

EXCLUSIVE: After dozens of pro-Gaza candidates elected in local polls,

Tory chairman accuses Starmer of embracing a threat to democracy

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BRITAIN is at risk of being taken over by dangerous sectarian politics, the Tory chairman warned last night.

Richard Holden accused Labour of exploiting the Middle East conflict to win votes, and attacked candidates at last week's elections who campaigned for Palestine instead of for residents.

He said four Green Party councillors were facing anti-Semitism allegations, and the Labour Party was 'pandering to this new sectarianism' in order to win elections in areas with large Muslim populations.

His forthright comments in an article for the

Daily Mail come as Rishi Sunak summons university vice-chancellors to Downing Street today to tell them to protect Jewish students from harassment, while pro-Palestinian pro-tests spread from the streets of London to at least 11 campuses. In other developments:

■ Complaints about doctors subjecting Jewish colleagues to anti-Semitic abuse have

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