

# Stop Funding Slaughter!



*Searching for survivors after Israeli airstrike on Jabalia kills over 50 on 31 Oct 2023. photo Reuters*

## **5pm Monday 11 December Birkenhead Town Hall Lobby of Pensions Committee Merseyside Pension Fund**

**Called by: Liverpool Friends of Palestine**

Local government pensions on Merseyside are heavily invested in arms companies complicit in Israeli massacres in Gaza and Saudi attacks on civilians in Yemen. Pensions are workers' money, their deferred wages. They should be able to enjoy retirement without anyone using their money to finance slaughter.

The Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) manages the Local Government Pension Scheme in our area. Workers who join the scheme pay contributions. Everyone who pays Council Tax also contributes, as local authorities fund the Scheme.

The MPF invests these monies, and pays out pensions from the return on investment. For example, the fund invests £628,508 in RTX, the US corporation formerly known as Raytheon Technologies, the world's second largest arms firm. Last year, a US whistleblower won \$1m in damages after Raytheon demoted ►