

Hundreds of Israeli Public Figures Call Upon Members of the British Parliament to Vote in Favor of Recognizing the State of Palestine

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363 Israeli public figures have signed a letter to the Members of the British Parliament, calling upon them to vote in favor of British recognition of a Palestinian State, to be created side-by-side with Israel.

The letter was handed on Sunday noon to representatives of the British MP's supporting the motion, due to be voted tomorrow (Monday). The Israeli letter was initiated by Dr. Alon Liel, former Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry; Prof. Amiram Goldblum, a founder of the Peace Now movement; and Yehuda Shaul of "Breaking the Silence".

The letter reads:

"We, Israelis who worry and care for the well-being of the state of Israel, believe that the long-term existence and security of Israel depends on the long-term existence and security of a Palestinian state. For this reason we, the undersigned, urge members of the UK Parliament to vote in favor of the motion to be debated on Monday 13th October 2014, calling on the British Government to recognize the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel".

Signatories include:

Nobel Prize Laureate (Economics) Daniel Kahneman

Six Laureates of the Israel Prize – Professors Alice Levy, David Har'el, Shimon Sandbank, Yehoshua Kolodny, Yona Rosenfeld and Yoram Bilu;

Two former ministers – Ran Cohen and Yossi Sarid, as well as four former Knesset Members – Uri Avnery, Yael Dayan, Mossi Raz and Naomi Chazan;

Former Ambassador and Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Dr. Alon Liel, as well as former Ambassador Ilan Baruch;

Gen. (ret.) Emanuel Shaked, former of the Paratrooper Corps;

Former Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair;

Four writers – Yehoshua Sobol, Yehudit Kafri, Savyon Liebrecht and Amos Mokadi;

Professor Rafi Walden, Deputy Director of the Shiba Hospital and Chair of "Physicians for Human Rights"

Yuval Rahamim, Co-Chair of "Bereaved Families for Palestinian-Israeli Peace" and the group's founder Yitzhak Frankenthal;

As well as many residents of Gaza border communities and other peace and social rights

activists.

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