

## **Glasgow rejects American aggression – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.**

**10** Councillor Massie, seconded by Councillor Hutchison, moved that:-

“Council condemns the American-Israeli attack on Iran. We recognise that these attacks are a sickening attempt by the leaders of the US and Israel to distract from domestic pressure following a slew of scandals and poor popularity.

Council rejects fabricated fears that Iran was close to developing nuclear missiles as justification for this attack. Council notes that the US' actions have further destabilised the region and by drawing in a rogue nuclear state like Israel have made nuclear attacks more likely than they previously were.

Council condemns the USA for its targeting of civilians, which is widely believed to have included the killing of at least 170 people, mainly school children, in a single attack that its government continues to refuse to take responsibility for. Council recognises that the merciless killing of Iranian civilians at a crucial juncture in the movement to throw off the oppressive government of the Islamic state has likely set back the liberation of Iranian society by years. Council further notes with great concern the cynical opportunism of pro-Israeli actors in Glasgow who are operating under the banner of Iranian liberation to intimidate and threaten our Muslim community through 'demonstrations' outside mosques.

Council condemns the continued use of Prestwick Airport by US military aircraft and calls on the Scottish government to do more to curtail its use for this purpose.

Council notes the Scottish Government's support for the UN treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and its position of advocating for the withdrawal of Trident nuclear weapons from HM naval base Clyde. We pay tribute to longstanding anti-nuclear and peace activist Brian Quail who sadly passed away in February 2026. Council applauds his commitment to making Glasgow, Scotland and the world a safer place by campaigning to remove nuclear weapons from the Clyde.

Council notes that nuclear materials regularly pass through Glasgow in convoys from England to Coulport, endangering the lives of our citizens. One such convoy was filmed on 19th February on the M74 near Kinning Park. Trident Ploughshares report that these convoys travel through Glasgow roughly 6 times every year.

Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Government requesting that it sign up to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and begin making arrangements to remove Trident from Scotland. Council condemns and calls for an end to the convoy of nuclear weapons passing through the Glasgow local authority area.”

Councillor Leinster, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment that:-

- (1) at paragraph 1, after “We recognise that these attacks are..” and before “...a sickening attempt...”, insert

“...amongst other things,...”;

(2) at paragraph 3,

- (a) delete “the USA” and replace with “Trump Administration”;
- (b) delete “targeting of civilians” and replace with “failure to protect civilians”;
- (c) delete “the oppressive government” and replace with “the brutal and oppressive regime”;
- (d) delete “pro-Israeli” and replace with “pro-Netanyahu”; and
- (e) after “set back the liberation of Iranian society by years.”, insert

“Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the most recent crackdown on those seeking to protest the brutality of the Iranian Regime. Council notes that some estimates have put the figure of those murdered by the regime in the last few months at over 30,000, with a further 50,000 estimated to have been detained without charge. Council recognises that this is only the most recent assault on the lives, human rights and dignity of the Iranian people since the present regime took power in 1979. “; and

- (f) delete all of paragraph 4 and replace with:

“Council expresses concern at reports that some US Aircraft involved in supporting offensive operations have stopped at Prestwick Airport en-route to the Middle East and calls on the Scottish Government to explore all possible options to ban the use of the airport for aircraft involved in these purposes.”; and

(3) In the final paragraph change “instructs” to “request”

Councillor Carson, seconded by Councillor Vallis, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with:

“Council notes with great regret the loss of life across the Middle East as a result of recent conflicts.

Council notes that the best pathway to peace and security for the world is to have a fair and impartial system of international law where justice is sought and established by peaceful negotiation and diplomacy not by unilateral military action.

Council commends the work of the UK Government in acting to protect the 300,000 Britons in the region from the threat of Iranian attacks on allies and partners in the Gulf and on MOD bases.

Council acknowledges that the escalation of conflicts abroad has exposed people from the UK, both at home and abroad, to dangers from terrorists, extremists and hostile foreign actors. Council condemns those who would use these conflicts to create division and inflame opinion against any of our communities here in Glasgow and reiterates its stand against all forms of racism and discrimination including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

Council therefore commends the work of the many faith and community leaders in Glasgow who work at all times to bring communities together, and our police and security forces who work to keep us safe. Council reaffirms the pride Glasgow carries as being a welcoming and inclusive city for all, and particularly for those fleeing terror, persecution and war.

Council re-affirms, on behalf of the people of Glasgow, our ongoing commitment to peace, justice and security for all of the people of the Middle East.”

Councillor Massie, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Leinster, resulting in the following adjusted Motion:

“Council condemns the American-Israeli attack on Iran. We recognise that these attacks are, amongst other things, a sickening attempt by the leaders of the US and Israel to distract from domestic pressure following a slew of scandals and poor popularity.

Council rejects fabricated fears that Iran was close to developing nuclear missiles as justification for this attack. Council notes that the US’ actions have further destabilised the region and by drawing in a rogue nuclear state like Israel have made nuclear attacks more likely than they previously were.

Council condemns the Trump Administration for its failure to protect civilians, including killing at least 170 people, mainly school children, in a single attack that they refuse to take responsibility for.

Council recognises that the merciless killing of Iranian civilians at a crucial juncture in the movement to throw off the brutal and oppressive regime of the Islamic state has likely set back the liberation of Iranian society by years. Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the most recent crackdown on those seeking to protest the brutality of the Iranian Regime. Council notes that some estimates have put the figure of those murdered by the regime and their paramilitaries in the last few months at over 30,000, with a further 50,000 estimated to have been detained without charge. Council recognises that this is only the most recent assault on the lives, human rights and dignity of the Iranian people since the present regime took power in 1979. Council further notes with great concern the cynical opportunism of pro-Israeli actors in Glasgow who are operating under the banner of Iranian liberation to intimidate and threaten our Muslim community through ‘demonstrations’ outside mosques.

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Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Government requesting that it sign up to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and begin making arrangements to remove Trident from Scotland. Council also strongly condemns the convoy of nuclear weapons passing through the Glasgow local authority area.

On a vote being taken electronically and by calling the roll, 24 voted for the amendment and 44 for the motion as adjusted, with 1 abstention. The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.