

# *Top judge censures Britain's Keir Starmer over his anti-Palestinian stance*

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A group picture of attendees at the swearing-in ceremony of Dame Sue Carr as the first Lady

London, February 19 (RHC)-- The most senior judge in England and Wales has censured Prime Minister Keir Starmer over his anti-Palestinian stance. Chief Justice of England and Wales Baroness Sue Carr said on Tuesday that anti-Palestinian remarks by the ruling Labour Party's leader as well as the opposition Conservative Party's leader were both "unacceptable."

"It is for the government visibly to respect and protect the independence of the judiciary," she said. "Where parties, including the government, disagree with their findings, they should do so through the appellate process."

Starmer targeted Palestinians last week by instructing the government to find ways to prevent Palestinian refugees from staying in the United Kingdom.

His decision to target Palestinians came after it emerged that a UK court had ruled that a Gazan family was granted permission to stay in Britain under a refugee relocation scheme. The plan was initially devised by the government to facilitate the intake of Ukrainians fleeing from the war against Russia."

Speaking in parliament last week, Starmer said the court's ruling was wrong and the government would take control over the Home Office to avoid having Palestinians granted permission to reside in the UK.

"I do not agree with the decision ... it is the wrong decision," Starmer said in response to Conservative Party MPs opposing the court verdict.

Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch said on February 12 that the court order in favor of Palestinians "cannot be allowed to stand." "[T]he home secretary [Yvette Cooper] has already got her team working on closing the loophole. We don't need to wait for that. We're getting on with that because we're taking control."

"But let me be clear, it should be parliament that makes the rules on immigration. It should be the government that makes the policy, that is the principle, and the Home Secretary is already looking at the legal loophole which we need to close in this particular case."

Conservative Party leader Rishi Sunak are both complicit in the Israeli genocidal war on Gaza.

Carr said she was "deeply troubled to learn of the exchanges" between Starmer and Badenoch. She told reporters, "I think it started from a question from the Opposition suggesting that the decision in a certain case was wrong, and obviously the Prime Minister's response to that."

"Both question and the answer were unacceptable."

The Palestinian family at the heart of the debate is comprised of a mother and father and their four children who lost their home in the Gaza Strip after it was hit in an Israeli airstrike.

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