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## Earth Day 2025 Action: Stop Polluting Our Skies with F35s & Stop Arming Israel's Genocide!

Greetings, \_\_\_\_\_.

Based on the latest news reports the human death toll in Gaza has passed 50,000 (likely much higher), which is a tragedy that weighs heavily on our conscience. Alongside the needless deaths exists a number of other tragedies: over 14,500 children in Gaza have been killed; 110,265 injuries have been reported (1 in 20 people living in Gaza); over 22,500 people are suffering with life-altering injuries; no access to healthcare or rehabilitation due to the degree of destruction; every day 10 children in Gaza lose one or both legs; over 4,500 amputations have been conducted; countless people have been buried under rubble; implementation of mass starvation; systematic deprivation of water and aid; babies in Gaza are dying from hypothermia; 1.9 million people in Gaza have been internally displaced (95% of the population); over 200 journalists have been killed; nearly 10,000 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank have been imprisoned; nearly 90 per cent of the schools in Gaza have been destroyed and the list goes on.

As discussed in Amnesty International's 2025 news release titled, [\*Over 230 global civil society organization have called on governments producing F-35 fighter jets to immediately halt all arms transfers to Israel, including the F-35 jets\*](#), "Civil society organizations around the world have taken legal action to hold their governments **accountable** for the F-35 programme, and **complicity** in Israeli's crimes in Gaza." As indicated in the release, the F-35 fighter jet programme partners include countries such as, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, U.K., Australia, **Canada**, and of course, the U.S. One clear cut example of the type of horror show these countries are fuelling revolves around Israel's use of an F-35 in July 2024. According to

[Amnesty International](#) (2025), “An F-35 was used in July 2024 to drop three 2,000lbs bombs in an attack on a so-called “safe zone” on Al Mawasi in Khan Younis, killing 90 Palestinians.” In addition to this specific example of mass killing, [Amnesty International](#) states that Israeli’s use of F-35 fighter jets carrying 2,000lbs bombs is a routine practice that often involves the repeated targeting of “densely populated areas,” which includes “safe zones” and shelters.

As of December 2024, organizations such as Amnesty International “concluded that Israel has committed and is committing **genocide** against Palestinians in Gaza” ([Amnesty International](#)). Similarly, Human Rights Watch states (as quoted in [Amnesty International](#)), “Israeli authorities are responsible for the **crime against humanity of extermination** and for acts of **genocide**.” According to Board Member and Lawyer at Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLAIHR), Henry Off (as quoted in [Amnesty International](#)), “In clear violation of its legal obligations, **Canada continues to maintain its regulatory loopholes that allow components and parts to reach Israel’s F-35s indirectly through the United States**. Whether sent directly or indirectly, these parts fuel Israel’s **violations of international law** in Occupied Palestine. The F-35 is a symbol of death and destruction. All F-35 programme partners must be held **accountable** and **prevented** from contributing to it.”

At the intersection of environmental destruction and militarization we feel that things are only going to get worse with Canada’s plans to acquire 88 F-35A Lightning II’s from Lockheed Martin. As discussed by [Patterson](#) (2023), if one is able to see beyond the Department of National Defence’s messaging, which suggests “replacing the current fighter fleet with [F-35A’s] will not have an adverse impact on the environment ([Patterson](#)),” they may learn that the F-35A’s will in fact produce plenty of greenhouse gases and burn much more fuel in comparison to today’s jets (please do not read this as an endorsement of our current fleet of fighter jets).

As reported by Peter Chow (as quoted in [Patterson](#)), “At the very least, each F-35 can be expected to annually emit 48.76 tons of Carbon Dioxide” as well as “1.63 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs); 1.62 tons of Carbon Monoxide; 1.30 tons of Nitrous Oxide; 13.26 tons of Sulphur Dioxide; 3.26 tons of large particulates; 3.16 tons of small particulates.” [Patterson](#) adds, “Each F-35 is supposed to have a service lifetime of 8,000 hours. One could estimate that 88 fighter jets [...] x 8,000 hours x 5,600 litres of fuel an hour amounts to 3,942,400,000 litres of fuel.” All in, the F-35 can be best described as a “climate killer” ([Leas 2021](#)) as well as a killing machine jacked up with a standard internal weapons load consisting of a 25 mm GAU-22/A cannon, 2x AIM-120C/D air-to-air missiles and 2x GBU-31 JDAM guided bombs ([Lockheed Martin n.d.](#)).

While the Canadian government, Department of National Defence and weapons dealers such as Lockheed Martin contain all the labour power necessary to collect data, crunch numbers and report on a wide range of issues none of them seem able or willing to collect data, crunch numbers and report the amount of environmental destruction 88 F-35A’s could unleash with a weapons payload of 18,000lbs each ([Lockheed Martin](#)). On the contrary, instead of reporting the facts and figures of utter destruction companies like [Lockheed Martin](#) preach Orwellian lines such as, “Together, the growing F-35 community ensures a united front in protecting peace

through strength.” Despite the environmental and human costs linked to such brutal war machine, Canada remains willing and committed to spending a total of \$73.9 billion on 88 F-35A fighter jets – all of which includes development, acquisition, operations, sustainment and eventual disposal ([Parliamentary Budget Officer 2023](#)). **And who is expected to pay for it? You guessed it: taxpayers! We simply refuse to stand idle while your government misspends our hard-earned dollars.**

As mentioned by Lockheed Martin, the development of such advanced war machines would be impossible without an extensive list of business partners – that is, a list of partners willing to ignore the horrors of war and place profits before people and the environment. In the words of [Lockheed](#) (n.d.), “We are proud to partner with 1,650 high-tech suppliers, of which nearly 1,000 are small business corporations.” When it comes to the development of **Canada’s** new fleet of F-35A fighter jets, [Wilt](#) (2024) points out that companies such as, **Northstar, AVCORP, Heroux-Devtek, Aerostructures, Inc., Dishon, Magellan-Chicopee, Heroux Devtek, Laval Division, Centra, CMC Electronics, Goodrich and Honeywell Engine Systems & Services and many more are directly involved with the production of destruction** (see James Wilt’s article [Winnipeg plant one of the largest F-35 parts producers in Canada](#) for a full list of companies developing the F-35A).

Beneath all the corporate talk of “sales,” “growth” and “success” exists an absolutely brutal reality: *an ongoing ethnic cleansing and genocidal project in Gaza*. **According to [Ploughshares](#) (2025), “Canadian technology valued at approximately CAD\$120.9 million has been supplied to the Israeli F-35I program since its inception” – point being, Canada and Canadian companies are directly implicated and complicit with the Israeli regimes onslaught of Palestinians.**

Whether it is the protracted oppression of Indigenous Peoples on Turtle Island through the system’s reproduction of unclean water, water borne diseases, chronic under-funding and lack of resources ([Black 2021](#)) or the immediate onslaught of Palestinians with the support of Canada’s high-tech industrial base, one thing remains crystal clear: ***settler colonial nations are working together in ways that are extremely destructive to those deemed the “Other.”*** While Canadian officials claim that they halted “around 30” export permits to Israel in 2024, [Ploughshares](#) maintains, “Canada, uniquely, does *not* [emphasis added] regulate the vast majority of its arms transfers to the United States, its largest customer for military goods. This includes all F-35 components exported to the United States, including those retransferred to third parties, such as Israel” – that is, a horrendous backdoor program that has not gone unnoticed by civil society organizations.

With this in mind, we demand that Canada stop fueling Israel’s genocide and environmental destruction through the implementation of three government-led actions: (i) *immediately stop supplying Israel with any form of military technology, which can be achieved through an arms embargo*, (ii) *work with all Canadian companies caught up in the military-industrial complex and provide a roadmap towards technologies for peace and environmental sustainability* and (iii)

*cancel all F-35 orders and redirect the funds towards socially useful projects in the domains of education, healthcare, housing and environmental sustainability.*

Thank you for your time on these pressing issues! We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,