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Motion

Proposer: Charlie Aldous (Green Party)

Title: **Solidarity with Hunger strikers and
condemnation of the Justice secretary**

Motion text

1 **The Young Greens note:**

- 2 • The Hunger strikers [Heba Muraisi, Kamran Ahmed, Lewie Chiaramello, Qesser
3 Zuhrah, Amu Gib, Teuta Hoxha, Muhammad Umer Khalid, Jon Cinkstrike] have
4 demands and these demands should be met. They are: 'immediate bail, the
5 right to a fair trial (which they say would include the release of
6 documents related to "the ongoing witch-hunt of activists and
7 campaigners"), ending censorship of their communications, "de-proscribing"
8 Palestine Action, which is classed as a 'terrorist' group, and the
9 shutting down of Elbit Systems'[1]

- 10 • All prisoners who undertook the Hunger strike will suffer long term damage
11 to their physical and mental health regardless the success of their
12 refeeding. [2]

- 13 • Mail and other communications were withheld from prisoners.

- 14 • The demands of the strikers for immediate bail, a fair trial and the
15 deprescription of Palestine Action have yet to be granted. However, they
16 accepted as a victory the denial of a contract for Elbit systems and the
17 issuing of bulk packages of withheld mail. [3]

- 18 • Prisoners were not met with by ministers from the MoJ until after
19 international outcry had been raised [3]

20 **The Young Greens believe:**

- 21 • The right to a fair trial is a fundamental human right and a practical
22 necessity owed to all regardless of their circumstances.

- 23 • Both the accused and accuser in a criminal case have a right to a timely
24 trial.

- 25 • There must be a natural presumption towards innocence in all criminal
26 cases.

- 27 • The presumption of innocence favours the granting of bail within a
28 reasonable time after arrest. Bail hearing must be held, and if the

29 authorities wish to continue suspending an individual's liberty, they must
30 present evidence for judicial review in a court of law.

- 31 • Prisoners have a right to communicate with the outside world. This right
32 to communicate includes a right to receive visitations from members of the
33 public.
- 34 • Prisoners share the same rights to receive medical attention as any other
35 member of the public, and those that administer prisons have a duty of
36 care to all inmates to protect a minimum level of human dignity for them.
- 37 • The law may not deem someone guilty of an offense retrospectively.
- 38 • The principle of direct protest action is a tactic protected in cases
39 where it prevents a greater harm and as such it is a legitimate tactic to
40 achieve political goals.
- 41 • There is a right on behalf of the public to scrutinise the prisons system
42 both via its elected representatives and through initiatives like public
43 inspections of prison conditions.

44 **The Young Greens resolve:**

- 45 • To call for a bail hearing for the prisoners who have engaged with the
46 hunger strike in protest of their excessively long detention while
47 awaiting trial.
- 48 • To call for the Hunger strikers to be brought to a speedy trial or have
49 their charges dismissed.
- 50 • To work with Green parliamentarians to call for an independent inquest
51 into the actions of the prisons service and ministers in relation to the
52 treatment of the hunger strikers.
- 53 • To call for an explanation into the arrests of protestors at HMP
54 Bronzefield.
- 55 • To condemn the prior Conservative justice secretary's for inflicting
56 economic and social conditions on the justice sector that has left courts
57 crumbling and prisoners and victims alike waiting years for justice and
58 David Lammy for his failure to rectify these conditions.

- 59 • To condemn David Lammy for failing to respond to communications from
60 elected representatives in Parliament.

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