

UK's Alleged Use of Cyprus Bases to Arm Israel and Hit Yemen Draw Protests

Monitors and media reports claim Britain is supplying Israel's army for its war in Gaza from military bases in Cyprus.

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Crowds of angry Cypriots gathered at a British air base on Sunday to protest against the alleged funnelling of weapons to Israel for its brutal war in Gaza.

Akrotiri, near Limassol in southern Cyprus, is one of two military sites retained by the British military under the 1960 treaty that saw the island gain independence from colonial rule.

"The demonstration against the British base at Akrotiri is being organised to condemn the transport of arms from the British bases to support the Israeli army's military operations in the Gaza Strip," said Charis Pashias, head of the Cyprus Peace Council.

Since the latest escalation of the Israel-Palestine conflict began on October 7, locals have seen a "daily" increase in the number of flights from Akrotiri, Pashias said.

The base is about 40 minutes flying time from Tel Aviv.

People have also "become aware of the illegal presence of thousands of American soldiers now stationed in Akrotiri," he added.

Britain's Ministry of Defence has released some information on RAF flights between Akrotiri and Israel but refuses to specify what is being transported and will not disclose details of US activity from Cyprus.

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