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The Green Party is demanding the government suspends the Israeli ambassador after [Israel's parliament approved the death penalty for Palestinians](#) convicted for attacks deemed to be "acts of terrorism".

Deputy Leader of the Green Party, Mothin Ali, said:

"These military courts are conducted without proper legal representation or juries. This is unconscionable – the government must immediately suspend Israel's UK ambassador.

"Introducing the death penalty into Israel's civil legal system, in a way that rights groups say will de facto only apply to Palestinians with Israeli citizenship, will result in Palestinians being killed without a fair trial.

"Palestinian citizens of Israel already lack certain rights granted to Israeli citizens, and their second-class status was made explicit with the passing of the 2018 Jewish Nation-State Law.

"It's time for the Labour government to stand for truth: Israel is an apartheid state which is conducting a genocide in Gaza. Just like apartheid South Africa, it must be treated as a pariah state until the genocide is stopped, apartheid is ended, and Palestinians are granted the same rights as Israelis.

Ali repeated a call for the government to ban the sale of all weapons and weapon components to Israel:

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