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The British government's decision to appeal the ban on exporting arms to

Saudi Arabia is not based on any legal grounds.

The British government insists on making material gains despite the

horrific aftermaths of the war on Yemen.

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) condemned the British

government's decision to appeal the British High Court's ruling that the export of arms

to the Saudi-led coalition in the war on Yemen is illegal.

AOHR UK stressed that the government's decision to appeal the verdict confirms that

the British government doesn't care about the massive loss of victims and the destruction caused by the weapons exported to the coalition, but rather, is only

concerned about the material benefits they derive from the arms deals.

AOHR UK stressed that the resolve of British government officials in their

determination to export arms to the Saudi regime makes them categorically involved

in the war crimes committed by Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

AOHR UK expressed its hope that the Court of Appeal will reject the British

government's appeal. Indeed, such a ruling based on solid legal grounds and material

evidence backed by accurate UN reports cannot be undermined.

AOHR UK called upon arms-producing countries to respect international humanitarian

laws that prevent parties of a conflict from being supplied with weapons, particularly

when evidence of serious war crimes by the parties is mounting, as is the case in the

Saudi coalition in Yemen.

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