

Why are our political leaders ignoring the genocide in ...

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There are moments when I think that we are just about, at best, clinging on by our fingertips to the concept of civilisation.

There are other occasions when I very much doubt there are any real signs at all that we do retain, at least within our political leadership, any indication of that capacity for human care that is an essential quality if we want to live successfully, one with another.

Events in Gaza fall, very firmly, into this second category.

There can be no doubt now that Israel is trying to eliminate the Palestinian population of Gaza.

They have not, to date, succeeded in doing so by force.

They are now, instead, attempting to starve the Palestinian people in that territory out of existence, either by denying them the food that they need to live, or by forcing them to move outside it, and to some other location, so that they might survive the starvation that Israel is deliberately imposing upon them.

Israel is undertaking ethnic cleansing of an entire population by threatening to kill everyone within Gaza in one of the most cruel and inhumane ways possible.

This action has no relationship with whatever might, or might not, have happened on October 7, 2023.

The holding of hostages and prisoners by both sides is a matter unrelated to this deliberate act of destruction.

There is no possible military, ethical or other justification for what Israel is doing.

Nor can its actions be described as an act of war. International law makes it clear that they are not.

This is a deliberate, planned act intended to result in mass murder aimed at a population as a whole with the intention of eliminating it so that Israel might claim Gaza as its own without a Palestinian population remaining.

We know that the leaders of Israel will not listen to appeals for humanity: it would appear they have none.

The appropriate question to ask, in that case, is where are the leaders of the UK, the USA and other Western democracies on this issue?

I noticed a report yesterday that suggested that a junior ministry in the UK's Foreign Office, which is responsible for Middle Eastern affairs, had made some mild observations on what is going on.

Keir Starmer did not do so.

David Lammy, as Foreign Secretary, did not do so.

Donald Trump, who would like the world to know that he is Benjamin Netanyahu's best friend, is probably encouraging this action.

Throughout Europe, there appears to be no outrage amongst political leaders at what is going on.

No wonder that the soft power of Western democracy now appears to have so little reach around the world. If these so-called democracies cannot take a stand to condemn the worst act of deliberate violence undertaken by a state for maybe 80 years (and I am aware of some of the atrocities in China, of course), then it is apparent that the West has totally failed, and its leadership has gone.

What baffles me is this. Why do these leaders want power if, when they appear to have it, they are unwilling to use it to speak out for justice, condemning those who commit atrocities? Why did they ever bother to make the sacrifices that acquiring power required if they are not going to use it for a greater good?

And who is it who is advising them to say nothing of consequence in the face of atrocity?

How have we reached the point where people, supposedly in power, think that to acquiesce to genocide is acceptable?

And what are the implications for us all of these people's silence?

Could it be that they are so determined to vilify the refugee [to suit their own warped, domestic political agenda](#) that they cannot even see the plight of the human beings who flee in this world, driven by the terror implicit in the option of not doing so?

I can only speculate as to their motives. But their lack of words speaks very loudly, and they will be recalled for their inaction, because by it we know them, and what they are about. They are willingly walking on the other side at a time of humanitarian crisis, and for that, they should be condemned.