

ANNEX B

Item 1: Email chain 'FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE) FIRST VERSION ENDING AT 10:27 ON 6/1

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:27 AM

To: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 05 January 2024 10:55

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Going back to wider chain so DEXA colleagues can provide a policy view...

FM has amended the statement below, commenting that he has been calling for a ceasefire for a number of months now so has altered the focus on holding the Government of Israel to account.

FM is leaving for an engagement at 10.45am so if you have any concerns with these amendments please let me know before then so I can relay to FM.

Thanks

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The First Minister's latest call comes as the United Nations has expressed concern up to 1.9 million internally displaced people are moving into smaller and smaller pockets in the Gaza Strip. The UN Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) for Palestinian Refugees has warned that 40% of the population of Gaza is now at risk of famine due to "catastrophic hunger", and the latest Integrated food security Phase Classification (IPC) brief shows Gaza is experiencing a food security emergency driven by ongoing hostilities.

Responding to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the region, the First Minister said diplomatic approaches have so far failed to bring about any change and an immediate ceasefire was needed.

The First Minister said:

"The time has come for the UK Government to speak out forcefully and make it clear that Israeli action has gone way beyond a legitimate response to the appalling Hamas attack of 7 October.

"Hearing comments from an Israeli Government Minister urging displacement of Palestinians from Gaza is deeply disturbing and should be universally condemned. Gaza is Occupied Palestinian Territory and will be part of a future Palestinian state - Gazans should not be subject to forcible displacement or relocation from Gaza.

"The UK Government must make clear that Prime Minister Netanyahu, Israeli Ministers and military commanders will be held accountable for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians and the deaths of tens of thousands more from starvation and disease if Israel does not immediately cease indiscriminate attacks and allow aid to enter Gaza on the scale needed to avert a humanitarian disaster. Hamas leaders must also be held accountable for the appalling attacks against Israeli civilians on 7 October.

"Talk of a sustainable ceasefire from the UK Government has made no difference on the ground, as the situation has worsened for the people of Gaza. The UK Government must use its voice and influence to stop the killing – directly with the Israeli government, and indirectly with the US."

Background

Integrated food security Phase Classification (IPC) brief for November 2023 – February 2024 (published 21 December 2023).

UPDATED: Everyone is hungry in Gaza, warn UN humanitarians | UN News

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reports 1.9 million people are internally displaced in Gaza.

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 1:53 PM
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Subject: RE: SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 04 January 2024 13:52
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 January 2024 10:10

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture <CabSecforCEAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Culture, Europe & International Development <MinisterforCEID@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>

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Item 2: Email chain 'FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE) SECOND VERSION ENDING AT 08:29 ON 5/1

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 8:29 AM

To: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]2@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 6:40 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]2@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> on behalf of First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 12:08:22 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]2@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> on behalf of First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 11:52 pm
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]2@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: FOR URGENT FM CLEARANCE - comms approach and products // SUBMISSION: Gaza: SG positioning (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE)

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 5:49:42 PM
To: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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From: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 5:45 PM

To: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Jack Middleton

Special Adviser to the First Minister

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 11:10 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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[redacted], Tom, colleagues,

With thanks, below for records is the clean version of the news release that will be issued within the next half hour or so.

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First Minister urges UK to hold the Government of Israel to account

FM: UK Government's repeated refusal to call for an immediate ceasefire is shameful

First Minister Humza Yousaf has urged the UK Government to use its position as a trusted ally of the Government of Israel to demand an end to "indiscriminate attacks" that have seen thousands of children in Gaza killed. He has made it clear that those responsible for killing civilians must be held accountable.

Ten weeks since Israel's invasion of Gaza the First Minister said the UK Government's refusal to call for an immediate ceasefire is "shameful".

The First Minister's latest call comes as the United Nations has expressed concern up to 1.9 million internally displaced people are moving into smaller and smaller pockets in the Gaza Strip. The UN Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) for Palestinian Refugees has warned that 40% of the population of Gaza is now at risk of famine due to "catastrophic hunger", and the latest Integrated food security Phase Classification (IPC) brief shows Gaza is experiencing a food security emergency driven by ongoing hostilities.

Responding to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the region, the First Minister said diplomatic approaches have so far failed to bring about any change and an immediate ceasefire was needed.

The First Minister said:

“The time has come for the UK Government to speak out forcefully and make it clear that Israeli action has gone way beyond a legitimate response to the appalling Hamas attack of 7 October.

“Hearing comments from an Israeli Government Minister urging displacement of Palestinians from Gaza is deeply disturbing and should be universally condemned. Gaza is Occupied Palestinian Territory and will be part of a future Palestinian state - Gazans should not be subject to forcible displacement or relocation from Gaza.

“The UK Government must make clear that Prime Minister Netanyahu, Israeli Ministers and military commanders will be held accountable for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians and the deaths of tens of thousands more from starvation and disease if Israel does not immediately cease indiscriminate attacks and allow aid to enter Gaza on the scale needed to avert a humanitarian disaster. Hamas leaders must also be held accountable for the appalling attacks against Israeli civilians on 7 October.

“Talk of a sustainable ceasefire from the UK Government has made no difference on the ground, as the situation has worsened for the people of Gaza. The UK Government must use its voice and influence to stop the killing – directly with the Israeli government, and indirectly with the US.”

Background

Integrated food security Phase Classification (IPC) brief for November 2023 – February 2024 (published 21 December 2023).

UPDATED: Everyone is hungry in Gaza, warn UN humanitarians | UN News

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reports 1.9 million people are internally displaced in Gaza.

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From: *[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of First Minister*

Sent: *Friday, January 5, 2024 11:01 AM*

To: *First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>*

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 05 January 2024 10:55

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 January 2024 10:52

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Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 10:49 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Item 3: Email chain 'Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA' ending at 16:15 on 8/11

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 11:13 AM

To: [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Hi all,

Are we all happy with the spiel as per the version attached? Specifically the line about the appeal.

We're needing to confirm this asap please to allow comms colleagues to finalise their prep for this afternoon's recording.

Thanks,

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Private Secretary to the First Minister

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Attachment:

Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP

First Minister

***Video message to support the work of the United Nations
Relief and Works Agency***

Tuesday 7 November 2023

Maximum length: 1 minute

Current length: 1 minute

The First Minister has offered to lend his voice to call for support for an upcoming UNRWA campaign funding appeal in a video message. This is being recorded on the afternoon of 8th November 2023.

UNRWA human development and humanitarian services provides education, health care, relief and social services, infrastructure and camp improvement, microfinance and emergency response in Gaza and other situations of armed conflict.

Speaking Note:

- *I fully support the critical work of United Nations Relief and Works Agency in providing life-saving humanitarian aid to Gaza.*
- *The people of Gaza urgently need access to more food, fuel, water and medicine.*
- *But a full ceasefire, from all sides, is clearly what is needed to create a secure and sustained humanitarian corridor.*
- *We need to protect all innocent civilians – men, women and children as well as humanitarian actors in accordance with international law.*
- *The Scottish Government is supporting the work of the UNRWA with a further £250,000 – to add to the £500,000 that we pledged last month - to provide displaced Palestinians access to food, water and medical supplies.*
- *I am grateful for their vital work in this unprecedented crisis, and I call on the international community to come together to find a path forward for peace.*
- *To help the UNRWA continue their vital work, I encourage you to support their flash appeal/humanitarian aid for Gaza.*

From: [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:48 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Revise to reflect comments from colleagues attached. Grateful if those with links to UNRWA could check the line in regards to the appeal.

A response by close of play today would be appreciated.

Thanks

[redacted][redacted]
First Ministers Policy Unit

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:38 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Just to add to support [redacted]'s comments, the FM offered to do the video to support an upcoming UNRWA campaign so if comms are liaising with UNRWA officials about the video, it would be worth checking if there is a line regarding the appeal that they would like the FM to consider using/referring to in the video message.

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:13 PM
To: [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Hi [redacted]

A few thoughts in the attached for consideration.

Thanks
[redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:38 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

FM/PS

Please find a proposed video script in support of UNRWA in attachment.

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[redacted] [redacted]
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:11 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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Thanks [redacted],

It would be great to know which ones are going on social channels so we can get the subtitles and aspect ratio right. Also the order they are needed in.

Cheers,
Jen

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:20 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh
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Adding [redacted]and [redacted]to chain for awareness for recording/editing purposes.

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:08 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Hello everyone,

Status on video scripts before I head into a meeting. Can you confirm when FM will be recording?

[out of scope]

UNWRA – to be drafted

[out of scope]

Warm regards,

[redacted] | [First Minister's Speechwriter](#) | [Scottish Government](#)
[redacted]@gov.scot
(+44) [redacted]
[redacted]

*On regular days my working hours fall between 07:30-17:00 Monday to Friday.
For urgent matters outside of those hours you are welcome to contact me by phone.*

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:35 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Thanks all. Adding [redacted] to chain.

[redacted], please see below a late request for a video to be recorded along with the others tomorrow. **FMPO has confirmed this is possible time wise.** [redacted] has kindly added a link

to the last FMQ brief and has suggested a focus on humanitarian lines alongside info from the UNRWA website would be suffice, keeping it brief.. 30 secs or so.

If you need any more info please let me know.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:07 AM

To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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[redacted][redacted][redacted],

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[redacted]

Attachment:

[out of scope]

SG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

Last Thursday, we announced a further £250,000 in funding for UNRWA to support the immediate food, health, shelter and protection needs of people seeking safety.

That means we are providing £750,000 in total towards the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UNRWA) in response to the ongoing escalation in the Gaza Strip.

- *These funds will support the immediate food, health, shelter and protection needs of people seeking safety.*
- *Members of the public who wish to do so, can contribute to the UNRWA flash appeal, or those of the many aid agencies operating in Gaza.*
- *The UN 'Flash' appeal is specifically for Gaza. That is where the unfolding humanitarian disaster is, with an estimated 1.4 million people displaced by the bombing and by military evacuation orders. The Israeli Government has not requested humanitarian assistance from the international community.*
- *We are satisfied that UNRWA, with the institutional substance of a UN agency, its established operations and long experience of working on the ground in Gaza, is best placed to ensure that the funds are used to provide humanitarian aid to those in desperate need.*
- *The UN must be able to access essential fuel supplies in order to support the distribution of life-saving humanitarian aid.*
- *Following raids on warehouses and distribution centres, UNRWA have provided us with assurances that they have taken steps to strengthen security at their facilities.*

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From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:34 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] – can you pick up with UNRWA and FMPO please?

FM is recording a few video messages tomorrow so if a short script could be drafted up quickly, this could be included.

Thanks,
Emily

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:04 AM

To: Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

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<Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

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Adding Jack and Emily

Regards

[redacted]
[redacted]



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From: Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:03 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Hi,

Removing UN emails and adding Kevin and Colin,

Ewan

Ewan Crawford
Senior Special Adviser to the First Minister,
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From: [redacted] <[REDACTED]@UNRWA.ORG>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:55 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[REDACTED]@unrwa.org>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[REDACTED]@unrwa.org>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[REDACTED]@UNRWA.ORG>; [redacted][redacted] <[REDACTED]@UNRWA.ORG>; [redacted] <[REDACTED]@UNRWA.ORG>
Subject: Video by First Minister in support of UNRWA

Dear [redacted],

At our meeting last week, the First Minister offered to lend his voice to call for support to UNRWA in a video message.

Would you be able to indicate who in the Scottish government we should liaise with to make this happen?

I would like to involve our colleagues in the External Relations Department ([redacted][redacted] [redacted], the head of Private Sector Fundraising) and her team) to discuss how best to do this.

Let me know when it would be a good time to talk to you or your colleagues on this.

Many thanks
Best wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted]

Item 4: Email chain For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:55 PM

To: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle.Kevin

Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

[redacted]

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Hi Tom,

[redacted]

It's also not possible as I need characters left for the link however I can drop humanitarian and change conflict to situation.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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Following the announcement [@ScotGov](#) will provide a further £250,000 in humanitarian aid for Gaza, First Minister [@HumzaYousaf](#) met [@UNMartaLorenzo](#).

They discussed the situation in Gaza and the difference the funding will make to [@UNRWA](#)'s relief efforts.

shorturl.at/vT149

From: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:43 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Tom Thomson

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Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:20 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle.Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

Hi [redacted]

For FMs awareness, please see below tweet to mark his meeting with UNRWA reps.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:56 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle.Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

Thanks [redacted], I'll get the news release issued.

Please let the First Minister know that this tweet is specifically to link to the news release, as previously mentioned we'll further promote the release with another tweet and picture from the UNRWA meeting later in the afternoon.

Hope that helps.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 6:55 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

[redacted],

Thanks for sight. The First Minister is content with the NR.

On the Tweet, the FM is fine with the current wording, but would like to add reference to his meeting with UNRWA and to accompany the Tweet with a photo from the meeting.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

FMPO,

Given the time, comms would suggest we now issue this news release at 9am tomorrow morning, following FMs clearance which would still ensure Mr [redacted]son is able to reference it at the CEEAC Committee.

Thanks,

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From: [redacted]

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Subject: For FM clearance - Gaza humanitarian aid

Importance: High

FMPO,

Please see below a news release and Tweet announcing the additional funding for humanitarian aid for Gaza. Wording agreed with Policy and SpAd colleagues.

In order to have this announced in time for Mr [redacted]son to reference at CEEAC Committee at 9am on Thursday, we are planning to issue the release **today with a 00.01 embargo**. That would allow for media coverage tomorrow morning, allow for Mr Roberston to reference at Committee, allow for FM to reference at FMQs should it come up, and then we can use images from tomorrow's FM meeting with UN reps to further promote the announcement on social media later in the afternoon.

Grateful for the First Minister's clearance as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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Item 2: Email chain Briefing Note: Alleged involvement of several UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:39 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture <CabSecforCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Culture, Europe & International Development <MinisterforCEID@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Martin Johnson <Martin.Johnson@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Culture, Europe & International Development <MinisterforCEID@gov.scot>; Solicitor to the Scottish Government <solicitor@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; INTER : International Development <DLCEABINTERID@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Briefing Note: Alleged involvement of several UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October

Hi [redacted],

Will have something with you by 10am tomorrow.

Best

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 28 January 2024 11:03

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Briefing Note: Alleged involvement of several UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October

[redacted],

The First Minister has a media slot in his London programme tomorrow (Monday).

Given this matter is dominating the news cycle at present, it's probably likely to be asked about. I would therefore be grateful for an update note (inc. any updated/revised lines) to be with us by 10am tomorrow (Mon 29/01).

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Subject: Briefing Note: Alleged involvement of several UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October

PS/First Minister

Please find below a short update on the allegations of UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October and proposed reactive lines for the First Minister's consideration/approval.

Alleged involvement of several UNRWA employees in Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October

Background

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) released a statement saying it had opened an investigation into several employees suspected of involvement in the 7 October attacks in Israel by Hamas, and that it had severed ties with those staff members.

The UN Secretary-General also released a statement saying he is horrified by this news and has asked Mr. Lazzarini to investigate the matter swiftly and to ensure that any UNRWA employee shown to have participated or abetted what transpired on 7 October, or in any other criminal activity, be terminated immediately and referred for potential criminal prosecution.

Evidence of the employees' alleged involvement was provided to UNRWA by the Israeli authorities.

Scottish Government Support for UNRWA

On 14 October, the Minister for CEID announced a contribution of £500,000 towards the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UNRWA) flash appeal in response to the ongoing escalation in the Gaza Strip. In November, the First Minister announced a further £250,000 towards the same appeal, bringing Scottish Government's total funding to UNRWA to assist the relief efforts in Gaza to £750,000.

As part of negotiating the terms of the grant agreement, officials conducted an assessment of the UNRWA Regulatory Framework, including code of conduct and disciplinary procedures for staff.

Also on 2 November, the First Minister and Minister for CEID met with the director of the UNRWA Representative Office in Europe, Marta Lorenzo where he heard about their work in responding to the humanitarian crisis in the OPTs.

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Other Donor's Support for UNRWA

UNRWA, whose biggest donors in 2022 included the US, Germany and the EU, has repeatedly said its capacity to render humanitarian assistance to people in Gaza is on the verge of collapse. AS

USA: The US state department said it was extremely troubled by the allegations, which it said pertained to 12 UNRWA employees. They have temporarily paused additional funding for UNRWA while they review these allegations and the steps being taken to address them. The US provided \$344 million in 2022

EU: The EU foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said it would “assess further steps and draw lessons based on the result of the full and comprehensive investigation”. The EU provided \$114 million in 2022.

UK: On 24 November the UK announced a package of £30 million funding for aid to Gaza; £10 million of this was allocated to UNRWA. A further £30 million was announced in December but there are no further details on how this was allocated. The UK is a longstanding donor to UNRWA and provided \$21 million of funding in 2022.

Top Lines

- We are deeply concerned by allegations that several UNRWA staff were involved in the abhorrent Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7.
- We note the statement by the UNRWA Commissioner General today, of the immediate action already taken by UNRWA to dismiss these employees and to launch a full investigation. Also the assurance by UNRWA that any UNRWA employee who was involved in acts of terror will be held accountable, including through criminal prosecution.
- Given our recent funding of UNRWA, we have separately been in direct touch with them today and have requested further updates on the investigation.
- We have no plans to provide further support to UNRWA at this stage.
- These allegations are particularly concerning at a time when the international community must continue to find mechanisms to maintain, and increase the levels of life-saving aid getting into Gaza.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] (pronouns: [redacted])

Humanitarian and Conflict Lead
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Item 5: Email chain Re: FOR CLEARANCE: Sunday Post - UNRWA funding

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 10:47 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

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Subject: Re: FOR CLEARANCE: Sunday Post - UNRWA funding

Thanks [redacted]

I have received the following from FM, copied here for the wider chain:

"For the avoidance of doubt, we are not withdrawing the funding to UNRWA we have committed.

We obviously don't have any current plans for funding but that shouldn't be misinterpreted as us withdrawing or suspending funding. I have issued a tweet to clarify given some misinterpretation of our actions."

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Private Secretary to the First Minister

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 4:01:07 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Sunday Post - UNRWA funding

Thanks [redacted]

The National and Sunday Mail have also just asked for the line so will issue to them as well.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 27 January 2024 15:56

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Subject: Re: FOR CLEARANCE: Sunday Post - UNRWA funding

Hi [redacted]

FM is content.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Private Secretary to the First Minister

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 3:32:04 PM

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Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Sunday Post - UNRWA funding

PO/ First Minister

CC for info

PO/ Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture

PO/ Minister for Culture, Europe & International Development

The Sunday Post is asking about SG funding to UNRWA in light of several countries suspending funding due to some staff allegedly being involved in the 7 October attacks.

I have drawn lines from a briefing which was sent to FM yesterday. Spads are content with the proposed lines.

For information the UK Gov Foreign Office issued this line today.

"The UK is appalled by allegations that UNRWA staff were involved in the 7 October attack against Israel, a heinous act of terrorism that the UK Government has repeatedly condemned. The UK is temporarily pausing any future funding of UNWRA whilst we review these concerning allegations."

Grateful for your view.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Duty Comms

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We are deeply concerned by allegations that several UNRWA staff were involved in the abhorrent Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7.

“We note the statement by the UNRWA Commissioner General, of the immediate action already taken by UNRWA to dismiss these employees and to launch a full investigation. Also the assurance by UNRWA that any UNRWA employee who was involved in acts of terror will be held accountable, including through criminal prosecution.

“Given our recent funding of UNRWA, we have separately been in direct touch with them today and have requested further updates on the investigation. We have no plans to provide further support to UNRWA at this stage.

“These allegations are particularly concerning at a time when the international community must continue to find mechanisms to maintain, and increase the levels of life-saving aid getting into Gaza.”

QUERY

As discussed, Italy, Canada and Australia have suspended their funding to UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. It follows allegations some of the agency's staff were involved in the 7 October attacks.

<https://news.sky.com/story/middle-east-crisis-us-uk-launch-strikes-houthi-targets-israel-gaza-hamas-12978800?postid=7135075#liveblog-body>

The Scottish Government pledged £750,000 in November to the UNRWA Flash Appeal.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/humanitarian-aid-for-gaza/>

Would it be possible to get a comment on whether the Scottish Government will suspend any future funding for the UNRWA in light of the allegations please?

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