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No to antisemitism – no to all racism

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The arson attack on four ambulances in a North London synagogue car park was an antisemitic hate crime. ACR condemns this unequivocally. We call on others to do the same, regardless of the claimed motives of the attackers or the alleged views of some synagogue members. Israel's genocidal war crimes in Palestine and across the Middle East offer no justification for an attack on a public service provided by the Jewish community in Britain.

At a time when racist attacks on all minority communities are increasing, and with the worrying growth of a far-right electoral challenge, we cannot brush aside any racist crime with whataboutery or indifference. Muslims and migrants are currently the principal targets of racist attacks in Britain, but this does not mean that we can ignore anti-Jewish racism.

Whoever carried out this attack, it is a racist crime which targets Jews in Britain for Israeli actions, while doing less than nothing to assist the victims of these actions. We don't yet know who the arsonists are. Those asserting with absolute confidence, on the basis of amateur "forensic analysis" that this was a Mossad-led false flag, like those asserting with equally absolute confidence that it was an Iranian terrorist operation, are merely exposing their own racist preconceptions.

Socialists are tribunes of the oppressed who oppose all discrimination and social oppression. We stand for universal rights and freedoms; if the Jewish community is attacked by antisemites we oppose it as strongly as when a Mosque is attacked by Islamophobes.

ACR condemns this attack, and all those who justify or relativise it. We will be marching on 28 March to express our opposition to racism in all its forms, whether it targets Jews, Muslims, Black people, migrants, Palestinians or any other oppressed community.

An injury to one is an injury to all.

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[1] in the early hours of Monday 23 March.