



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Hamish,

I welcome that the Government acted decisively in June to sanction Israeli Government Ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, for their incitement of violence against Palestinians and extremist rhetoric.

But as the catastrophic loss of life and humanitarian crisis continues in Gaza unabated, a broader set of sanctions is essential to hold individuals accountable and bring the widespread human suffering to an end:

1. **Expand sanctions on political figures.** Impose wide-ranging sanctions on Israeli ministers, government officials, and political leaders who enable and support the war.
2. **Sanction military and intelligence officials.** Impose sanctions on key military and intelligence officials who are responsible for significant civilian harm and the devastation of critical civilian infrastructure.
3. **Hold war criminals to account in British courts.** Nobody must be above international law. Ensure that British courts are fully capable of holding war criminals to account, including by removing the requirement for the Director of Public Prosecutions to approve any arrest warrant for foreign officials accused of such crimes.
4. **Sanction technology companies contributing to civilian harm.** Some technology companies are reported to be playing a key role in supplying targeting information for Israel's military activity in Gaza, including allegedly largely-automated 'kill lists'. This targeting has been brutal for civilians and the infrastructure they rely on - schools, hospitals, homes.

I would be grateful for the Government to review these options and outline the further measures it will take to end this war and uphold international law.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hayes".

Tom Hayes MP
Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East