

TT week 3 Emergency Meeting

The JCR notes:

1. That India is being ravaged by a new wave of Covid-19, with a devastating surge of new infections tearing through dense cities and rural areas alike.
2. That hospitalizations and deaths have reached record highs, with India officially crossing the grim milestone of 200,000 Covid-19 deaths this week. Each day, the government reports more than 300,000 new infections and over 2,000 deaths. The figure is much higher in reality as data continues to be underreported.
3. That the lack of availability of oxygen cylinders, hospital beds and essential medicines for critically ill patients has overburdened India's healthcare system.
4. That the government has failed to take timely and correct decisions to handle the crisis, and individuals and local organisations (funded through mutual aid efforts) have therefore stepped in.
5. That three Oxford societies – Oxford India Society, Oxford Hindu Society, and Oxford South Asian Society – have set up a fundraiser with student societies at Cambridge ([Oxbridge Student Action for COVID Relief in India](#)), with the initial aim of raising £50,000 over ten days to help local and national non-governmental organisations in India.

The JCR believes:

1. That India's overwhelming COVID-19 situation needs a multi-pronged global response.
2. That the Common Room must lend its support to Indian students' efforts seeking to alleviate and manage the burden on India's healthcare system.

The Common Room resolves:

1. To allocate a sum of £200 to the [Oxbridge Student Action for COVID Relief in India](#) from the charities fund or the JCR fund
2. To mandate the President and Charities Officer to publicise the [Oxbridge Student Action for COVID Relief in India](#) and encourage the JCR Members to donate.

Proposer: Kenton Cota

Seconder: Anju Kudhail

For: 36

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The JCR notes:

1. There has been a long-standing military occupation of Palestinian land, resulting in ongoing Israeli apartheid and the denying of Palestinian citizenship and violation of basic human rights. The continued ethnic cleansing and forced removal of Palestinian citizens has resulted in the displacement of over 700,000 Palestinians from their homes.
1. Decisions by the Israeli government about the forced removal of Palestinian citizens from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of occupied East Jerusalem are currently being carried out.
2. Over the weekend Israeli forces raided Al-Aqsa mosque during prayers, attacking unarmed Palestinian worshippers in attempt to remove them from the site during the holy month of Ramadan.
3. Hamas warned Israeli forces that if they continued violent attacks then they would fire rockets at Israel. Attacks continued, so rockets were fired on Monday. Immediately. Israel responded with air attacks of greater magnitude into Gaza, killing 26 people, including 9 children, and majorly injuring over 100 people as of sundown on Monday.
4. The back and forth confrontation has continued since, resulting in 2 Israelis and 28 Palestinians dead as of 17.00 11/05/21.
5. Citizens of Gaza Strip have also been retained in an open-air prison since 2007, resulting in the inability to relocate and access basic resources.
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7. Palestinian citizens were not given access to COVID-19 vaccines, which were reserved for Israeli citizens. COVID patients in Gaza also had limited access to hospital resources such as ventilators; part of this is due to the blockade.

The JCR believes:

3. That the Israeli government is violating international law by coordinating brutal attacks and Israeli apartheid with the ultimate goal of ethnic cleansing across the nation
4. That the Common Room must lend its support to Palestinian victims in the Gaza strip, the West Bank and Jerusalem

The Common Room resolves:

3. To allocate a sum of £200 to the Islamic Relief emergency fund, split equally between the appeals 'Save a life in Gaza' and 'Palestine Emergency Appeal.'
4. To mandate the JCR to voice support for Palestine and encourage the JCR Members to donate.

Proposer: Sara Pelham

Seconder: Anju Kudhail

For: 31

Against: 2

Abstain: 3

Friendly amendment – 'Medical aid for Palestine'