

5th April 2024: **Al Quds day**

The Hon. Anthony Albanese, MP
Prime Minister
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The Hon. Chris Minns, MP
Premier
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RE: "zomi" Lalzawmi Frankcom
Light the Opera House in Palestinian colours and stand for humanity.

Dear The Hon. Anthony Albanese & The Hon. Chris Minns,

The ALP has always claimed to be friends of the Muslim community, however your non-existent actions with regards to the brutal assault on civilians and aid workers in Gaza, Palestine is nothing short of being "un-Australian".

Taking sides in this conflict has led to the reputation of Australia being a fair-minded country standing for humanitarian values in complete tatters on your watch.

It seems the financially powerful lobby have made you close your eyes to your responsibilities, while the majority of grassroots Australians are shocked and watching in horror as civilians and aid workers are being carelessly and deliberately murdered.

Mr. Minns, if you truly believe that displaying the "blue" light on the Opera House was a stand for humanity, where is your humanity today as 41,496¹ civilians lie dead in the rubble of Gaza. If 41,496 deaths and 77,250¹ injured are not enough, then we ask you to light up the Opera House in Palestinian colours in honour of the aid worker Lalzawmi Frankcom who was murdered few days ago.

When the touted precision targeting abilities fail, resulting in the deaths of civilians, aid workers and media members, perpetrators announce an immediate investigation absolving themselves of responsibility. Yet nothing follows, nothing changes; all we hear is **"these things happen in war"**. Contrastingly, the destruction of the sovereign Iranian embassy in Syria was executed with incredible precision, seemingly intended to escalate the conflict, despite ongoing efforts worldwide to resolve it.

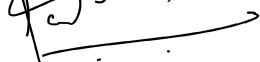
Mr. Albanese, it takes great courage to stand for truth and justice. Now is the time for you, the Prime Minister of Australia to stand up and condemn the atrocities occurring in Gaza and condemn its perpetrators. It may cost you a study tour overseas, but you will be standing up for justice as you once did in your youth.

We request the Australian Government and NSW Government jointly to light up the Opera House in Palestinian colours in honour of "zomi" Lalzawmi Frankcom and all those who stand for humanity.

The Muslim community today is far more confident and independent than in the past and will make a difference in upcoming elections. We may not have the power to donate extensively today, but we will in the near future, and we will not be taken for granted.

We look forward to seeing the simple but powerful act of the Opera House displaying Palestinian colours in a stand for humanity.

Best regards,



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For:

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¹ Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor – April 3, 2024