

Corrections

The healthcare community must approach the violence in Israel and Gaza with inclusive compassion

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This article (*BMJ* 2023;383:p2645; doi:[10.1136/bmj.p2645](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.p2645)) has been corrected to state that thousands of people died or were injured as a result of Hamas's attack on Israel on 7 October 2023.

Rapid response <https://www.bmj.com/content/383/bmj.p2645/rapid-responses>

On 17th November the *BMJ* published an opinion piece authored by Dr Hina Shahid and Professor Paul Wallace (*BMJ* 2023;383:p2645)

The article states that "Those who raise their voices on Palestinian rights risk being accused of antisemitism or support for Hamas, a proscribed militant group".

Hamas is a proscribed terrorist group:

UK - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proscribed-terror-groups-or-o...>

US - <https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/>

EU - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2022:025:FULL>

CAN - <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt...>

AUS - <https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/what-australia-is-doing/terrorist-or...>

These sources, including the UK Government (i.e. Government of the country where the *BMJ* is based, and where the authors reside), have stated that Hamas is a proscribed terrorist group. Please revise the article accordingly.

It is essential that the *BMJ* labels terrorism and terrorist organisations appropriately when they are mentioned in the Journal. The *BMJ* has, to its credit, a track record of calling out terrorism when it occurs. In this instance, however, this seems to have slipped through the net. The *BMJ* has a Journalistic and moral duty not to underplay the magnitude and depravity of terrorist acts and mislabel terrorist groups. This is one step short of supporting these groups. It is illegal to support a terrorist organisation in the UK.

I trust that the *BMJ* will play its role in maintaining the definition of terrorism.

Yours Sincerely
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