



Stارmer's last power-grab will slaughter British free speech

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Starmer An image of someone gagged with tape in the background. It has a big red cross on it. In the foreground, the word 'CANARY' is written in bold yellow letters, with 'Silenced since 2026?' written below it in smaller black letters.

Keir Starmer is using his last days in office to fast-track a terrifying legislative assault on independent media and political dissent. The soon-to-be-ex Prime minister is shoving through the [National Security \(State Threats\) Bill](#) through Parliament to crush free speech once and for all. This wild power-grab introduces a 14-year prison sentence for anyone even quoting or receiving information on banned bodies.

It's like we have stepped into the pages of 1984.

## Journalism will be as good as illegal

As I am sat here writing this, there's a sense of terror kicking in. I'm a journalist. It's my job to be in the know about foreign affairs. At the Canary we pride ourselves on bringing people the news that the mainstream doesn't dare. But this terror is absolutely nothing compared to what other people must be feeling.

This radicalised weaponisation of [new legislation](#) will hit marginalised communities so first and hardest. Journalists and community workers with direct, lived and painful connections to global conflict zones are facing a [massive legal trap](#). If a reporter so much as quotes an entity that the home secretary has designated as a threat, they face immediate prosecution.

Civil liberties groups warn that the law will grant the Home Office [absolute power](#) to decide who is allowed to speak. And by leaving the definition of ['assisting a designated body'](#) vague, the state has created a total monopoly on the narrative. It's very much going to be, follow their way and tow the line, or go to jail, it seems.

Indie media outlet Zeteo warned of the [severe danger](#) of this new power-grab. The outlet warned that journalists face immediate arrest simply for conducting public interest interviews with banned groups. People will only get one side of the story. There will only be one narrative fed to us and it will be the governments.

Journalists won't even be able to receive information from people regarding [banned organisations](#). The state has stripped away any defence we may have. For independent media outlets like the Canary, this law functions as a tool to totally censor us politically.

And you should be afraid too.

## Stارmer's The blue print for repression

This censorship didn't just happen. The UK establishment has already built one hell of an authoritarian blueprint. They've been trying so hard to suppress us and our solidarity. Home secretary and utter plank Yvette Cooper previously proscribed "Palestine Action" under [anti-terror laws](#). That was the first time in our history that a non-violent protest group has been branded a terrorist organisation.

The state has used that anti-terror bill to unleash a wave of political repression all over the UK. So far, British police have arrested over [3,000 people](#) for simply holding up signs or giving verbal support for the group. I'm sure a bunch of older people holding signs in absolute silence are a state threat, Yvette. So much of our money has been wasted on policing peaceful protesters. Money that could have been spent on the [rape crisis](#) currently gripping the UK. But no, let's go arrest a nana holding up some cardboard.

This targeted strategy criminalises our solidarity. It targets us asking questions about state-sanctioned violence. And it's absolute authoritarian bullshit.

In February 2026, four Palestine Action activists from the Filton 25 group were [acquitted](#) of burglary and violent disorder at a state trial. Their crime? Entering a weapons factory, implicit in the genocide in Gaza, and ruined of the weaponry. Weaponry that was going to kill innocent people. But the state deemed this punishment too little. The prosecution forced a retrial in May 2026, and the jury convicted them with [no knowledge that a terrorist connection](#) would be applied at sentencing. And the judge prohibited the defendants from explaining the moral context of their "crimes" to the court.

Now, Starmer's new bill ensures that independent journalists who expose Western-backed violence such as this, face years in prison.

## Crushing global aid to protect apartheid

Legal and humanitarian bodies warn that this rushed legislation will ruin life-saving operations in global conflict zones. [Bond](#), the UK's network for over 350 international development organisations, as well as [Amnesty international](#) have slammed the bill. Detailing how this new framework will transform routine humanitarian aid into a serious criminal offense. By removing any "reasonable excuse" defence for interacting with designated entities, it leaves humanitarian workers wide open from prosecution.

And to scare people even more, indie terrorism reviewer [Jonathan Hall KC](#) noted that these laws will freak out banks. It could trigger widespread [debanking](#) that could freeze vital transfers for health, education and clean water. Or debank lovely little independent news outlets like the [Canary UK](#).

If any of this has worried you, now is the time to question why Starmer is doing this. Why is he deploying full state power to grab the ultimate narrative control? They claim it's to protect people from hostile foreign entities. But when they're attacking political descent, it reveals a much more sinister motive. Is he shielding [Elbit Systems](#) the Israeli owned weapons factories? Starmer's entire political career seems to have been aligned with the state of Israel the whole time. Is he trying to protect his geopolitical allies from scrutiny?

Come on, this isn't national defence. This is the calculated murder of a free press. This is the installation of complete state censorship. So, are we going to let this happen? Or are we going to stand up and refuse to be silenced by what is rapidly becoming an authoritarian dictatorship?

I know I am going to fight for a free press. I refuse to let them censor the truth.

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