



# COMPONENTS OF GENOCIDE

## The UK's contribution to Israel's F-35 fighter jets

**Israel's genocide in Palestine has killed many tens, if not hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and caused incalculable devastation.**

Britain is an active participant in Israel's genocide, including through its arms trade and military collaboration with Israel. One example is Britain's contribution to Israel's F-35 fighter jets, used to drop 2,000lb bombs on the Gaza Strip.

The F-35 programme is international, led by the United States. At least 8 countries contribute to the production of the fighter jets. **At least 15% of the value of each fighter jet is produced in the UK.**

**The British government has refused to stop exporting components for Israel's F-35 fighter jets, despite knowing that they are used in its genocide.**



Research by Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) has identified that crucial components for F-35 fighter jets used by Israel are manufactured at dozens of sites across Britain:

- ▶ **BAE Systems** produces the Active Interceptor System used by the pilot to control the fighter jet in **Rochester, Kent**. It produces the rear fuselage, the back of the body of the fighter jet, in **Samlesbury, Lancashire**. Durability testing for F-35s takes place in its facility in **Brough, East Yorkshire**.
- ▶ The laser targeting system is produced by **Leonardo** in **Edinburgh**, while bomb release equipment is produced by **L3Harris** in **Brighton**.
- ▶ **Lockheed Martin UK** is also involved, with its site in **Havant, Hampshire**, listed as the registered sender of at least seven shipments of F-35 components from Britain to Israel since October 2023.

Dozens of other companies are also involved. The ejection seat is produced by **Martin-Baker**, based in **Higher Denham**. **Forged Solutions Group**, with 5 sites in Britain, is also registered to export components for F-35s.

**We demand that the government introduce an immediate two-way arms embargo on Israel, so that Britain will no longer ship weapons or components to be used in Israel's atrocities against Palestinians.**

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