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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016046/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide all held records relating to

- (a) the joint statement of 17 December <https://www.gmp.police.uk/news/greater-manchester/news/news/2025/december/joint-statement-from-the-commissioner-of-the-metropolitan-police-and-the-chief-constable-of-greater-manchester-police/> and*
- (b) the underlying decision to treat references to the "intifada" as arrestable.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by GMP.

The joint statement in question does not say that there has been an underlying decision to treat references to the word "intifada" as arrestable. It said that communities are concerned about the chants and placards, and those using such placards and chants at future protests or in a targeted way should expect GMP or the Metropolitan Police to act. There are no new laws. Each case will be looked at on its individual merits and applied against current legislation. If offences are suspected to have been committed, then action will be taken.