

Yemen Ceasefire: The Best Thing the UK Government Can Do for Yemen Is to Stop Arming Saudi Arabia

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The UK government has [urged the UN Security Council](#) to act over the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, saying there now “appears to be a window” for a peace deal.

This follows documentation from the UN that shows Yemen is [on the verge](#) of the worst famine anywhere in the world for 100 years.

UK government statistics show that since the bombing of Yemen began in 2015, the UK has licensed £4.7 billion worth of arms to Saudi Arabia, including:

- £2.7 billion worth of ML10 licenses (Aircraft, helicopters, drones)
- £1.9 billion worth of ML4 licenses (Grenades, bombs, missiles, countermeasures)

Andrew Smith of Campaign Against Arms Trade said:

“The crisis in Yemen is the worst in the world, and it is one that UK arms have been central to creating.

No matter how dire the situation has become, Government ministers have done everything they can to maintain arms sales and political ties to the Saudi dictatorship.

The calls for a ceasefire must be welcomed, but the best thing that Jeremy Hunt and his colleagues can do for the people of Yemen is to end the arms sales and the uncritical support they have offered the Saudi regime.”

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