



Why Britain's Relationship with Saudi Arabia is about to Change

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Article following the Court of Appeal judgement that the British government had unlawfully approved arms sales to Saudi Arabia despite a clear risk that they would be used in Yemen contrary to international humanitarian law. Wearing comments on the UK's historic support for Saudi Arabia since the 1920s and central role in providing military aircraft and weapons under both Conservative and Labour governments, despite a major fraud scandal under Mrs Thatcher over an arms deal.

See also: Smith, Andrew, 'Saudi Arms Sales were Illegal Says Court', *Peace News*, 2632-2633, Aug.-Sept. 2019, p. 5.

The media coordinator of the Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) sets out the case against arming Saudi Arabia to fight in Yemen - tens of thousands killed as result of bombing over previous four years and at least 4.7 billion pounds worth of fighter jets, bombs and missiles licensed for sale from the UK. Notes the British government has appealed against the verdict to the Supreme Court.

See also: 'About CAAT: Ending the Arms Trade', <https://www.caat.org.uk/issues/introduction/ending-the-arms-trade> [2]

Sets out aims of campaign and details of organization and provides links to the UK Court of Appeal ruling and other relevant issues

See also: 'Unions and NGOs Block Saudi Arms Ship', *Peace News*, 2630-2631, June-July 2019, p. 5.

Brief report on direct action by Italian dock workers from the CGiL union and activists from Potere al Popolo and peace groups in Genoa, who prevented generators being loaded onto the Bahri Yanbu, because they could be used in Yemen. The ship had previously been deterred from loading weapons in France by two court cases launched by human rights groups against the shipment.

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