



## Democracy is under threat as long as the police and politicians cower before the mob

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# MPs: GAZA PROTESTS LEAVE POLICE 'LESS ABLE' TO STOP CRIME

Amid row at Lee Anderson's attack on London mayor over marches, Commons committee warns of 'unsustainable' burden they present

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**PRO-PALESTINIAN** marches are placing 'unsustainable' pressure on the police's ability to respond to neighbourhood crime, MPs have warned.

Forces will be less able to respond to emergencies or deal with local crime

### COMMENT

Britain is at a watershed. Unless all parties unite to denounce and combat violence and bigotry – of all kinds – it will grow and spread like a virus.

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issues if weekly Gaza protests continue, the home affairs committee said.

The warning came as Lee Anderson stepped up his criticism of Labour's London mayor Sadiq Khan over the handling of pro-Palestine demonstrations in the capital, which last week included the projection of the anti-Semitic phrase 'from the river to the sea' on Big Ben.

Mr Anderson, a former deputy chairman of



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