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The UK government's reaction to the crisis in Gaza has been very lame. They have condemned Palestinian actions but not the collective punishment of the Palestinian civilian population which is a breach of the Geneva Conventions. The UK government has a legal duty as a High Contracting Party to the Fourth Geneva Conventions to ensure Israel's compliance with the Conventions.

We need to ensure that concerns are expressed to elected British Members of Parliament. Many of you will have already written to your MP but it is vital to keep the pressure up. As many of you are very busy, why not invite us to draft a letter to your MP for you to send?

For details of the Foreign Office statement of 11th July 2006 and CAABU's response to it - please see [http://www.caabu.org/index.asp?homepage=press&article=releases&detail=response\\_to\\_fco\\_statement\\_gaza\\_crisis\\_jul06](http://www.caabu.org/index.asp?homepage=press&article=releases&detail=response_to_fco_statement_gaza_crisis_jul06)

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\*\*\*Please Act Now or simply let us know who your MP is, or what your postcode is and we will email a suggested letter back to you.

\*\*\*For maximum impact, it is important to avoid numerous copies of the exact same letter going to an individual MP. This is why we are not sending out "one-letter fits-all" draft.

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Of course we are delighted if you send one yourself. If you do get a reply then please let us know so that we can build up a solid sense of British Parliamentary opinion.

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