







The Netherlands' connections to Israel's illegal occupation

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For years, the Netherlands has been deeply entangled in Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine.



What began with exported police dogs has grown into billions in arms, investments, and tourism profits that fuel a system of apartheid.

The Netherlands isn't just selling weapons, it's bankrolling the occupation. With over €72 billion invested, it is Israel's biggest global investor.



Dutch banks and pension funds pour billions into companies that build illegal settlements and supply weapons, while Booking.com profits from settlement tourism.

In 2024, the International Court of Justice ruled that all states must end any ties that help Israel maintain its occupation.



The Netherlands, instead, has spent nearly €2 billion on Israeli arms in the last five years—half of it after the genocide in Gaza began in October 2023.

Third World Network (TWN), the Arab NGO for Development (ANND), and Al-Haq are now challenging the Netherlands before the UN Committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.



They expose Netherland's complicity and demand a full arms embargo, an end to Dutch trade and investments tied to settlements, and strict rules to stop banks and companies from profiting off crimes.

WILL THE NETHERLANDS CONTINUE TO IGNORE ITS OBLIGATION OR ACT TO END ITS COMPLICITY?

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