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Canada is witnessing yet another chapter of Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenny's vicious campaign to stifle free speech. After implementing a decision to cut funds to the Canadian Arab Federation's LINC program (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada), Kenny decided to bar the anti-war British Member of Parliament and prominent supporter of Palestinian human rights, George Galloway, from entering Canada.

"This is a very shameful act", said Hanna Kawas, Chairman of the Canada Palestine Association, "Kenny's biased policies set a dangerous precedent in Canadian politics and form nothing less than a blatant infringement on the freedom of expression."

This move was reportedly a result of pressure applied by the Jewish Defence League, which is an organization deemed to be "terrorist" in other countries, including the US. "Canadians should not allow such an act to pass without consequences; Jason Kenny and his gang of ideologues should be held accountable for their actions." Mr. Kawas added "racism and prejudice based on political opinion should not be tolerated in a democratic society and it should be fought wherever and whenever it arises."

The Canada Palestine Association will join the Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights at the University of British Columbia on Monday March 30th to express dissatisfaction and rage at the racist policies of Mr. Kenny. The event titled "From Kandahar to Gaza" will include a live feed enabling George Galloway to deliver a speech addressing all the anti-war and pro-Palestinian solidarity activists.

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