UK sovereign territory. It further requires the same obligation from all 124 member states of the ICC.

In mid-August, Mark Smith, a senior civil servant and pen holder on arms exports licensing resigned. In his resignation letter, he stated, *"Senior members of the Israeli government and military have expressed open genocidal intent, Israeli soldiers take videos deliberately burning, destroying and looting civilian property and openly admit to rape and torture of*

⁵¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/country-reports/ahrc5573-report-special-rapporteur-situation-human-rights-palestinian>

⁵² <https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2024-02-21/debates/610A4D12-A333-4885-9D0B-0A225C35C043/CeasefireInGaza>

⁵³ [Statement of ICC Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan KC: Applications for arrest warrants in the situation in the State of Palestine | International Criminal Court \(icc-cpi.int\)](https://www.icc-cpi.int/statement/2024-02-21-icc-prosecutor-general-statement-applications-arrest-warrants-situation-palestine)

⁵⁴ [Statement of ICC Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan KC: Applications for arrest warrants in the situation in the State of Palestine | International Criminal Court \(icc-cpi.int\)](https://www.icc-cpi.int/statement/2024-02-21-icc-prosecutor-general-statement-applications-arrest-warrants-situation-palestine)

prisoners.” He went on to state *“There is no justification for the UK’s continued arms sales to Israel yet somehow it continues. I have raised this at every level in the organisation including through an official whistle blowing investigation and received nothing more than “thank you we have noted your concerns”. Ministers claim that the UK has one of the most “robust and transparent” arms export licensing regimes in the world, however this is the opposite of the truth. As a fully cleared officer raising serious concerns of illegality in this Department, to be disregarded in this way is deeply troubling.”*^{55 56}

I cannot now in good conscience continue to fund my Government as it is contributing to Israel’s war crimes and crimes against humanity. I refuse to fund a genocide.

My demand is for a refund of the taxes which I have been paying during the tax year 2024 to 2025. This should also be seen as a loss of confidence in the Government. My tax payments can be refunded to me on a 6 monthly basis. Once I receive the refund, I intend to place the taxes due to HMRC in a bank account in accordance with my directions as set out in my Deed of Trust until such time as HMRC can provide that my tax money is not contributing to the genocide. I attach a copy of my Trust Deed for your records.

Please contact me by email or letter, should you wish to discuss my notice demanding a refund of my tax so it is not paid to the Government who is in my view is complicit in war crimes until such time as the Government is able to prove otherwise.

Yours sincerely

(Name)

My account details for return of my tax monies is:

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Bank:

Email:

⁵⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/18/foreign-office-official-quits-over-uk-refusal-to-ban-arms-exports-to-israel>

⁵⁶ <https://x.com/BDSmovement/status/1825604919279210780>