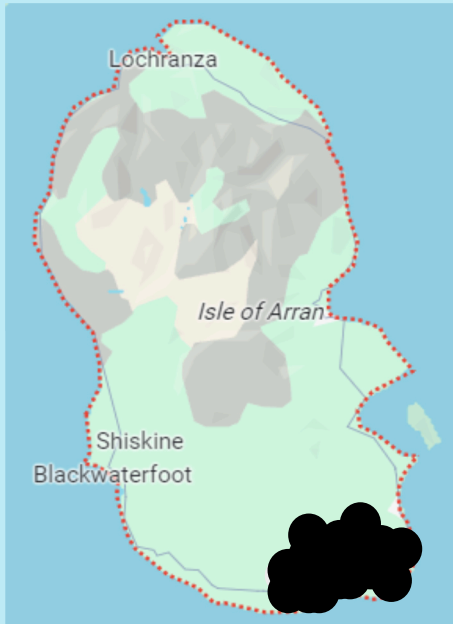


IF ARRAN WAS GAZA...

WITH AN AREA OF 166 square miles, the Isle of Arran is slightly bigger than the Gaza Strip.

And while Kildonan at the bottom of the island is home to not much more than a colony of seals, in Rafah over 1.5 million Palestinians have been herded into Gaza's southern most tip, in dire conditions and under constant threat of attack.



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NO
GOVERNMENT
is going to take from me
MY RIGHT TO SPEAK,
MY RIGHT TO PROTEST
against wrong, my right to do
everything that is for the
benefit of mankind.



• John Maclean, Clydeside Revolutionary, Speech from the Dock, 1918

AARON BUSHNELL

On February 25, Aaron Bushnell set himself on fire at the gate of the Israeli embassy in Washington, DC as an act of protest against the ongoing genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. He later succumbed to his injuries.

In his last Facebook post he wrote: "Many of us like to ask ourselves, 'What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow South? Or apartheid? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?' The answer is, you're doing it. Right now."

A US Air Force member, he arrived at anarchist politics through a process of self-education.

We mourn Aaron, and honour his self-sacrifice. However we urge young people to take a different path, of collective action against tyranny. We are out for life, and all that life can give us.

Aaron hoped his ashes would be scattered in a future free Palestine. If you wish to do something in Aaron's memory, one option is to donate to the



[Palestine Children's Relief Fund](#), which he mentioned in his will.

Memories of Aaron by his friends in mutual aid groups are available online at [Crimethinc.com](#)

'...compared to what people have been experiencing in Palestine at the hands of their colonisers, it's not extreme at all.'

- Aaron Bushnell



ANARCHIST CRITIC

SO WE ARE IN RECESSION, SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?

I say be very worried, as this means that most business are shrinking, rather than growing, which in turn means that the government will be looking at ways to boost big business.

The only way they know how to do that, is plunder the public purse of tax payers money and hand it out to the big businesses. So look forward to more poverty, harder struggles to pay your bills and feed your family. Despite this "recession" some business are doing very well thank you. British Gas has announced that its profits for the year have grown 10 fold, thanks to our hard struggle to pay our bills. Will this vast increase in profit mean that our energy prices will drop 10 fold? My arse!

PLUNDER

Another attempt to plunder the public purse is the Chancellor, he is considering a squeeze on social service to fund tax cuts, to help his corporate cronies. All their plans are to help big businesses and to hell with the effect on the general public The public purse is there, in their opinion to be used to feed their corporate cronies in the wealthy parasite class.

With this system of corporate capitalism, we the general public are only there if we can earn money for the

corporate bosses and pay taxes to help fund their continuous plunder of the public purse. When we are not doing that, we are disposable, we can scratch a living as best we can, live a life of dire poverty, watch our kids lead a stunted life and slowly move to an early grave.

Any government that forces this on the public when it can be avoided is surely guilty of killing them, not by bullet or bayonet, but by denying them a decent life when that government could remedy the situation with the resources of our tax money.

However, that will never happen unless we, the public, take control of all the wealth we produce and see that it's fairly and justly distributed to see to the needs of all our people.

WE DON'T NEED THE PARASITE CLASS, THEY NEED US, BUT WE LET THEM PLUNDER AND ABUSE US.

• Follow the **Anarchist Critic** at <https://radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com/>



• Graphic: Barbara Galinska

OPEN FORUM

THE RELEASE of the proposed 2024 budget reignited a permeating cynicism among the public that politicians can (or indeed intend to) deliver on anything they promise.

The announcement of lower NI rates that "put more money in the average person's pocket," sounds like placating condescension - a stuffed dog in place of a real puppy at Christmas.

In practice, this budget promises nothing but unending austerity: of squeezing harder on the throat of already gasping

public services. Any seasoned cynic deciphers 'Lower taxes' to be code for 'further cuts to public expenditure' as local councils are forced to declare bankruptcy.

NEVER ENDING

This is nothing new. For instance, according to the IFS, per-person spending on social care for over 65s has fallen by 31% since 2009/10. Such is the situation faced by the education system, the NHS, public transport services and youth services.

Robust public services benefit everyone, and the 'average person' deserves to see their taxes go towards preserving a future for the people - not just the shareholders.

WE WANT BREAD AND WE WANT ROSES TOO

THIS IS RIGGED carry on speech: "bread for all, and their lively campaign of roses too" - asking for not only direct action against food basic essentials, but a decent poverty. A statement from quality of life. the group says:

'Today we stole bread and roses from the shelves of Tesco and handed them out to members of the public in Glasgow city centre.

American suffrage activist Helen Todd coined the term bread and roses in a 1911

We are not just asking for the bare minimum: bread, essentials, baby formula that doesn't cost £20; we are asking for dignity in accessing food. No longer will we beg for the scraps of charity from the tables of greedy CEOs.'

• CHECK: [Thisisrigged.org](https://thisisrigged.org)



The Union For All Workers

[IWW.ORG.UK](https://www.iww.org.uk)



CLYDESID ARCHIVES OF DISSENT

[spiritofrevolt.info](https://www.spiritofrevolt.info)





Twitter: Workers for a Free Palestine

• In February, over 100 people blockaded BAE Systems in Govan, part of the chain of Arms suppliers to Israel

A SPANNER IN THE WAR MACHINE

OVER THIRTY PALESTINIAN TRADE UNIONS and professional associations have issued a united call to end all complicity and to stop arming Israel:

“We are calling on trade unions in relevant industries:

- To refuse to build weapons destined for Israel.
- To refuse to transport weapons

to Israel.

- To pass motions in their trade union to this effect.
- To take action against complicit companies involved in implementing Israel’s brutal and illegal siege, especially if they have contracts with your institution.
- Pressure governments to stop all military trade with Israel, and

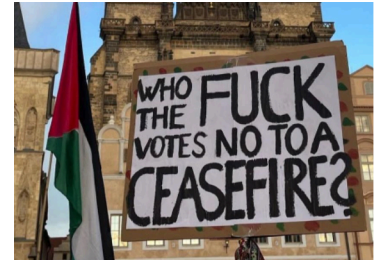
in the case of the US, funding to it.”

We are now heeding this call from our comrades in Palestine.

- *Workers for a Free Palestine are a grassroots network of trade unionists, workers and activists in Britain organising against the Israeli war machine. Check them out on Twitter, Tiktok, and Instagram*

RISHI SUNAK and the entire political establishment are appalled that the people are taking to the streets in protest against genocide.

Would it not be simpler if the government dissolved the people and elected another?



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