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Dear UK Lawyers for Israel,

Thank you for your letter of the 25 May 2022.

I've been a bit busy to respond until now.

Your letter seems to be factually and logically challenged, but I think it needs a response nonetheless, for the record.

Criticism of the state of Israel does not amount to racism in any form or to any degree. It is simply criticism of the state of Israel. Frequently supporters of Israel try to present such criticism as anti semitic, you do not do so here directly, but it is implied in my opinion. That is equally a false claim.

The statements I made about the actions of the state of Israel and the similarities between the situation in Palestine and in Ukraine - are all unarguable facts. I note you do not seek to argue against them. Simply labelling them a 'caricature' is to avoid proper discussion.

You will no doubt be aware that Israel is in longstanding breach of a UN resolution that calls on them to un occupy Palestinian land. Perhaps the UN is also a racist body.

Your claim that the state of Israel gives equal rights to all people is clearly nonsense. It's not for nothing that the situation there is increasingly compared to Apartheid.

I regard your letter as devoid of any proper argument or merit and as a simple attempt to intimidate - and such is often the way when people speak out in support of Palestine.

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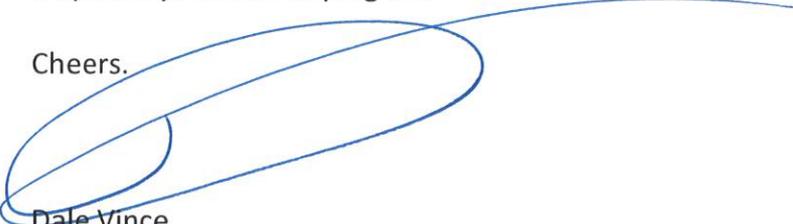
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Your opening suggestion that I think carefully about a reply because your next steps will be determined by that - is a good example of an implied threat intended to intimidate and to stifle free speech - and especially free speech in favour of a free Palestine.

So please carry on and do whatever it is you have in mind to do next, given this will clearly not be the response you were hoping for.

Cheers.


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