

UK complicit in Middle East wars

Bombing Yemen with the US

On 29 April the UK joined with the United States in air strikes against Yemen - the first time since Trump was elected President. RAF Typhoons flying from Cyprus used Paveway IV laser-guided bombs (Raytheon UK).

Defence Secretary John Healey told Parliament "The US continues to be the UK's closest security ally. Yesterday's joint operation builds on the broader support that we have provided to the US in the region in recent months."

Spying on Gaza for Israel

Between 3 December 2023 and 27 March 2025, the RAF carried out at least 518 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) flights over or close to Gaza's airspace.

The UK government insists that the flights are purely for hostage recovery but refused to answer questions in parliament. As a signatory to the Arms Trade Treaty and the Geneva Conventions, the UK must ensure its military intelligence is not used to facilitate war crimes.

Sending arms to Israel

Labour claims their policy prevents weapons shipments which could be used in Gaza. But research by the Palestinian Youth Movement, Progressive International, and Workers for a Free Palestine, revealed UK exports of 8,630 separate munitions to Israel since Sept 2024.

The Israeli authorities categorised the items delivered as "Bombs, Grenades, Torpedoes, Mines, Missiles And Similar Munitions of War..."



RAF Shadow R1 planes that have spied on Gaza
[David Gowans / Alamy]

Meeting a war criminal

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar met British Foreign Secretary David Lammy in an unannounced trip to London in April. Saar has portrayed the blockade of Gaza as legitimate although it is clearly an act of collective punishment, banned under international law.

What You Can Do

- **Tell your MP: condemn Israeli invasion plan and the Trump plan for Gaza, demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel.**
- **Email David Lammy tinyurl.com/dlammy2**
- **Demos Sundays 2pm Catholic Cathedral.**
- **press for Merseyside Pension Fund to divest from arms firms supplying Israel and Israeli banks: tinyurl.com/mpfform1**
- **Boycott Barclays.** Join us outside the bank Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter tinyurl.com/tevalet1

The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7th October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7th October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7th October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.



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