

Stop Arms Sales to Israel

The Project

Fundraising campaign to support legal action against Leonardo and the Italian State

Italy continues to export weapons to Israel while Gaza is being devastated by bombardments that have caused tens of thousands of civilian casualties. Meanwhile, the war has expanded to Iran, Lebanon, and Iraq, with Israeli attacks across the region.

We have decided to take legal action to have the contracts signed by Leonardo S.p.A. and its subsidiaries with the State of Israel declared null and void. Now we need your help to move forward.

[Donate now](#) to support the legal action against Leonardo and the Italian State.

This fundraising campaign supports an ongoing legal case against Leonardo and the Italian State. [Donate now](#) to help cover legal and campaign costs and defend the Constitution.

Why this campaign?

We believe that the Italian State, as the majority shareholder of Leonardo S.p.A., is failing to meet its constitutional and legal obligations by continuing to allow the sale and export of arms to the State of Israel.

After October 7, 2023, with the launch of the military offensive in Gaza and new operations in the West Bank, Leonardo — including through its subsidiaries — has continued to export arms to Israel on the basis of authorizations that the Italian government has never suspended or revoked.

This conduct appears to conflict, in particular, with:

- Article 11 of the Italian Constitution, which states that “Italy repudiates war”
 - Law 185/1990 and the Arms Trade Treaty, which prohibit the supply of arms to countries engaged in warfare and responsible for serious human rights violations established at the international level
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Who we are

We are civil society organizations committed to defending human rights and promoting peace: AssoPacePalestina, A Buon Diritto, ATTAC Italia, ARCI, ACLI, Pax Christi, Un Ponte Per. The coalition also includes the Hind Rajab Foundation as a partner in the legal action.

Together with Dr. Hala Abulebdeh (Abu Lebdeh), a Palestinian citizen, we have initiated this legal action to stop the sale of Italian arms to Israel.

Gaza, international law, and Italy's responsibility

Since October 7, the scale of destruction and civilian casualties in Gaza has been immense. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for war crimes and crimes against humanity against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

International humanitarian law prohibits attacks on civilian infrastructure such as schools and requires measures to minimize harm to civilian populations. Violations of these rules may constitute war crimes.

In response to this situation, countries such as Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom have introduced restrictions on arms exports to Israel.

Italy, on the other hand, has not effectively halted its supplies.

What we are asking for

We ask the judiciary to ascertain violations of the Constitution, Law 185/1990, and international humanitarian law.

We call for a ban on any future sale of arms and military technologies to Israel, particularly those used in ground and aerial military operations against the Palestinian population.

To achieve this, we need your support.

Where we stand today

On September 29, 2025, we filed a lawsuit before the Civil Court of Rome seeking to have the arms supply contracts signed by Leonardo S.p.A., its subsidiaries, or intermediary entities with the State of Israel declared null and void.

The lawsuit calls for recognition of violations of:

- the Italian Constitution
- national regulations on arms exports
- supranational norms and findings of competent United Nations bodies

If the Court recognizes the nullity of these contracts, Leonardo and the Italian State will no longer be able to provide military support to Israel.

Who supports this action

This initiative is supported by organizations that have long been active in ethical finance and the promotion of human rights. Among the first supporters are Fondazione Finanza Etica and the Ekō Movement, which have chosen to back this legal action, recognizing its civil and constitutional importance.

The Italian weapons involved

Leonardo is the leading arms manufacturer in the European Union and the thirteenth worldwide, and it has maintained industrial and commercial relations with the State of Israel in the military sector for years.

These relations involve various types of weapons, components, and technologies, as documented by United Nations reports, journalistic investigations, and the company's own public statements.

Among the most notable cases, Leonardo participates in the MBDA consortium, which supplies components for GBU-39 bombs produced by Boeing and used by the Israeli army. According to an investigation by The Guardian, these bombs have been used in attacks that caused civilian casualties, including strikes on school buildings and tent camps.

This case represents a clear example of how weapons and military technologies supplied to Israel may be used in operations that violate international humanitarian law, particularly rules aimed at protecting civilians.

Why we need you

This is a David vs. Goliath battle. Taking a major industrial group and the Italian State to court involves significant legal costs, including court fees, legal and technical expertise, and potential costs in case of an unfavorable ruling.

Fundraising goal

The goal of this campaign is to raise 25.000€ to cover the legal expenses necessary to pursue the case and to support the campaign's communication strategy.

[Every contribution, even a small one, is essential to carry this action forward.](#)

In the event of a favorable outcome of the proceedings, and therefore no order to pay legal costs, any funds raised in excess of those directly related to the legal action (including legal, administrative, and communication expenses) will be entirely allocated to support the Palestinian population through solidarity initiatives.

A historic legal action

This is the first time that Italian associations and citizens have asked a court to determine the responsibility of the State and the country's main military company in the sale of arms to a country involved in operations that violate international law.

If successful, the ruling could profoundly change Italy's arms export policies and set an important precedent for the protection of the Constitution and human rights.

Take part

For months, we have watched—often helplessly—the destruction of Gaza and the killing of thousands of civilians. With this legal action, you can finally make your voice heard and turn outrage into concrete action, calling on the Italian State to respect the Constitution and stop arms transfers.

[**Donate now**](#). Every euro counts: buy us a coffee to support this fight—a small gesture that, together with many others, can become a powerful voice against war and impunity.

Defend the law. Stop the weapons.