

Green Party response to the Iranian attack on Israel



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Following news of the Iranian attack on Israel and the involvement of UK aircraft in Israel's defence, Green Party co-leader, Carla Denyer, has urged the UK not to be dragged into a Middle East war. She said:

"The Green Party condemns Iran's attacks against Israel, which were targeted on civilian as well as military targets. This represents a concerning escalation of the current conflict in the Middle East. We call on all parties now to find ways to de-escalate this conflict, which risks spreading across the region.

"We are concerned by the use of British aircraft in the night's events. We question why Britain should be involved in this confrontation, where there is a risk that we could become embroiled in a regional war. The record of Afghanistan and Iraq suggests that involvement in such conflict brings great risks, especially when the military and strategic objectives are unclear."

Denyer also questioned at what level the decision to engage UK defence forces was made:

"I am deeply concerned about how this decision to deepen our involvement was made and in what further action the government proposes to involve UK armed forces. Britain's military involvement must be scrutinised and debated by parliament. We should not allow ourselves to be dragged into a Middle East war.

"Last night's violence demonstrates again that there must be resolution to the interconnected conflicts of the Middle East, including in Gaza where a ceasefire remains urgent. We are at a moment of grave peril and it is incumbent on all countries, including the UK, to find ways to reduce rather than contribute to conflict."

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