

**'Policing, Protest and Conflict: A Report into the Policing of the London Gaza Demonstrations in 2008 – 2009', by Adam Majeed. This a response to the myriad of complaints received by the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) from demonstrators during the 22 Day War on Gaza. IHRC is no stranger to the problems of partisan policing and harassment of activists, and this report follows in the line of previous work, spanning a decade.**

**In some cases, the recommendations of IHRC have been adopted or at the very least, hotly debated. However, this report shows that there is still a long way to go.**

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**The Metropolitan Police is generally at its best when listening to its sternest critics. That was the view of Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve who led the Met's radical and effective response to Lord Macpherson's stinging criticism at the conclusion of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry. As Denis O'Connor, Chief Inspector of the Constabulary, makes clear in 'Adapting to Protest' the Met needs to reflect on its public order policing operations so as to revive a style of policing '... based on minimal force and anchored in public consent'. This robust and challenging IHRC report, 'Policing, Protest and Conflict: A Report into the Policing of the London Gaza Demonstrations in 2008 – 2009' is therefore precisely the kind of perspective the Met should engage with as it seeks to restore confidence in its unique tradition of public order policing in the capital.**

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