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## Dear Shaher

We are writing to you on behalf of the GMB, one the UK's largest unions, to extend our support and solidarity with Palestinian workers.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with your affiliates' members. All attacks on civilians are attacks on workers. As a union that represents health and emergency service workers, our members will have been deeply moved by the scenes in Gaza and the growing risk of humanitarian disaster. We have also read with alarm reports of further increasing growing discrimination against Palestinian workers in Israel and the occupied West Bank.

In the days ahead, it is essential that international law is upheld and supplies to Gaza of such essentials as medicine and medical equipment, power, food, and water are enabled. Humanitarian corridors must be established as an urgent priority.

Please be assured, even during this time of conflict, of the continued solidarity of our union, and our support for a peace agreement based on a two-state solution that secures and upholds the safety, dignity, and civil rights of Palestinian workers.

If it would be of assistance to correspond and further reflect our solidarity then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in solidarity

Gary Smith (General Secretary)