

# The Convivencia Alliance

Islamic Human Rights Commission - Jewish Network For Palestine - Peacemaker Trust

Chair: Revd. Dr. Stephen Sizer

His Majesty the King,  
Buckingham Palace,  
London SW1A 1AA

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May it please your Majesty,

## 'Holocaust Memorial Day'

We are writing to you as representatives of several faith organisations – Jewish, Muslim and Christian – and others, to ask for your intervention on a matter of great urgency. Knowing of your deep commitment to stopping genocide across the world, as Patron of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust we are asking you to intercede on our behalf.

Unfortunately, the Jewish organisations in the UK responsible for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 have insisted that events being held in Britain exclude organisations – such as ours – calling for an immediate end to the genocide in Gaza. We believe the world is witnessing the beginning of another holocaust facilitated by the US and UK governments in supplying weapons and shielding Israel from UN sanctions and the ICJ genocide investigation. As Patron of Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, we are simply asking that you intercede for Palestinians in Gaza experiencing genocide and use your influence to insist that the Holocaust Memorial Day acknowledges the current genocide that has been perpetrated for more than 15 months with no sign of an end.

Many of us are Jewish descendants of Holocaust survivors. We are deeply incensed by the lack of political will in the UK to stop this genocide. We affirm unequivocally the primacy of international law on issues such as genocide and apartheid, and we find the blatant disregard for international law by Israel and its Western partners utterly unacceptable. This not only perpetuates the indiscriminate murder of Palestinians but also undermines the rule of international law across the globe, offering encouragement to others to commit genocide.

As you know the International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Court of Justice (ICJ) are investigating evidence of genocide and war crimes that have resulted in an unprecedented civilian death toll, not to mention the complete destruction of the life-infrastructure for over two million civilians in Gaza, including hospitals, schools, clinics, food and fuel as well as water distribution facilities. By what cruel logic can the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust refuse to acknowledge this genocide, while relying on the Genocide Convention 1948 – the main legal outcome of the 1939-1945 Holocaust?

We call on organisers and participants of Holocaust commemorative events in the UK to acknowledge this ongoing crime against humanity. We also suggest that events begin with a moment of silence for the dead and injured in this latest and hopefully last genocide.

Your highly respected dedication to ending genocide as well as preserving the environment are recognised internationally, as well as your desire to be 'Defender of the Faiths'. As representatives of the three monotheistic faiths, we believe your humanitarian intervention will, God willing, help to bring a stop to the bloodshed and war crimes being perpetrated in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, as recognised by the ICC, ICJ and the UN.

We are confident that by your intervention with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, given your enormous moral authority, you may indeed play a pivotal role in bringing the Gaza genocide to an end.

We have the honour to remain, Sir, Your Majesty's most humble and obedient subjects,

Signed,

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