

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMS TRADE'S LEGAL CASE

- CAAT's legal case to challenge the government over the supply of UK weapons for the war in Yemen will take place 31st January - 2nd February 2023.
- The UK's arms export control laws require the government to deny export licences for arms sales if "there is a clear risk that the goods might be used to commit serious violations of international humanitarian law" (criterion 2c).
- In 2019, legal action by CAAT forced the government to stop issuing export licences for weapons that could be used in the war in Yemen. In a landmark decision, the government was ordered to retake all its previous licensing decisions in a lawful manner.
- But in July 2020 the government resumed arms sales, claiming any violations of international humanitarian law were only 'isolated incidents'. Since then it has licensed more than £2.2 billion additional weapons sales in support of the war.
- There is ample evidence that the Saudi coalition has repeatedly violated International Humanitarian Law (IHL), killing large numbers of civilians and destroying crucial civilian buildings.
- CAAT argues that the government's conclusions fly in the face of the overwhelming evidence of large numbers of violations of International Humanitarian Law by the coalition, which show many clear patterns.



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