



DIVEST FOR PALESTINE

Councils across Britain must end their complicity in Israel's genocidal assault on Palestinians.

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) funds, administered by councils, collectively invest over £4.4 billion in companies complicit in Israel's oppression of Palestinians. This includes companies supplying weapons and military technology to Israel, used in its devastating attacks on Palestinians.

Councils also buy goods and services from companies complicit in Israel's attacks. For example, many councils have banking arrangements with Barclays, which finances companies arming Israel.

We call on all councils to divest for Palestine now!

The International Court of Justice has ruled it plausible that Israel is committing genocidal acts against Palestinians in Gaza. The Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has applied for arrest warrants for Israeli leaders for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The UK, as a state party to the Genocide Convention, has a legal responsibility to take action to deter and prevent further genocidal acts being committed against Palestinians.

Councils must:

- 1. Divest LGPS funds from companies enabling Israel's violations of human rights and international law.**
- 2. Commit to end all banking arrangements with Barclays, which is financing companies supplying Israel with weapons for its attacks on Palestinians.**
- 3. Introduce ethical procurement and investment policies to ensure that the council does not hold ties with any company complicit in human rights abuses.**

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