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CAABU Press Release

John Austin MP, the Joint Chairman of the Council for Arab-British Understanding, has written to the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, calling on him to suspend his Special Envoy to the Middle East, Lord Levy.

Mr Austin argues that the Labour peer, who has been caught up in the loans for peerages scandal, is unable to act as an effective envoy at this time of great tensions in the Middle East.

Text of the Letter:

Rt Hon Tony Blair MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing St
London SW1

13th July 2006

Following the arrest of Lord Levy, I am writing on behalf of the Council for Arab-British Understanding, to enquire whether this development will result in his suspension as your special envoy to the Middle East?

We strongly hope that it does, as we feel his credibility in such a sensitive and crucial role will now have been compromised beyond repair. Given that his energies will be devoted elsewhere, we question whether he can function effectively at this time.

We hope that given the escalating crisis in the Middle East, that this important role should be filled by a highly qualified individual who will command respect from all sides, and not be seen as partisan to one side over another.

John Austin MP
Joint-Chair of CAABU

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