

Hunger strikers in hospital: a terrible indictment of government failure say Greens

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Reacting to news that two Prisoners for Palestine taking part in a hunger strike have been [taken to hospital](#), co-deputy leader of the Green Party, Mothin Ali, said:

“These prisoners are now seriously ill. Amu Gib is on day 50 of their hunger strike while Kamran Ahmed is on day 42. After this length of time without food they are at very high risk of organ failure, irreversible neurological damage, and death.

“This horrific situation could have been prevented if ministers had agreed to meet with representatives of the hunger strikers and hear their concerns and demands.

“They are calling for an end to censorship of their communication, immediate bail, a fair trial, the deproscription of Palestine Action and the shutdown of Elbit Systems in the UK – Israel’s largest weapons manufacturer, producing 85% of Israel’s drones fleet and land-based military equipment.

“There are also claims of mistreatment of the prisoners, something I witnessed first-hand when I went to visit Amu Gib at HMP Bronzefield. It is a terrible indictment of this government’s failure that these prisoners feel forced into using the only tool they have left – their own bodies – to draw attention to the injustices and maltreatment they are experiencing.”

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