

Israeli lobby groups pushing and pulling on UK lawmakers



British Parliament, where lobbying to give more money for genocide is conducting on a daily

London, June 23 (RHC)-- More than eight months of relentless U.S. Israeli bombing of Gaza and as many months of national protests in London have not stopped the UK government's support for Israel. The reasons could be both historical and contemporary.

Observers say that one argument is that Israel is an imperial outpost, that it provides a landing strip and a whole host of other functions for Western Empire and hegemony, including that of the United Kingdom, in the region. Another is that there has been a huge operation carried out in imperial capitals, particularly in Washington and London, by the so-called Israel lobby.

The UK government policy, regardless of which major political party is in power, continues to be supportive of Israel.

Critiquing Israel now has consequences, as former Bristol University professor David Miller knows all too well. "I was a professor of political sociology at the University of Bristol and did a lecture on Islamophobia, where I discussed some of my research on the role of Zionists in pushing and promoting Islamophobia."

"Some students complained, there was a long two-and-a-half year process, I was investigated, I was found not guilty." "I was investigated again, I was found not guilty, but they sacked me anyway in October 2021." David Miller said it was obvious that he was fired because of his anti-Zionist views.

Labour leader Starmer is betting on the Israel lobby to deliver him to power in the general elections even in the midst of Zionist genocide in Gaza. Through years of research, Professor Miller has found the Israel lobby to be extremely powerful in the UK with influence across the political spectrum.

The professor pointed out that in the UK parliament, there are two key groups in the two big parties -- Labour and Conservative Friends of Israel they are called -- and the conservative one is very influential - something like 80% of Conservative MPs are members.

David Miller said that "the Labour one is also very influential. Not so many people, as far as we know, are supporters of it, but it's something which young Labour MPs look to join as soon as they join the Houses of Parliament."

He said research has shown that Labour Friends of Israel, which like the Conservative Friends of Israel doesn't reveal its funders, has a huge number of MPs and Labour Lords as members.

"So what you have here experts say is a well-oiled machine set up to influence the political class, the members of the British Parliament, to give undying support to Israel, even as it commits genocide against the Palestinians."



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