

Stop Arming Israel



STARVING CHILDREN IS A RED LINE

4 June Westminster Bridge before mass protest: Red Line for Palestine

“Humanity is failing in Gaza,” the International Committee of the Red Cross President Mirjana Spoljaric told the BBC. *“We are watching a people being entirely stripped of its human dignity. State leaders are under an obligation to act. Because it will haunt them. It will reach their doorsteps.”*

Israel is not listening to UK leaders' speeches. It blocked the UN and aid agencies from bringing Gaza the supplies needed to avert famine.

Starving people are massacred trying to reach the US-Israeli militarised “aid centres” set up to replace the UN.

UK Complicity

The one way to stop this horror is to end the arms trade with Israel. The UK exports components for F-35 fighter jets, assembled in the US, supplied to Israel and used to bomb civilians in Gaza. The government knows that these components are being used to

French dockers block arms to Israel
Dockers at the port of Marseille-Fos have refused to load military components bound for Israel, citing their opposition to the war in Gaza. On 4 June, the CGT dockers' union announced that members would not load a container containing 19 pallets of metal links to connect submachine gun bullets. **“From the moment the dockers refuse to load a product, no one can do it for them,”** said Christophe Claret, general secretary of the CGT Gulf of Fos dockers. In response, USB dockers in the Italian Port of Genoa announced a mass picket of the Israeli ZIM lines “Contship ERA” on 6 June and a general strike on 20 June. Dockers from ENEDEP in Piraeus pledged their support.

commit war crimes. But when challenged in court over the F-35s, its lawyers argued, incredibly, that *“no evidence has been seen that Israel is deliberately targeting civilian women or children”* and *“no genocide has occurred or is occurring.”*

Confronting Starmer on genocide

On 4th June, Brendan O'Hara (SNP) confronted Starmer. *“Will he repeat from that Despatch Box what he told his lawyers to argue in the High Court, that he believes that no genocide has occurred or is occurring in Gaza”.* Starmer dodged the question.

The government is doing this because, in the words of Defence Secretary John Healey, suspending the F-35 licences *“would undermine US confidence in the UK and NATO at a critical juncture in our collective history”.* **In other words, preserving US confidence in the UK and NATO matters more to Labour than the duty to prevent genocide in Gaza.**