

Muir hails work of veterinary industry

Agriculture Minister Andrew Muir has paid tribute to the veterinary industry as he delivered the keynote address at the Annual British Veterinary Association (BVA) Northern Ireland dinner.

Green Party demand de-escalation of dangerous and mounting conflict in Middle East

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Responding to the increasingly dangerous situation in the Middle East, Sian Berry MP said:

“We are deeply alarmed at last night’s attacks on Israel and the invasion of Lebanon, all of which show a growing escalation of the conflict. We express our solidarity with civilians under attack everywhere, whether in Israel, Lebanon, Gaza or elsewhere and demand that all sides de-escalate this dangerous and mounting conflict.

“The failure of the US, UK and others to address Israel’s impunity when breaching international law has made this escalation inevitable. Only by creating the incentives needed for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, prosecuting all actors who have perpetrated war crimes as charged by the ICC prosecutor and by seriously advancing the prospects of a Palestinian state can this dangerous situation be resolved.

“The diplomacy of phone calls and statements is not enough. The UK needs to consider much more direct measures including ending arms sales to oblige all parties immediately to cease military action. All those responsible for attacks on civilians, which is a war crime, must face accountability.”

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Green Party demands permanent bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon

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Commenting on the escalating situation in the Middle East and on the invasion of Lebanon by Israeli defence forces, Sian Berry, MP for Brighton Pavilion, said:

“The invasion and attacks on Lebanon by Israel, causing the deaths of over a thousand people and displacement of a million others, are horrific and devastating. The Green Party demands a permanent bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon, a full arms embargo on Israel, and the prosecution of all actors who have perpetrated war crimes as charged by the ICC Prosecutor.

“The international community has a moral and legal duty to hold all accountable – Israel, Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran – for their crimes in this escalating tragedy. There can be no excuse for the UK Government failing to uphold international law and to use any of the diplomatic levers it has available to bring about a ceasefire now.”

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Closure of Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station a vital test for government's green transformation say Green Party

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Commenting on [the closure of the UK's last coal-fired power station](#) today, Green MP Carla Denyer said:

“The end of coal-fired energy generation is an important step on the long road to tackling the climate crisis.

“Thousands of people have been employed at Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station over the half-century it has been working. It has played an important role in the life of communities and the wider East Midlands economy.

“This will be a vital test of how the government supports the green transformation of every sector of our economy – fast and fairly – to meet the needs of the environment and future generations.

“Plans to clear the site and replace the power station with a zero-carbon energy and technology park must become a reality, offering well-paid, secure jobs.”

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