

## **Support Malaka Shwaikh**

Possibly the worst thing a newspaper can do to a Muslim woman is to publish a picture of her under the headline "I am proud to be called a terrorist". This is exactly what the Mail on line has done to Malaka Shwaikh.

Malaka is currently at Exter University, studying under Ilan Pappé, a Jewish Israeli Professor; she is in no way anti-semitic. Before she moved from Sheffield, Malaka was a member of Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign. She is an intelligent articulate active anti-racist.

What has stirred the ire of the Pro Israeli and Zionist campaigners is that she is Palestinian, articulate and effective.

The full sentence she used was: "If terrorism means protecting and defending my land, I am so proud to be called terrorist. What an honour for the Palestinians!" This was said in the context of Israel's 2014 bloody onslaught on Gaza. The wilful ripping out of part of the sentence completely misrepresents her position.

The attack on Malaka is part of a coordinated attempt to discredit pro-Palestinian campaigners. Israel has become increasingly right wing and xenophobic. It is feted by white supremacists and Islamophobes. Its supporters desperately hope to drown out criticism of Israel's illegal land theft by false allegations of terrorism and anti-Semitism.

If the Daily Mail's malevolent distortion is allowed to stand Malaka's ability to travel, to return to Gaza, and live a normal life will be made near impossible. It will also embolden the Mail for further attacks.

What you can do

1. Read the [statement](#) by Sheffield PSC.
2. Raise the issue in your place of worship, trade union or community group, classmates etc.
3. Complain to IPSO <https://www.ipso.co.uk/make-a-complaint/>
4. Complain to the daily Mail  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/article-3110773/How-Complain.html>
5. Send a message of support to Malaka via [email to Sheffield PSC](#)
6. Sign this petition and return the completed sheets to Sheffield PSC - either scan in and [email to Sheffield PSC](#) or send by post to Sheffield PSC, 208 Shirebrook Road S8 9RG



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