

Press release from SUD Aérien Solidaires & SOLIDAIRES Douanes

## **No weapons should be allowed to leave French airports to support the genocide in Gaza!**

We, SUD Aérien Solidaires and SOLIDAIRES Douanes unions, denounce the shipment from French airports of military equipment or dual-use goods intended for military purposes bound for Israel<sup>1</sup>, carried out in complete opacity.

Customs officers are being denied the essential information needed to carry out their inspection duties, and ramp personnel are being instructed to load sealed boxes without knowing what they contain.

This practice is unacceptable: it prevents any legal verification and turns workers into involuntary instruments of political decisions that violate international law.

For months, the airstrikes have killed thousands of Palestinian civilians. Many non-governmental organizations (NGOs), independent experts, and international bodies are warning<sup>2</sup> of an ongoing genocide.

In such a context, allowing cargo to be shipped to Israel without effective oversight exposes France to a risk of complicity in war crimes.

### **We demand:**

- the immediate end of all exports of military equipment or dual-use goods (DUG) to Israel;
- a ban on loading any cargo at our airports as long as customs officials are prevented from carrying out full and independent inspections.

**We are not here to support or ignore mass killing, ethnic cleansing, or GENOCIDE!!! We refuse to have workers in the airline industry to be associated with cargo deliveries that could be used in serious violations of international law. Customs officers must have the technical and human resources required to carry out their duties. We demand that the State assume its responsibilities, stop these shipments, and make sure French airports are not involved in a war where civilians are the main victims.**

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<sup>1</sup> Source: French National Assembly, Written Question No. 8639 to the Government on the delivery of a military shipment from Roissy CDG Airport to Israel, published on July 15, 2025. Available here: <https://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q17/17-8639OE.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Sources:

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