

BBC

Why We **Rejected**
BBC's Invitations
to Talk to APN



Our Response to the BBC

“Dear ~~Name~~,

Thank you for your email. Apologies for the delay as we were carefully considering your invitation to talk about the situation of farmers in Palestine. We are hesitant to speak to the BBC because we are deeply grieved by the manner it covers the events in Palestine.



It came at no surprise that BBC would promptly adopt the Israeli narrative as it had always done, but in the past month BBC has played an active role in manufacturing genocide in Palestine.

Allow me to clarify how.



Firstly, the BBC depicted the events of the 7th of October in complete isolation from the historical and political context of Palestine as an occupied land and oppressed people. The BBC did not highlight that there are 5000 Palestinians prisoners in Israeli jails, 1300 of them without charge, and 200 of them are children. The BBC did not explain the political context Britain had a direct responsibility in creating during the British mandate of Palestine and afterwards.



Secondly, BBC has disseminated unverified news such as "beheading babies" which was later retracted by the Israeli and US government officials, but the harm was already done. I want to point out, that similar news items (exactly the killing of 41 babies) were broadcasted about the Bosnians before the genocide was committed against them to eliminate public outcry. The same has happened in Palestine.



Thirdly, BBC has implied that Hamas fighters were hiding in hospitals, also building consent and justification towards Israeli bombing of hospitals. After BBC's insinuations, Israel bombed the Al-ahli hospital the next day. Infact, Israel has carried out 137 attacks on health care so far.



BBC has used words such as 'massacre', 'slaughter' and 'atrocities' in reference to actions by Hamas, but hardly, in reference to actions by Israel which has killed 8 times the number of Israeli casualties. BBC cut the interviews of the released Israeli hostages where they explain how they were treated kindly in captivity in order to refrain from humanizing Palestinians.



BBC has stated that genocide and collective punishment in Gaza is justified as "self-defense", It did not highlight that Hamas believes it is exercising the right to resistance and self determination from foreign occupying forces, and that Hamas has offered to exchange Israeli prisoners with Palestinian prisoners countless times.



BBC has inaccurately connected any criticism towards the Israeli government as being anti-semitic and have not given voice to the many jews and jewish movements that oppose the Israeli policies and current genocide in Gaza.



We have been dehumanized systematically by the BBC since its establishment, and we refuse to act as tools to BBC's cosmetic, and piecemeal attempts to shed light on the plight of the Palestinians.

We will reconsider our decision to speak to the BBC, when it chooses to rectify its active involvement in genocide”.