

# Scotland to Gaza Appeal

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Day by day the crisis in Gaza deepens, it is now worse now than at any time since the Israeli occupation began in 1967.

The blockade imposed by Israel effectively imprisons ordinary Palestinians within the confines of the Gaza strip. Students are being denied exit visas to study and have lost their scholarships abroad, sick people are denied exit to travel for life-saving treatments and families are separated from their relatives in other parts of Palestine.

Eighty per cent of the Palestinian population in Gaza now survive on international food aid, when it is allowed in.

Due to the fuel and electric restrictions which Israel imposes, hospitals are experiencing power cuts lasting between 8 and 12 hours a day. Most hospitals are short of basic drugs and sterile equipment and the World Health Organisation has confirmed the deaths of at least twenty patients in hospital including five children as a direct result of the blockade.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called the blockade an abomination and condemned the international silence and complicity.

We ask for your support to send a convoy of medical equipment to Gaza.

Not just to provide much needed supplies but to **show that Scotland is not part of that silence.**

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