

**LM** libel appeal

The **OFF THE FENCE** fund

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Dear LM subscriber,

This is an appeal for your support! As the current March issue of LM explains, ITN are suing the magazine for **libel**. The 'offending' article by Thomas Deichmann in February's edition of LM led ITN to demand that every issue of that magazine be **pulped**. This was an attempt by ITN at stopping people reading LM's story about their award-winning pictures of a Bosnian camp. LM answered this outrageous attempt at **gagging** the magazine by ensuring more copies of LM were sold than ever. Now ITN is trying to silence LM by suing for libel.

Libel is a censorship law that the rich can hire to stitch up their critics. We need your help to defend **press freedom** in fighting this unprecedented attack by a media giant. We need money and public support. LM will need £100,000s to cover legal costs before the case even gets to court. If every subscriber donated £100 this would make an enormous difference.

The **Off the Fence Fund** has been set up by some friends of LM magazine with the aim of raising funds to help ensure that LM survives. Can you help? Please fill in the slip below as soon as possible and return it in the enclosed pre-paid envelope. Make cheques payable to **Off the Fence Fund**.

I would like to thank you in anticipation for your support and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours fraternally,



Josephine Hussey

**I agree to:**

- a) **Make a donation:**     £500     £100     £?
- b) **Publicly support the Off the Fence Fund:**

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**c) I am interested in hearing more about how I can help the Off the Fence Fund**

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(Please return in the pre-paid envelope enclosed or to **BM OFF THE FENCE, London WC1N 3XX**).