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UNHRC COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me about the UN Commission of Inquiry report on violence by Israeli forces against protesters in Gaza.

The Commission of Inquiry was established to investigate the shooting of thousands of protesters at the border between Israel and Gaza during last year's March of Return. 189 people were killed, including children and those who were clearly marked as paramedics and journalists.

I tabled EDM 2161 supporting the Commission of Inquiry reports, and along with fellow Labour MP Lisa Nandy I wrote [this article](#) in the New Statesman outlining the reasons I believe the Government should have supported the resolutions.

Last month, the Government decided to vote against all but one resolution on Israel-Palestine at the UN Human Rights Council. I have been vocal in my opposition to this decision, and you can read my statement, which I published in my position as Chair of the Britain-Palestine All Party Group, [here](#). In voting against these resolutions, the Government has undermined its commitment to human rights not only in the Middle East, but around the world. Along with my fellow Labour MPs, I will continue to hold the Government to account on the issue of human rights in Gaza.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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