<u>Greens condemn Israeli strikes on</u> Qatar

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Reacting to reported Israeli strikes on Qatar, Dr Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Parliamentary Green Party Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, said:

"Targeting negotiators in Doha is reprehensible and strikes at the very mechanisms that offer a chance of ending this horror.

"Carrying out attacks on those engaged in talks — while the wider population of Gaza are starved and bombed — is self-evidently not the behaviour of a state seeking peace. It is the behaviour of a rogue state, operating completely outside international norms, which appears determined to pursue violence and undermine any possibility of a negotiated peace.

"The UK government must unequivocally condemn these strikes and urgently suspend all military cooperation with, and arms sales to, Israel.

"We are witnessing a pattern of total impunity where Israeli military objectives are pursued with devastating civilian cost. That cannot stand. The UK must press tirelessly for immediate de-escalation and a ceasefire, for safe and unfettered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and for independent investigations to hold perpetrators of war crimes and genocide to account."

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