

# For a full arms embargo on Israel

## King's College Divests from Arms

King's College Cambridge has decided to divest millions from 'occupation' and the arms industry.

The college declared its investments will exclude companies "involved in activities generally recognised as illegal or contravening global norms, such as occupation". Companies that "produce military and nuclear weapons, weapons restricted by international treaty, or produce key or dedicated components of such weapons" will also be excluded.

## UK still arming Israel

The Palestinian human rights organisation Al-Haq has taken the UK to court over the F-35 strand of its military collaboration with Israel.

Foreign Secretary David Lammy proclaims that Labour imposed an arms embargo on Israel last September. But when the UK suspended 30 out of 360 military export licences it omitted components sent to the US incorporated in F-35 fighter jets later supplied to Israel.

Six weeks earlier, F-35s attacked the Al-Mawasi "safe zone" in southern Gaza, killing 90 Palestinians.

Defence Sec John Healey told Business Sec Jonathan Reynolds that suspending the F-35 licences "would undermine US confidence in the UK and NATO at a critical juncture in our collective history". So he didn't.

While Gaza starves and burns, the Government defends Reynolds decision to leave F-35 components out of its very partial embargo.

**Co-op Members** have voted for the supermarket to cease all trading with Israel. The motion to 'take all Israeli products off the shelves' was supported by 72% of the vote.

There will doubtless be a campaign to reverse this decision. Supporters of BDS should join the Co-op and shop there so as to be able to vote next year.

**Gary Lineker** is one of Britain's few celebrities with a conscience. Presenter of *Match of the Day* for 26 years, he has frequently spoken up for refugees and more recently for the Palestinians.

Earlier this month he reposted a video about Zionism, not noticing a 'rat' emoji had been added. He deleted it once he realised, but Israel's supporters saw their chance and the BBC typically caved in to a chorus in *The Sun*.

He leaves a BBC that has consistently led with Israel's accounts of its atrocities and is only now asking some of the right questions.

Vote for Gary as 'best presenter' in the national TV awards: [nationaltvawards.com/vote](https://nationaltvawards.com/vote)

## What You Can Do

- Tell your MP to condemn Israeli invasion, demand full access for the UN and aid agencies, and a comprehensive arms embargo on Israel.
- Email David Lammy [tinyurl.com/dlammy2](mailto: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/mppform1](https://tinyurl.com/mppform1)
- 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](https://tinyurl.com/tevalet1)

**The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7<sup>th</sup> October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.**



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