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Viva Palestina! (Update: reaction to BBC ban)

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Viva Palestina!

A lifeline for Gaza

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"Three weeks of barbaric Israeli bombardment has laid waste to Gaza. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have had their lives reduced to rubble. They have lost everything - their loved ones, their homes, their hospitals, their schools, their fields, their university, and any semblance of normal family life.

Now is the time to deliver the help they so desperately need – medical supplies, food, clothing, toiletries, building materials, tools, clean water, furniture, computers, toys, schoolbooks – in fact anything and everything that we take for granted, the people of Gaza are crying out for to rebuild their lives.

That is why I have gathered people together from cities, towns and organisations across the UK to form a convoy of material aid – a lifeline for Gaza, headed by a fire-engine, packed full with donated firefighting equipment. You can fundraise and collect in your locality, fill a truck - fill ten trucks - and join us en route

We will all assemble in London on Saturday 14 February, on Valentine's Day, to set off to Palestine, journeying through Paris, Madrid and Casablanca, then across north Africa to Rafah. We will travel with speed, with hope and with love.

You can help to send a Valentine to Palestine in so many ways. You can donate a truck. You can collect supplies. You can offer your services as a driver, a mechanic, a translator, or volunteer in our London office. You send us money. You can talk to friends, families and colleagues, to publicise this appeal and garner even more support.

The people of Gaza cannot wait while governments wrangle and apportion blame. They need action, not platitudes - they need a lifeline now. Support the convoy. Viva Palestina!"

George Galloway

Contact us today

visit <http://www.vivapalestina.org>

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George Galloway first spoke of this at the end of his 10th January speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsewrH2Hvek>

He repeated it when he spoke to the LSE occupation recently:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22IMP8EbgFg>

Update:

The BBC has pulled the plug on a television appeal by 13 charities for Gaza. The ban on the aid advert by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) comes as United Nations Secretary General Ban ki-moon visited Gaza to witness the appalling devastation. He said of the UN compound destroyed by Israel:

"I am just appalled. I am not able to describe how I am feeling. This was an outrageous and totally unacceptable attack against the United Nations."

George Galloway, who is organising an aid convoy to Gaza leaving London on St Valentine's Day, 14 February, says:

"This is a sickening decision by the BBC. When it said no, all the other broadcasters pulled the plug on the ad as well, according to some obscure 'convention'. The BBC has already drawn international opprobrium for its unremittingly pro-Israel bias during the assault on Gaza. Now it is stymieing relief efforts. Three immediate responses are called for:

"The BBC must be subjected to a wave of protest over this inhuman decision. If public opinion mobilised over lewd broadcasting by Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand then surely it can over this far graver failure to serve the public.

"The other broadcasters, who have no problem with the appeal, should be persuaded to transmit it anyway. Conventions are not binding with the force of law. If the BBC has in effect broken it, why should others feel bound?

"Everyone who supports the Palestinians people in Gaza should step up their aid, activities and political solidarity. The convoy I am helping to organise to Gaza, leaving London on 14 February, St Valentine's Day, takes on even more importance. Support it. Collect for it. Send a vehicle laden with aid on it. The convoy is designed to break both the material and the media blockade on Gaza.

"Let's answer the BBC's disgraceful action – taken at public expense, thanks to our licence fees – with a massive convoy of material aid and political support for the Palestinians."

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