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**Solidarity with Palestine—Motion to Wales Congress**

Congress notes:

·  Since 7th October, [an estimated 30,676 Palestinians and 1,139 Israelis](https://euromedmonitor.org/en/article/6079/In-4th-month-of-Israeli-genocide,-4-percent-of-Gaza%E2%80%99s-population-dead,-missing,-or-injured;-70-percent-of-Strip%E2%80%99s-infrastructure-destroyed) have beenkilled, building on decades of precedent.

·  The [Senedd](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-67357824) and a [UN](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/12/1144717) General Assembly majority have voted for an immediate ceasefire.

·  The Israeli response to the Hamas attacks amounts to [genocide](https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2023-10-18-dirco-israel-is-committing-genocide-against-palestinians/), [ethnic cleansing](https://twailr.com/public-statement-scholars-warn-of-potential-genocide-in-gaza/) [and collective punishment](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/jan/09/explainer-what-is-the-icj-and-what-is-south-africas-claim-against-israel) of Palestinians.

· In the UK, [academic freedom and free speech](https://www.brismes.ac.uk/files/documents/25102023_CAF_UCU_signed.pdf) are being threatened for Palestinians and their supporters. Islamophobia and anti-Semitism have increased.

Congress resolves:

·      To call on our colleges, universities and the UK government:

o   To defend staff/student rights to demonstrate in solidarity with Palestinians.

o   To implement the Palestinian call to [boycott/divest from companies and institutions](https://workers-in-palestine.webflow.io/the-calls-languages/english) complicit in Israel’s oppression of Palestinians.

o   To call for an immediate ceasefire and end to Israel’s decades-long occupation of Palestinian territories.

* To call for the release of Israeli and Palestinian hostages and prisoners

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