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The Editor.

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Dear Editor,

Ian Black, in his article :[ "World to Gaddafi: your time is up" March 4], relates the condemnation, by the UK, EU, US and others, of the killing of the Libyan rebels and civilians by the Gaddafi regime. This international action includes imposition of sanctions, travel bans, amongst other actions, including the unanimous vote by the UN Security Council referring Gaddafi to the International Criminal Court.

Admirable, as this concern and actions are, why, pray, did we not hear of any sanctions, no-fly zone or other threats directed at Israel, when it waged its vicious assault on Gaza, killing over 1400 people, including hundreds of children. and using prohibited weapons, like phosphorus and cluster bombs. All we heard, then, from the UK, US and their allies is a deafening silence and support for Israeli war crimes. Whilst the unanimous Security Council resolution, against Gaddafi was obtained, why was the UN Security Council resolution, against Israeli continuing construction of illegal settlements on stolen Palestinian land in the West Bank, which continues in defiance of international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention, vetoed by the US?

This selective concern for human rights, by the UK, US and their allies, displays blatant hypocrisy and double standards and dishonour to the world community.

Yours sincerely,

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