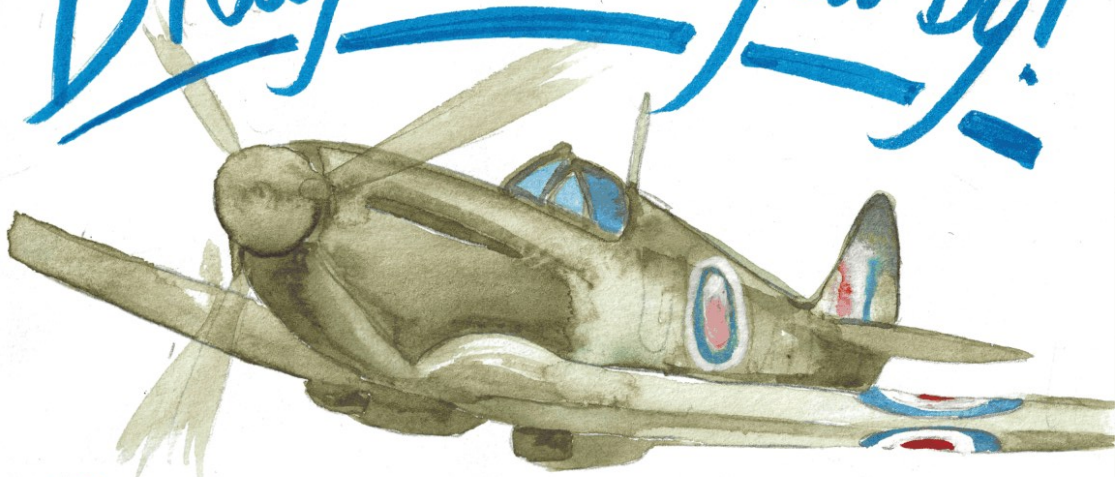


# WAR CRIMES

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YOUR LOCAL

Royal Air Force  
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FREE  
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BRIZE  
NORTON  
- 5 -

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 20TH  
JUNE 2025 TWO WARPLANES  
WERE SPRAY PAINTED RED AT  
RAF BRIZE NORTON. THIS ACT OF  
PROTEST HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE  
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF RAF  
BASES IN THE GENOCIDE IN  
GAZA AND WAR CRIMES ACROSS  
THE GLOBAL SOUTH.

THE BRIZE NORTON 5 ARE  
CURRENTLY IMPRISONED BY  
THE BRITISH STATE BEFORE  
TRIAL AND WITHOUT CONVICTIONS  
ARRESTED IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS ACTION.

THIS ZINE (SHORT FOR  
MAGAZINE) IS PUT TOGETHER  
BY THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD  
ABOUT THE BRIZE NORTON 5 CASE.

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FREE THE BRIZE NORTON 5

FREE PALESTINE

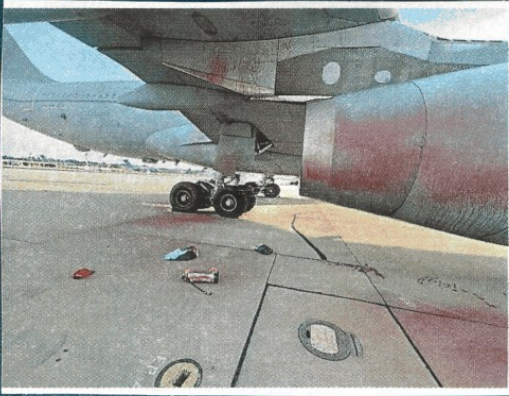
FREE THEM ALL

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# INTRODUCTION

In order to introduce the Free the Brize Norton 5 campaign, what better way to start then with words directly from one of the Brize Norton 5, Jonáš (Jon) Cink. Jon wrote this statement from Foston Hall for a “British Bases off Cyprus” demonstration, outside the Ministry of Defence on March 13, 2026. He said:



Thank you all for coming today. And for coming again and again, for as long as it takes to shut all outposts of Western imperialism for good. I wish I could be there with you. Last year in June, I was arrested by counter terrorism police and accused of a connection to an action, which saw **2 people enter RAF Brize Norton and spray Voyager aircrafts with red paint**. I have been held on remand ever since, currently in HMP Foston Hall.

Voyagers are mostly used for point-to-point in air fuelling and have been observed to regularly land in Cyprus on RAF Akrotiri during the Zionist genocidal campaign. RAF Akrotiri has been used as a base for british spy planes conducting surveillance flights over Gaza ever since 2023. Much of these flights have been done under the cover of complete secrecy, raising questions about the depth of british complicity in the genocide of Palestinians.

The RAF have also used Voyagers to refuel planes conducting attacks on Yemen and have been seen flying over Syria. This is likely just the snippet of the true extent of british involvement in imperial violence. Violence that relies on the existence of RAF bases on Cyprus for easy access to the whole region.



Recent escalations in such violence by the US and the Zionist regime, aiming and so far failing to completely destroy any opposition to their economic and political hegemony, brought forth a ludicrous debate about overt involvement of british forces in the attacks on **Iran** and **Lebanon**.

Any distinction between the use of british military for offensive or for defensive purposes is a false one. A mere distraction from what ultimately is an involvement of british forces in a campaign of attacks on sovereign countries.

These RAF bases in Cyprus exist for defensive purposes. It is only to defend the Zionist entities' continued existence, and ability to <sup>achieve</sup> their settler colonial ambitions, to defend the interests of Western oil companies, and keep many countries destabilised for access to their natural resources and economies.

RAF bases on Cyprus, our legacy of british colonialism, which has been repackaged into tales of protecting global security since the days of the empire. You must continue to act for nothing short of the complete withdrawal of british forces from Cyprus. This is not a small task, but it is a serious one.

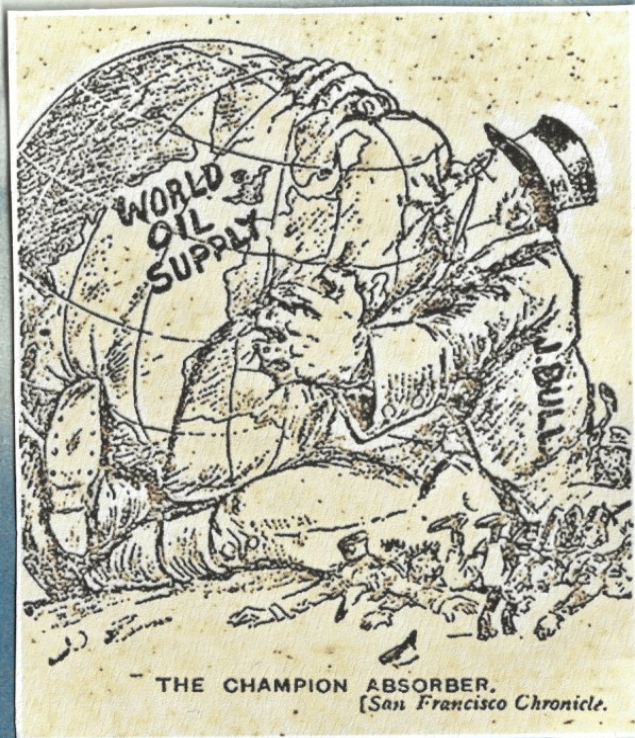


Palestinians teach us what kind of steadfastness and discipline is necessary to maintain a struggle against an enemy with a powerful military line. We have a duty to struggle against imperial violence alongside them. For imperialism is not some faraway issue. It is born on our doorsteps and must be fought there too. Solidarity to you all.

# THE OLD PLAYBOOK...

The activities of the RAF are fuelled by oil companies plundering the Global South, and its planes and weapons created using minerals mined at the sharpest end of british imperialism and capitalism. It is a primary contradiction that the land from which these natural resources are sourced, is the same land being bombed by these military operations.

People fleeing the simultaneous exploitation and destruction of the Global South follow their stolen wealth back to the heart of empire in the UK. Those seeking asylum and safety are met with cruelty and suspicion by an inherently racist government, which is perpetually fearful of the stolen goods it has behind glass being taken back. Career politicians with no intentions or imagination to improve the lives of poor people in the UK are instead content to stir up racial tensions between good people—while they jump on a flight to a private island for their holidays.



The added benefit for those profiting from this plunder is that it is self perpetuating. The racism and xenophobia instilled in people towards asylum seekers is used as justification and social licence to further exploit and kill the Global South. This is a skill the british empire has honed over centuries of practise.

Comic of Britain as  
"John Bull" consuming  
the oil of the world



# BUT WHY?

Why would 2 Royal Air Force planes be painted red by protestors? The action at RAF Brize Norton drew international attention to the RAF and its participation in the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

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The number of these aircraft which Drop Site News found providing refuelling and logistics support to Israeli fighter jets during bombing missions over Gaza.

The RAF Brize Norton action and the subsequent imprisonments amplified three main aspects of the participation of the RAF in the genocide in Gaza :

- 1 — RAF bases are used by refuelling planes to aid in war crimes - these planes are either British Voyager planes (which were spray painted) or Israeli Re' em planes
- 2 — RAF spy planes send information to Israel to aid in war crimes
- 3 — RAF bases are used to ship weapons used in war crimes to Gaza

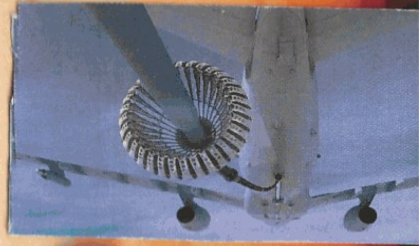


Israeli Air Force "Re' em" air-to-air refueling plane 272 flies from Israel to the United States via RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, England, on October 13, 2024. (Image: Overlaid ADS-B data; Source: [www.dropsitenews.com/p/revealed-uk-labour-israeli-military-planes-land-gaza](http://www.dropsitenews.com/p/revealed-uk-labour-israeli-military-planes-land-gaza))

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# REFUELLING

The minimum number of times KC-707 "Re'em" aerial refuelling planes stopped in Britain on trips between Israel and the U.S.A on nine separate occasions from September 2024-June 2025. Refuelling planes like the "Re'em" are used to refuel fighter jets like F-35s mid-flight so they can bomb Gaza for hours.



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A KC-707 with F-15C/D Baz and F-35I Adir fighter aircraft during a 'Show of Force' to Iran. (Credit: IAF)



At least one of these Israeli planes was over Gaza at the time of two apparent war crimes, including in October 2024, when the Israeli Air Force (IAF) committed a war crime and bombed residents in Beit Lahiya, killing 73 people. It was in RAF Brize Norton only days before.



Israeli Air Force "Re'em" over Gaza on 19 October 2024 just before a bombing in Beit Lahiya (circled), which killed 73 people. The plane was at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire four days before; Source: [www.dropsitenews.com/p/revealed-uk-labour-israeli-military-planes-land-gaza](http://www.dropsitenews.com/p/revealed-uk-labour-israeli-military-planes-land-gaza)

# SPYING

Since December 2023, the RAF has sent Shadow R1 planes (specialised in target acquisition) on mysterious spy flights to Gaza almost every day, with the intelligence passed on to israel. The flights take off from RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus which also has an imperial history; britain retains 3% of the island after independence in 1960.

645

The number of “surveillance and recon” missions the RAF did over Gaza between December 2023 and November 2024 — at least 2 per day.



276

The number of Palestinians killed in Operation Nuseirat, (June 2024), an operation to ‘rescue 4 israeli hostages.’ The campaign group Action on Armed Violence AOAV found the RAF conducted **24** flights in the 2 weeks leading to israel’ s attack on the Nuseirat refugee camp. On 12 December 2024, israel bombed Nuseirat again, killing more than **30** civilians. The day before, an RAF spy flight had circled the camp. Source: [bylinetimes.com/2025/09/09/uk-surveillance-flights-over-gaza/](https://bylinetimes.com/2025/09/09/uk-surveillance-flights-over-gaza/)

Keir Starmer visited **RAF Akrotiri** in December 2024 and thanked RAF personnel there, saying: *“Quite a bit of what goes on here can’ t necessarily be talked about all of the time. We can’ t necessarily tell the world what you’ re doing.”* if UK intelligence was used in israeli strikes that killed civilians, the british government is complicit in war crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

# SHIPPING WEAPONS

The Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) found that between 2008 and 2024, the UK approved **£560m** in export licences to israel. The true value of UK-israel exports is likely much higher because the british government approved 88 “unlimited-value” or open licences where the value is not known.

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The (minimum) number of israeli transport flights from **RAF Brize Norton** in Oxfordshire in October and November 2024. 2 went to the US Air Force base at Dover in Delaware and the third flew out to israel’ s main air force station at Nevatim.

Source: <https://www.declassifieduk.org/why-have-israeli-military-aircraft-been-landing-at-a-uk-air-base/>

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The number of times that **RAF Marham** in Norfolk was used to send “spare parts” to israel, after the so called suspension of arms exports to israel.

Source: [hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2025-03-18/debates/C5900243-EC83-4C59-BABA-F3EDEE9D8E60/MilitaryCo-OperationWithIsrael](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2025-03-18/debates/C5900243-EC83-4C59-BABA-F3EDEE9D8E60/MilitaryCo-OperationWithIsrael)

Between December 2023 and November 2024, the U.S. air force moved heavy transport aircraft carrying military equipment to **RAF Akrotiri** and there were daily RAF flights from Akrotiri to Tel Aviv (at least **78** from the 7th of October until the ceasefire). These transport RAF flights used the giant Atlas C.1 A400M with strategic oversize lift capabilities.



# UK AIR BASES

(IN THIS ZINE)

THERE ARE LOADS OF RAF BASES (SHOWN WITH A DOT ◦)

THESE ARE JUST A FEW POINTED OUT FOR DISCUSSION IN THIS ZINE.

RAF CRANWELL AND RAF VALLEY ARE USED BY "Elbit Systems" to DELIVER THE RAF'S MILITARY FLYING TRAINING SCHEME. Elbit Systems is ISRAEL'S LARGEST ARMS COMPANY.

Elbit Systems ALSO RUN A "JOINT FIRES SYNTHETIC TRAINER" TRAINING IN LARKHILL AND RAF LEEMING ...

BASICALLY LOTS OF BRITISH ARMED FORCES ARE TRAINED BY ISRAELI ARMS MANUF

THE USE OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS BY THE USAF IS ANOTHER STORY! LOOK UP BELFAST AIRPORT AND SHANNON AIRPORT!!!



RAF FAIRFORD



NORTH

AKROTIRI  
AIR BASE  
CYPRUS

IRAN

AFRICA

JOINT  
UK-US  
BASE

DIEGO  
GARCIA  
AIR BASE  
(CHAGOS ISLANDS)

ISRAELI  
WARPLANES  
PRACTICE HERE  
WADDINGTON

ANWELL

MARHAM  
EXPORT WARPLANE  
PARTS TO ISRAEL

BRIZE  
ORTON

ISRAELI MILITARY  
PLANES STOP OFF  
ON THE WAY FROM  
THE U.S... BEFORE  
BEING IN THE SKY  
OVER GAZA DURING  
WAR CRIMES  
ACTUERS

21ST MARCH:  
IRAN LAUNCHES 2  
BALLISTIC MISSILES  
HOURS AFTER KEIR STARMER  
GAVE US PERMISSION TO ATTACK TEHRAN  
FROM HERE

★ AT THE TIME OF WRITING,  
KEIR STARMER IS PRETENDING THAT  
HE ISN'T HELPING TRUMP ATTACK IRAN.

★ HOWEVER IN RAF FAIRFORD US SOLDIERS  
WERE SEEN LOADING BOMBS TO BE  
DROPPED ON IRAN (10TH MARCH) ★  
SPECIFICALLY JDAM BOMBS WERE  
LOADED ONTO B1 LANCER BOMBERS (X3)

★ ON THE 21ST OF MARCH IT WAS  
ANNOUNCED THAT THE UK IS DEPLOYING  
500 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ITS  
MILITARY BASES IN CYPRUS

# THE TWO PLANES

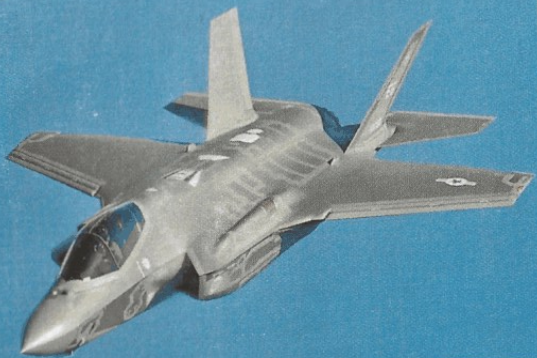
The 2 planes targeted at RAF Brize Norton were Airbus A330 Voyager aircrafts. The RAF has 14 Voyagers in its fleet - they can carry military cargo and are the RAF's only air-to-air refuelling tanker, meaning they can refuel military aircraft and fighter jets during flights.

The Voyager aircraft fleet are not actually owned by the RAF, they are leased from Air Tanker Ltd, through a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme.

The MoD has paid around **£6 billion** to AirTanker since 2008 (approx **£353m per year!**)

(AirTanker's shareholders include Airbus, Thales, and its subsidiary Air Tanker Services Ltd, which maintains aircraft, has shareholders including **Babcock, Rolls-Royce** and **Thales**). Corporate and RAF interests are inextricable; it's all Zionist profits baby (including the crazy high estimate of the damages!)

These Voyagers have been involved in military operations in support of israel - and also to refuel planes conducting **attacks on Yemen**, and have been seen flying over Iraq, Syria, and bases in Kuwait, the U.A.E., Oman, Qatar, Jordan, and Lebanon.



## Further reading—

[dronewars.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Operation-Without-End-Aug2024.pdf](https://dronewars.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Operation-Without-End-Aug2024.pdf)  
[aoav.org.uk/2019/raf-airstrikes-in-iraq-and-syria-an-assessment/#\\_edn21](https://aoav.org.uk/2019/raf-airstrikes-in-iraq-and-syria-an-assessment/#_edn21)

- RAF flight details are often obscured, making it hard to track the planes with specific strikes. There is no transparency.
- Even where planes can't be pinned to a specific strike, we know that they're often functioning as part of shadowy British operations that use the cover of 'fighting IS [Islamic State]' for presence in the region that's inextricably tied to Zionist interests.
- Many flights are presumably under the banner of **Operation Shader**, which the MoD announced was winding down in Sept 2024, but in Jan 2026 stated it has no plans to end.

**Operation Shader**, which is the UK's ongoing military deployment in Iraq and Syria, began in 2024.

The RAF is heavily involved. The MoD claims only **one(!)** civilian casualty from **10 years(!)** of operation and more than **4,300** air strikes, many in heavily populated areas; both local reports and foreign investigative efforts find this unrealistic. Airwars estimates that the coalition bombing death toll is more like **8,000-14,000** in Iraq and Syria -

*“MoD does not have effective oversight of civilian casualties arising from UK military campaigns.”*

Source: [dronewars.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Operation-Without-End-Aug2024.pdf](https://dronewars.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Operation-Without-End-Aug2024.pdf)



An RAF Voyager and the first RAF F-35 fighter jets landing in RAF Marham. UK industry makes 15% of F-35s

(Source: [defense.info/defense-systems/raf-a330mrtt-the-voyager-in-action](https://defense.info/defense-systems/raf-a330mrtt-the-voyager-in-action)).

F-35s are used in bombing campaigns in Gaza, killing civilians and destroying homes. In the Netherlands, the export of F-35 parts to Israel was made illegal over concerns that they are being used to violate international law. Despite legal challenges the UK still exports essential F-35 components to Israel, arguing that

*“suspending the supply chain would threaten wider defense alliances”*

Source: [bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-68272233](https://bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-68272233).

**ZZ338**



**Involvement in Yemen strikes between 11/01/2024 and 30/05/2024—**

(Operation Poseidon Archer), can see **ZZ343** facilitate at least 2 strikes and **ZZ338** at least 1, likely more. MoD refuses to give details of civilian casualties for ‘national security’ reasons.

Source: [declassifieduk.org/rishi-sunak-is-ninth-uk-prime-minister-to-bomb-yemen-from-air/](https://declassifieduk.org/rishi-sunak-is-ninth-uk-prime-minister-to-bomb-yemen-from-air/);  
[declassifieduk.org/rishi-sunaks-yemen-war-has-cost-up-to-19m/](https://declassifieduk.org/rishi-sunaks-yemen-war-has-cost-up-to-19m/)

Also likely involved in strikes on 22/01/2024, 03/02/2024, 24/02/2024, and 15/03/2025 / 16/03/2025. The latter two (part of Operation Rough Rider) resulted in reports of **53 casualties, including 5 children, and 98 wounded.**

Source: [declassifieduk.org/how-starmer-aided-trumps-deadly-bombing-of-yemen/](https://declassifieduk.org/how-starmer-aided-trumps-deadly-bombing-of-yemen/)

March-June 2024 - **73 flights** from **RAF Akrotiri to Beirut** by Voyagers - these flights had the capacity to transport over **23,000 UK military personnel to Lebanon.**

Source: [declassifieduk.org/uk-has-sent-74-war-planes-from-cyprus-to-lebanon-since-march/](https://declassifieduk.org/uk-has-sent-74-war-planes-from-cyprus-to-lebanon-since-march/)

**15th June 2025—**

**ZZ343** was seen over the airspace of Jordan as **israel jets launch attacks on Iran**, either to serve israeli jets or UK aircraft. This suggests the UK was participating in the event.

ZZ343



**6th February 2026—**

**6 F-35B** Lightning stealth fighter jets supported by **Voyager** aircraft flew from **RAF Marham** to **RAF Akrotiri** in Cyprus - likely pre-emptively to do with Iran. RAF Akrotiri already hosted **10 Typhoon FGR4 fighter planes** and has had a continuous fighter presence since **2014** as part of Operation Shader.

Source: [theaviationist.com/2026/02/07/uk-reinforces-akrotiri-f35bs](https://theaviationist.com/2026/02/07/uk-reinforces-akrotiri-f35bs)

**6th March 2026—**

**RAF F-35B jets** shot down drones over Jordan, supported by a Voyager aircraft. **ZZ343** was seen over Jordan at the time. The incident followed a separate attack in which drone struck **RAF Akrotiri** after evading base defences.

Source: [af.mod.uk/news/articles/raf-f-35-conducts-first-combat-shoot-down-on-operations/](https://af.mod.uk/news/articles/raf-f-35-conducts-first-combat-shoot-down-on-operations/)

How much did it cost the defence industry to clean the red paint off **ZZ343** and **ZZ338**? The day after the protest, reported figures were “*at least £30million*” and “*up to £53 million... beyond repair*”. Within weeks police sources claimed damages were actually **£7m**. The MoD later admitted in Freedom of Information requests (FOI)s that knowledge of the costs was “*not held*” by the department. The **£7m** figure likely originated with AirTanker Ltd—the real owner of the planes

Source: [declassifieduk.org/how-much-damage-did-palestine-action-really-do-at-brize-norton/](https://declassifieduk.org/how-much-damage-did-palestine-action-really-do-at-brize-norton/)

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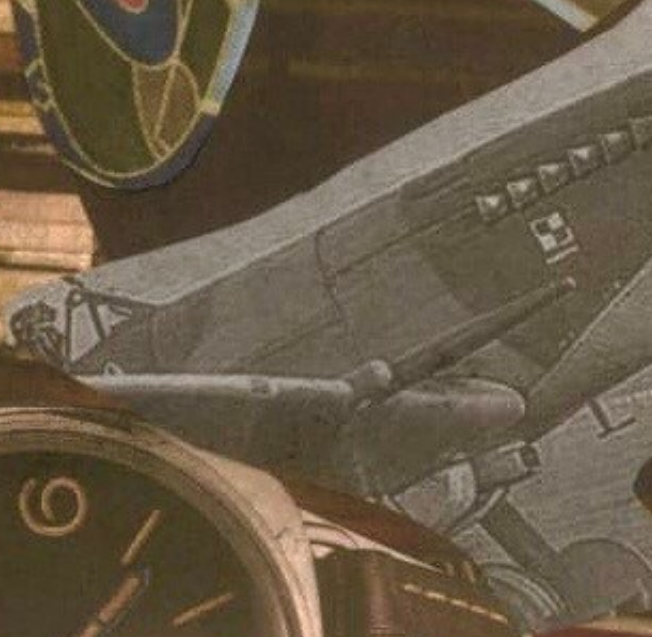
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# THE RAF AND IRAN TODAY

This was prepared on the 3rd of April 2026. We hope when you read it life is safer for the people in Iran.

The RAF, IAF, and US air forces are allies in their genocide in Gaza and their violence against Lebanon and Iran. In March 2025 a giant US B-52 bomber took off RAF Fairford to fly alongside Israeli F-35 and F-16 warplanes over the eastern Mediterranean. A MoD spokesperson said: *“We regularly operate with our partners and allies in the region and this series of sorties was in direct support of a US Bomber Task Force Mission.”* **14 days later, the IAF broke the ceasefire in Gaza by resuming devastating air strikes, this time killing over 400 Palestinians.**

Source: [declassifieduk.org/birds-of-a-feather-the-royal-and-israeli-air-forces](https://declassifieduk.org/birds-of-a-feather-the-royal-and-israeli-air-forces)

Dozens of US air force bombers including **B-52s** have taken off from **RAF Fairford** since the 1st of March, when the UK authorised the U.S. air force to use the base for “defensive strikes” on Iran.



USAF planes, including over 100 fighter jets, have been transiting through **RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall** on their way to the Middle East since early January. More than 25 C-17 transport planes, can carry troops and cargo and are typically deployed before an operation, have also transited through during that period.

Source: [declassifieduk.org/how-britain-is-involved-in-trumps-iran-war/](https://declassifieduk.org/how-britain-is-involved-in-trumps-iran-war/)

Despite Keir Starmer saying *“This is not our war. We will not be drawn into the conflict,”* there are now **~1,000** British military personnel deployed across the Middle East and on the 2nd of April **the RAF downed over 10 Iranian drones overnight**



Why? **RAF Fairford** has a very long runway. For this reason, the U.S. air force (USAF) uses it to fuel their heavy bomber planes (**B-1B Lancer, the B-2A Spirit and the B-52H Stratofortress**) before continuing to their many bases in the Middle East. RAF Fairford was also used in the U.S.A' s **invasion of Iraq**, after the U.S.A' s Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) used faulty intelligence about non-existent weapons of mass destruction as a justification to bomb Iraq. The UK military participated in the invasion of Iraq.

The **USAF** 501st Combat Support Wing actually manages RAF Fairford. On the same day that the USAF was given permission to use **RAF Fairford** for strikes on Iran, **RAF Akrotiri** was hit by a drone strike. Iran's foreign minister warned the UK that it sees its choice to let the **USAF** use british bases as "participation in aggression" in a phone call with Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper (who also banned Palestine Action!).

People living in the neighbourhoods around **RAF Fairford** have said they hear aircraft including **B-1** and **B-52** bombers taking off in the early hours of the morning, with the noise so loud it makes the house shake.

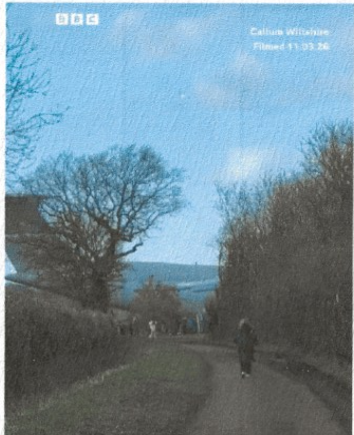
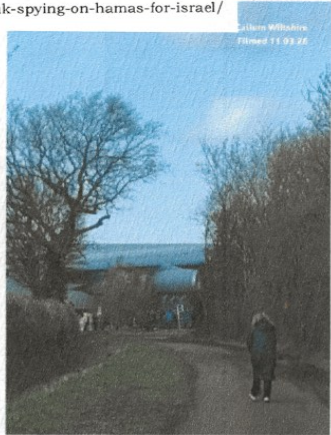
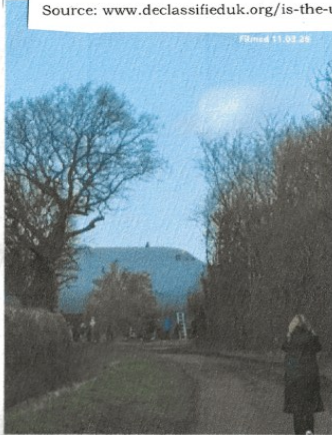
Source: [bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czx9lrk0vn8o](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czx9lrk0vn8o)



Even before RAF Akrotiri was struck with a drone, Cypriot locals protested outside the base, fearful that the surveillance flights over Gaza were enough to make their community a target.



Source: [www.declassifieduk.org/is-the-uk-spying-on-hamas-for-israel/](http://www.declassifieduk.org/is-the-uk-spying-on-hamas-for-israel/)



Giant U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy plane taxiing at RAF Fairford on the 11th of March 2026 as the U.S. and israel escalate attacks on Iran. It is the largest plane of the U.S. air force and is used to transport oversized cargo. The same plane was also seen taking off from Belfast International Airport on March 28th.

# RAF LOSSIEMOUTH – OIL AND BLOOD

## Research by Energy Embargo for Palestine

In 2023 protests were held outside RAF Lossiemouth in the north-east of Scotland, over the Israeli genocide in Gaza and the UK's complicity. At the time, a **P8 Poseidon reconnaissance plane** had just been dispatched from the airfield to the Eastern Mediterranean as part of the UK's package of "practical support" for Israel. RAF Lossiemouth peaked the interest of campaigners from **Energy Embargo for Palestine (EEFP)**, a group dedicated to campaigning against **British Petroleum (BP)**'s complicity in the ongoing genocide of Palestinians.

EEFP explain their focus on BP: *"BP is one of the most significant multinational corporations of the British state. It has been described in Parliament as Britain's national flagship energy company, and has long lobbied the British state for support to garner exploration licenses. **BP enacts British imperialist interests, demonstrated in Iraq where BP extracted Iraqi oil worth £15 billion after British invasion, and in Azerbaijan where the founding of the agreement that formed the BTC pipeline was endorsed as a state-to-state partnership.**"*

In 2024, the RAF announced that the US government had established a new *'naval detachment'* in Lossiemouth, its first military site in Scotland since the 1990s, bolstering *'operational interoperability'* and *'interchangeability'* between the US and Britain. This is effectively an expansion of US imperialism via Lossiemouth, from which BP profits. Fuel is the key node which facilitates RAF and USAF flights carrying out airstrikes over Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, and the entire neighbouring area. EEFP say: *"In our struggle against British, US and Zionist imperialism in the region the demand for an energy embargo is essential."*

Sources: [shado-mag.com/bp-oil-pipeline-israel-palestine-genocide-investigation/](https://shado-mag.com/bp-oil-pipeline-israel-palestine-genocide-investigation/)  
[energymbargoforpalestine.com/resources/exposing-turkiyes-secret-crude-oil-shipments-to-israel](https://energymbargoforpalestine.com/resources/exposing-turkiyes-secret-crude-oil-shipments-to-israel)

After engaging in supply chain research of BP's operations in Britain, EEFP found bloody connections between BP and attacks on the region, running right through RAF Lossiemouth. Most notably:

- Two BP subsidiaries hold a massive call-off contract with the Ministry of "Defence" to supply jet fuel to RAF bases, particularly RAF Lossiemouth.
- RAF Lossiemouth is being used as a base for multiple culpable aircrafts such as the P8 Poseidon MRA1 and the Typhoons
- In the period that BP fuelled RAF Lossiemouth via a deport at Inverness, multiple RAF flights left to both RAF Akrotiri, and the Italian Air Force Base/ U.S. Navy base at Sigonella in Sicily, before carrying out flights likely supporting Operation Shader.

In 2024, EEFP revealed that the BP-owned **BTC (Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan) pipeline**, which runs through Azerbaijan and Turkey, provides Israel with **28% of its oil** and supplies the IDF with jet fuel. In collaboration with the **Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) and Progressive International**, EEFP found that **57 crude oil shipments** were sent from Ceyhan (Türkiye) to 'Israeli' ports between May 2024 and December 2025; this was after Turkish government announced a trade embargo on Israel.



Figure from EEFP's Shado Mag report—oil tankers supplied by the BP-owned BTC pipeline arrive at their final destination on occupied Palestinian land, the "Israeli" ports of Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Haifa. Ashkelon, 12 miles north of Gaza, is the primary destination for Azeri BTC crude oil and was out of service for months following October 2023 due to frequent rockets attacks from the Palestinian resistance.

# CYCLES OF VIOLENCE

THREE UK MILITARY VETERANS - JOHN CHAPMAN (57), JAMES HENDERSON (47), AND JAMES KIRBY (47) - WERE KILLED IN AN ISRAELI AIR STRIKE ON A WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN (WCK) AID CONVOY IN GAZA ON APRIL 1ST 2024. THEIR TEAM WAS KILLED WHEN THEIR CLEARLY-MARKED CAR WAS HIT LEAVING AN AID DROP IN DEIR AL-BALAH

AS THE UK VETERANS WERE BOMBED, AN RAF SPY PLANE WAS FLYING OVER GAZA - IT TOOK OFF FROM RAF AKROTIRI. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAVE DECLINED TO RELEASE THE FOOTAGE TO JAMES KIRBY'S FAMILY.

World  
Central  
Kitchen

UK CITIZENS AND UK VETERANS  
AREN'T SAFE FROM UK IMPERIALISM

THEY WERE KILLED BY A  
HERMES 450 DRONE, POWERED  
BY AN ENGINE MADE IN THE  
UK BY UAV ENGINES, IN SHENSTONE.  
UAV ENGINES IS A SUBSIDIARY  
OF ELBIT.



THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PAID ELBIT  
SYSTEMS AND FRENCH COMPANY THALES  
£1.5 BILLION QUID TO MAKE THEIR OWN  
VERSION OF THE HERMES 450 DRONE  
CALLED "THE WATCHKEEPER" WK450.  
IT WAS SCRAPPED BECAUSE IT COULDN'T  
FLY IN THE RAIN. BECAUSE OF THIS  
THE WK450S WERE SENT TO RAF  
AKROTIRI IN CYPRUS.

SEPARATELY IN MARCH 2026, A BRITISH  
JOURNALIST STEVE SWEENEY WAS TARGETED  
IN AN ISRAELI BOMB STRIKE. HE WAS REPORTING  
ON THE BOMBING OF BRIDGES IN SOUTH LEBANON.  
THE BOMB WAS AN MK-82 MADE IN THE US.

# A HISTORY OF PROTEST AT THE RAF

RAF MOLESWORTH PEACE CAMP:  
PROTEST U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILES  
- EVICTED 1985

SEEDS OF HOPE PLOUGHSHARES  
4 CAUSED £1.5m DAMAGE TO  
BAE SYSTEMS HAWK AT WARTON  
BASE. USED BY INDONESIA TO  
SUPPORT BRUTAL MILITARY  
OCCUPATION IN EAST TIMOR.

RAF GREENHAM COMMON  
WOMENS PEACE CAMP:  
PROTEST U.S. NUCLEAR  
MISSILES - TENS OF THOUSANDS  
JOINED - LASTED 19 YEARS.

1981

1996

1960's

1983

2002-4

'BAN THE BOMB'  
ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMOS  
INCL. AT RAF MARHAM.

RAF FAIRFORD: 5 CAUSED  
£10,000 DAMAGE TO PLANE  
TO BE USED IN IRAQ.

RAF UPPER HEYFORD PEACE CAMP:  
PROTEST US NUCLEAR MISSILES  
- 1 ACTION 4,000 PPL SHUT DOWN  
BASE FOR 4 DAYS  
- 752 ARRESTED.

As long as the "British Empire" has had aeroplanes, it has used them in imperialism. The Israeli air force (IAF) was created based on the RAF structure in 1948, when Palestine suffered huge ethnic cleansing (the Nakba) when the British handed control over to the new settler-colonial ethno-state of Israel. There is a long history of protests at RAF bases.

RAF WADDINGTON:  
6 BREAK IN TO PROTEST  
DRONES USED IN  
AFGHANISTAN PILOTED  
REMOETELY.

2013

WARTON AIRBASE:  
2 BREAK IN TO TARGET  
SAUDI BOUND FIGHTER  
JETS USED IN YEMEN

2017

RAF BRIZE NORTON 5

2025

2026

RAF FAIRFORD DEMONSTRATION  
AND RAF LAKENHEATH FACE  
CAMP AND BLOCKADE.  
TO PROTEST U.S. USE OF  
BASE TO FACILITATE ATTACKS  
ON IRAN.

DIRECT ACTIONS AT VARIOUS RAF BASES  
AGAINST IRAQ WAR  
-INCL. BLOCKADES, LOCK ONS, BREAK INS  
AT RAF FAIRFORD, DAMAGE TO  
TORNADO AIRCRAFT AT RAF LEUCHARS

# THE BRIZE NORTON 5

Now we know why people would want to protest at RAF sites, but what happens if you do? **The Brize Norton 5 will have been held in prison without conviction for 18 months by the time of their trial** (January 2027), well beyond the legal remand limit of 6 months. This is just one of the various ways their human rights have been violated whilst being held unjustly in prison.

The Brize Norton 5 have faced the **misuse of counter terrorism powers** by the state. Although they are not charged with terrorism they are treated as particularly dangerous. When first arrested they were held for 14 days incommunicado, meaning they could not have any contact with friends or family. Whilst being held in prison the past 9 months they have dealt with  **censorship** including the withholding of their mail and books, intense **surveillance**, having friends and family blocked from visiting and harassed by police outside the prison, **religious freedoms denied**, and access to **healthcare restricted**.

4 of the Brize Norton 5 took part in a **hunger strike** alongside 4 other prisoners for Palestine. Their demands were to end their censorship, to be bailed as they wait for trial, for the right to a fair trial, to deproscribe Palestine Action, and to Shut Elbit Down. Heba Muraisi, a now-bailed member of the Filton 24 trial, didn't eat for 72 days. During the hunger strike the prisoners were **denied urgent healthcare**, were mocked and humiliated, were **forced to work**, and were refused vitally important supplements. When they had to go to hospital because they were so unwell, they spent all the time chained to the bed or to another guard, without any privacy, and were denied contact with friends and family and even their lawyers for up to a week. Throughout the hunger strike the prisoners were **met with silence from government figures** with power—David Lammy, Keir Starmer, and Shabana Mahmood were willing to let them die. Appeals on their behalf in Parliament were met with laughter.

The internment of the Brize Norton 5 is part of a wider pattern in this country—a pattern of **increasing state repression of protest**. Criminalisation of protest has become extreme as hundreds have been arrested for protesting the proscription of Palestine Action and on the 24th of January, 86 people were arrested with harsh bail conditions, for protesting outside HMP Wormwood Scrubs in support of the hunger strikers.

**The UK government will go to extreme lengths to hide its own bloody part in the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and will punish anyone who dares to stand up against it—we cannot let this stop us...**

Here are the Brize Norton 5:

# JON CINK

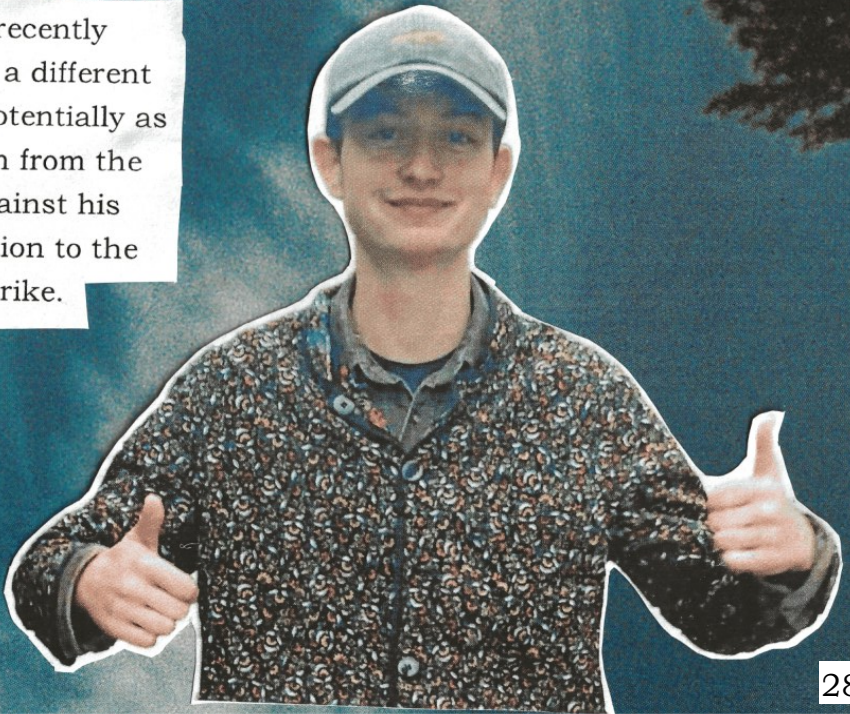
**Prison:** HMP Foston Hall

**Prisoner number:** A1063FH

**On remand since:** July 2025

Jon is a Czech citizen imprisoned on remand. He is an intelligent, creative, and brave person. In Jon's words: *"we know first hand that repression does make the ground in which resistance grows more fertile. But we also know that to resist is to act. And action is always a choice, not a consequence that we can merely anticipate... Everyday [is] a new for defiance!"* Jon joined a hunger strike in November 2025, alongside seven other prisoners, to demand the shut down of Elbit Systems in the UK, the deproscription of Palestine Action, a right to a fair trial, an end to censorship, and immediate bail.

Jon was recently moved to a different prison, potentially as retaliation from the prison against his participation to the hunger strike.



LEWIE

**Prison:** HMP Bristol

**Prisoner number:** A1123FH

**On remand since:** July 2025

Lewie has experienced multiple transfers to a number of prisons since his arrest. He has experienced medical neglect, with prison staff refusing to let him carry insulin during visits, which Lewie requires at all times due to his diabetes. After nine months in prison he has not been given access to his own clothing. During the beginning of the hunger strike, Lewie wrote 'I support the hunger strike' on a t-shirt, which he was forced to remove and hand in before being allowed to work again in the servery. Lewie then joined the hunger strike on alternate days, as he is diabetic, which posed a significant risk to his life.

During the hunger strike, the prison did not provide Lewie with the required medical observations, meaning he had to do this himself.

Lewie says: *"My love goes out to the intifada and to all the oppressed people in the world.*

*Please bless us with strength. I love you."*



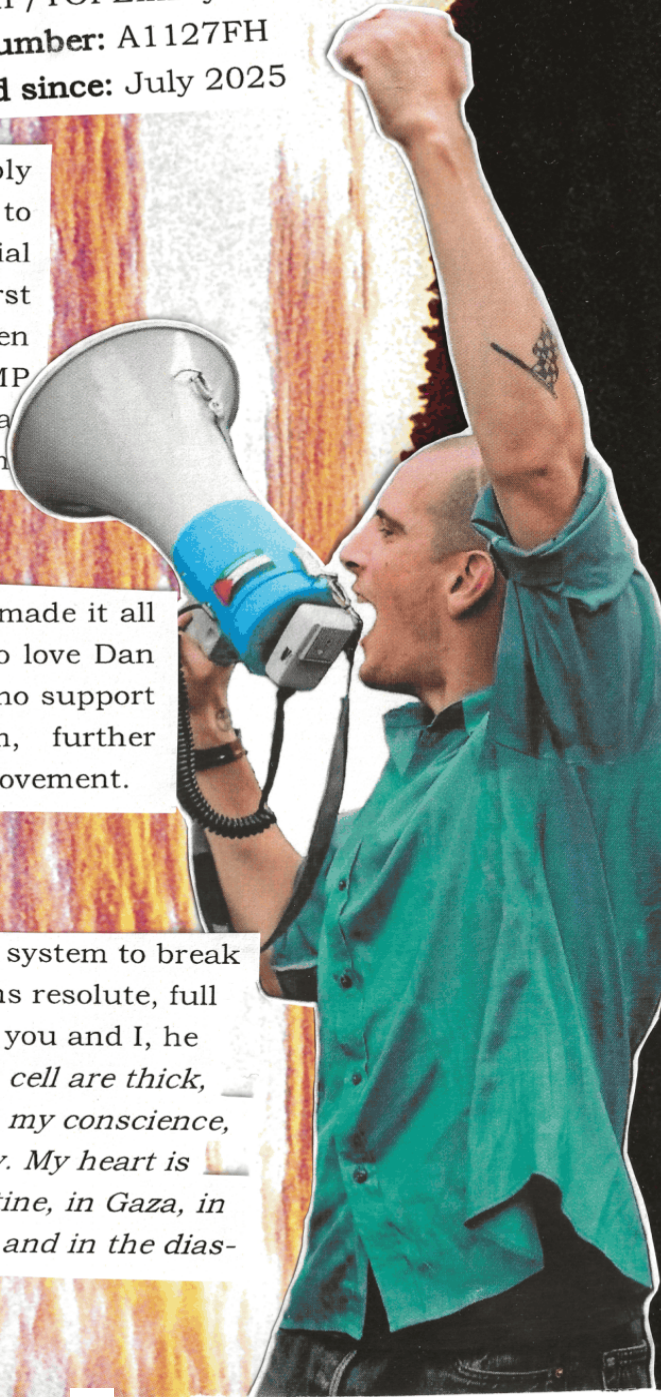
# DANIEL JERONYMIDES-NORIE

**Prison:** HMP/YOI Elmley  
**Prisoner number:** A1127FH  
**On remand since:** July 2025

Dan was inexplicably moved from prison to prison during his initial months on remand - first Wormwood Scrubs, then Belmarsh, then HMP Exeter, 170 miles away from his friends and family.

The mammoth distance made it all the harder for those who love Dan to visit him and those who support Dan to rally for him, further isolating him from the movement.

Despite attempts by the system to break Dan's spirit, he remains resolute, full of heart and of hope. To you and I, he says: *"The walls of this cell are thick, but they cannot contain my conscience, nor silence my solidarity. My heart is with the people of Palestine, in Gaza, in the West Bank, in exile, and in the diaspora."*



# UMER KHALID

**Prison:** HMP Wormwood Scrubs

**Prisoner number:** A4415FH

**On remand since:** August 2025

Umer is a Muslim 22-year old pro-Palestinian activist who has been imprisoned on remand since August 2025. The prison has blocked access to both his calls and emails, denied him his religious rights, physically assaulted him and placed him in solitary confinement for reciting the call to prayer through his prison door. Umer joined the hunger strike in December 2025, with an additional demand that the government re-opens the Gaza enquiry.

Umer ended his first hunger strike in December, when Parliament went on recess.

On 9th January 2026, Umer began a second hunger strike, adding the demand that the government release the surveillance footage of the murder of British aid workers in Gaza.

Umer escalated to a thirst strike, which carried on for five days. Despite everything Umer has a great sense of humour and loves to make jokes.



AMU GIB

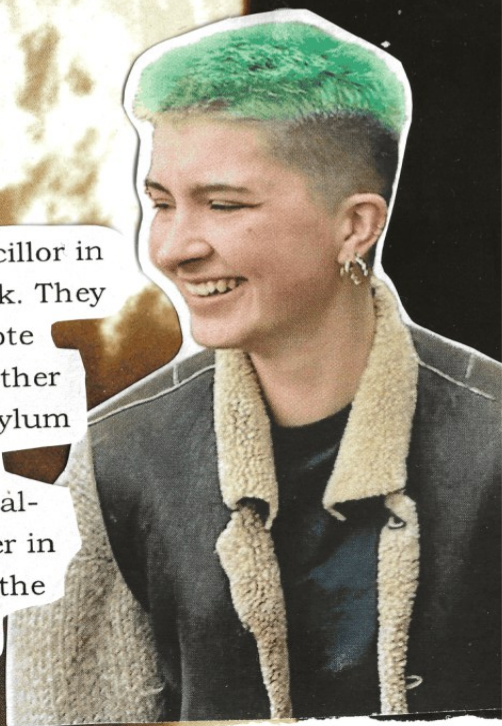
**Prison:** HMP Bronzefield

**Prisoner number:** A1064FH

**On remand since:** July 2025

Amu turned 30 in prison in September 2025. Since being remanded, Amu's fundamental rights have been abused by the prison. Their visits have been restricted, phone cut off, they have been put into solitary confinement for arbitrary reasons, and have been subjected to random cell searches. They have been denied trans healthcare. Amu reflected on their time in prison in a recorded message on their 30th birthday. Their first words were, *"It's not my birthday, it's the 707th day of a genocide against Palestine ... Maybe I do have one wish - that every year of my life will act as a handful of sand in the gears of this imperialist killing machine. And that we live to see the day it eventually, inevitably, grinds to a halt."*

Amu is currently running for councillor in their neighbourhood, Finsbury Park. They were also on hunger strike and wrote many statements of solidarity for other hunger strikers in this time; for asylum seekers in detention in the United Kingdom, Palestinian prisoners in al-Juneid prison in Nablus, a prisoner in the Netherlands, and prisoners of the United States of America, both in prisons and under house arrest.



brick by brick, wall by wall,



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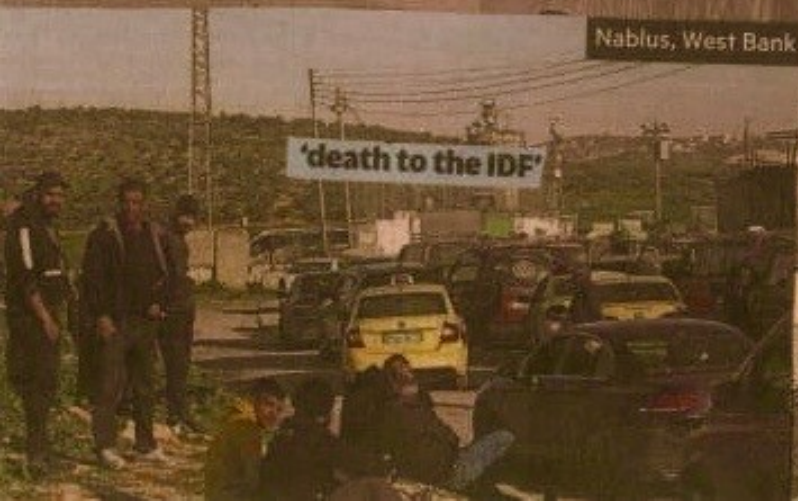
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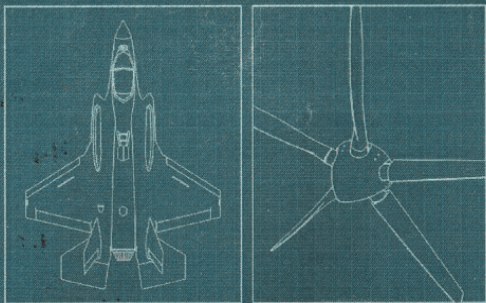
# DEMILITARISATION

You've reached the end of our little zine. We hope you have a better understanding of why people would protest warplanes at RAF Brize Norton. Other souvenirs you have collected might include: A lump in your throat thinking about war, guns, bombing, and deaths; despair for the future of the world; outrage that people who dare to protest genocide and war crimes are punished; or wonder for how things could possibly get better.

The hardest part of changing something terrible in the world is having the imagination to plan a better reality. **The military-industrial-complex wants us to believe there is no alternative to spending trillions on war.** Fortunately you don't have to do this imagination work alone! **The Alternative Defence Review** offers a more optimistic future vision. It calls for *"a shift toward a significantly demilitarised defence strategy rooted in human security and common security—prioritising diplomacy, global cooperation, conflict prevention, and investment in health, education, climate resilience, social care, and the creation of well-paid, secure, unionised and socially useful jobs."*

## Alternative Defence Review

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Demilitarisation can seem like wishful thinking, but the Alternative Defence Review argues in practical terms, for a "drastic reduction in military expenditure; to fully implement the policies of the United Nations and Global South on climate change; to use our influence to secure speedy resolution of existing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East; and to de-escalate tension in the Pacific; to oppose attempts to create new theatres of military conflict; to immediately halt arms exports to governments engaged in active conflict or serious human rights violations, including Israel and Gulf states.

# WHAT NEXT?

LOBBYING FOR AN ARMS AND ENERGY EMBARGO WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL!!

Inspired by the history of protests at RAF bases? **Lobbying decision makers** towards demilitarisation and asking politicians to please not do war crimes is within the reach of any citizen with a computer, smartphone, or pen, paper, and stamp. Consider if it is within your reach to do more and take direct action for what you think is important! Direct action is doing any type of action to directly achieve your goal; e.g. going on strike directly removes your labour. Although Rosa Parks was an experience campaigner, when she refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus for a white passenger, **this was direct action**. She said:

*"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was forty-two. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."*

Direct action doesn't have to mean getting arrested and you don't have to act alone.

MAKING THIS ZINE WAS A FORM OF CAMPAIGNING! BUT THE PEOPLE WHO BLOCKED THE GATES AT RAF LAKENHEATH ON THE 7TH OF APRIL TOOK DIRECT ACTION TO INTERRUPT THE USAF'S WAR-MONGERING AND GENOCIDE!

You can speak to your friends and like-minded people about protesting at RAF bases and other sites of the war industrial complex and take direct action for peace.

SHARING VIDEOS OF GAZA BEING BOMBED IS RAISING AWARENESS + CAMPAIGNING.

BUT BREAKING THE MACHINES THAT MAKE THE BOMBS IS DIRECT ACTION. THROWING PAINT ON THE BANKS THAT FUND THE BOMBS IS ALSO DIRECT ACTION.

ONLY YOU KNOW WHAT PROTEST ACTION IS SAFE FOR YOU. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU ARE ON A VISA OR RISK DEPORTATION, BEING ARRESTED FOR DIRECT ACTION IS UNSAFE - OR LESS SAFE COMPARED TO A UK CITIZEN.

DIRECT ACTION IS EMPOWERING AND CAN BE REASSURING. THAT YES, EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST ONE SMALL PERSON WHO FEELS POWERLESS, YOU CAN INTERRUPT THE WAR MACHINE.

**MILITARY BASES  
IN BRITAIN**

**ARE WORKING WITH THE U.S.**

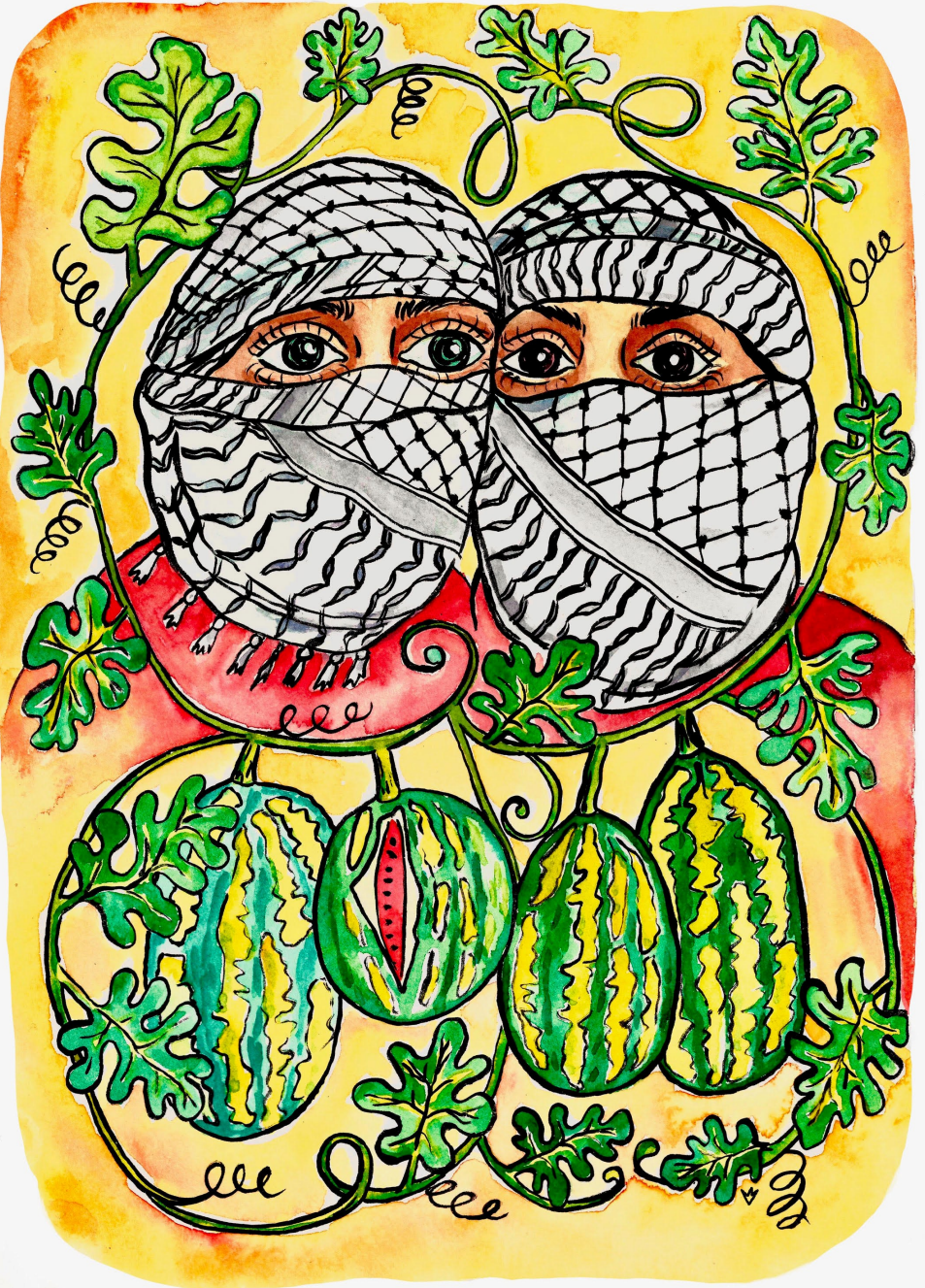


**TO COMMIT CRIMES  
AGAINST HUMANITY**

RESIST THE OCCUPATION

FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA

ALL EMPIRES WILL FALL



FREE PALESTINE

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