

# Funding the Future

## Starmer is failing Palestine and Palestinian children, ...

Published: January 12, 2026, 10:11 pm

I have just posted this on Twitter:

**Richard Murphy**  [@RichardJMurphy](#)

Promote  

This afternoon's headlines suggest Starmer's getting stropky. A thread.

**LIVE** **Starmer tells Israel: Make peace by September or I'll recognise Palestine**

5:17 PM · Jul 29, 2025 · 86 Views

 View post engagements

 1    

**Richard Murphy**  [@RichardJMurphy](#) · 1m  

First, does he really think Netanyahu cares?

Second, does he really think this will save the life of a single one of the Palestinian children who will die between now and then?

Third, what's the practical difference - because that's what people in this country care about?

 1    14  

**Richard Murphy**  [@RichardJMurphy](#) · 1m  

Starmer, as usual, spectacularly misses the point.

We want action, not the sort of diplomatic games a lawyer plays.

We want an end to genocide.

We want Israeli troops out of Gaza.

We might even want British troops delivering aid in Gaza.

 1    11  

**Richard Murphy**  [@RichardJMurphy](#) · 1m  

More than that, we do not now expect Starmer to tell Palestinians what government they may or may not have, when he has absolutely no right to do that, when he would not tell it to Israelis. But that is exactly what he is doing, and that's not recognising Palestine.

 1    5  