

A CALL TO ACTION

An appeal from George Galloway & Ron Kovic

Ours is a time of change. And nowhere is change more desperately needed than for the long suffering people of Palestine.

The brutal bombardment of the Gaza Strip at the start of this year killed over 1,400 people. Thousands more lost limbs, were scarred for life by phosphorus bombs, or were maimed by other hideous weapons. All this was inflicted on a besieged people who had nowhere to flee to.

For far too long public policy and media coverage of Palestine in the US has been grotesquely distorted. We hope to change that and win a more just approach from President Obama, whose election marks an emphatic rejection of the disastrous Bush years.

The assault on Gaza has proved a turning point. A majority of Americans polled came out against it. Unprecedented numbers took to the streets in protest.

Protest is important, but it is not enough. That's why we have organized a convoy of medical aid for the people of Gaza to leave the US on July 4. We hope to take hundreds of vehicles carrying \$10 million worth of medical aid from Egypt into Gaza.

The Palestinian people need wheelchairs, medicines, prosthetic limbs and baby units.

They need also to see that there are huge numbers of Americans who care about their plight.

And the US itself needs the world – above all the Arab and Muslim worlds – to see a different face from that projected these last eight years.

If hundreds of US passport holders bearing millions of dollars worth of medical aid enter Gaza this July, they will gain immense international publicity. Hundreds of millions of people who feel enraged at recent US foreign policy will see that ordinary Americans are also opposed to it and are in no sense their enemy.

We appeal to you to support this convoy in whatever ways you can. Its success will not only bring some relief to the people of Palestine, it can be a significant step in building a new relationship between America and the rest of the world

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On 14 February, an aid convoy of ordinary people in 110 vehicles set off from London to drive through Europe and across North Africa, bringing practical and moral support to the people of Gaza. Now, following that success, UK Parliament member George Galloway has linked up on his U.S. tour with Vietnam veteran and peace activist Ron Kovic to launch a similar but even larger venture from the States.