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From: DfI Private Office <Private.Office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 November 2024 09:56

To: REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: TOF-1588-2024 : Stop the war planes flying over our airspace !!!! No weapons to killed kids for Israel

Raised By: Multiple Correspondents

Reference: TOF-1588-2024

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Referred To: REDACTED

Date Referred: 07/11/2024

ACTION REQUIRED

Please issue acknowledgement and official reply.

Please forward a copy of the final response to private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk by 21/11/2024

For further information etc. contact:

REDACTED

Private Office and Assembly Business Unit

REDACTED

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From: DfI Private Office <Private.Office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 November 2024 10:03

To: REDACTED

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From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 11:12

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email Acknowledgement

Dear REDACTED

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Kind Regards,

REDACTED

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED **Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 9:58:25 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Belfast complicit in Genocide

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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Yours

REDACTED

Sent from my iPhone

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 11:11

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2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From REDACTED

Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 8:02:21 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Use of Belfast International Airport for military planes

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Sent from my iPad

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Sent: 12 November 2024 11:09

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BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:02:20 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Usage of Belfast International Airport by the US Military and its affiliates

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From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 11:06

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email Acknowledgement

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Kind Regards,

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James House,
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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 10:16:50 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Subject: Concerns re Belfast Airport

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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Yours Sincerely,

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Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 11:05

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email Acknowledgement

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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 8:10:31 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: Belfast International Airport complicit in Israeli genocide

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 4:43:57 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: War planes using Belfast international airport

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 4:21:08 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Subject: Urgent - please read

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 4:09:15 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mha.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: Ending NI Complicity in Gaza Genocide

Dear Mr O Dowd,

I'm sure you've had plenty of letters like these, urging you to put humanity above profits. Whether or not you are aware of the details below, whether you care or not, I'm finding incredibly difficult to understand how so many people in office can numb themselves to the images out of Gaza and SWANA region. If you knew harm was coming to someone you loved, and you could at the very least make it much harder for that to occur, wouldn't you do everything in your power to at least prevent whatever you can? What if the children in Gaza were yours? What if most of the people you share life with were under attack? Wouldn't you hope that the person in your role would do everything to protect them?

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Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 4:05:57 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

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Subject: Stop BIA complicity now

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 3:35:11 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: What are you doing about the US military airplanes flying over Belfast?

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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Yours,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 10:49

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email Acknowledgement

Dear REDACTED,

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Kind Regards,

REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 3:14:26 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: Belfast International Airport complicity in genocide.

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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 2:51:57 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: Litir chuid an Aire O'Dowd maidir le heitiltí mí-dhleathacha trí Bhéal Feirste - Letter to Minister O'Dowd re illegal flights through Belfast

A Uasail O'Dowd,

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I would greatly appreciate a personal reply to this email from you minister, outlining what steps you are going to take in this regard. History will judge you too.

Yours,

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From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 10:38

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Subject: Email Acknowledgement

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Gateways Unit



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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 2:22:52 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: When will the Assembly say enough is enough?

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Sent: 12 November 2024 10:28

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REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
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2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 2:16:05 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: You MUST act to stop genocide

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Sent: 12 November 2024 10:20

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 1:33:19 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Genocide War planes using Aldergrove

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From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 1:25:23 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Use of Belfast International Airport

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Sent from my iPhone

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 10:12

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email Acknowledgement

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From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 12:43:03 PM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Please read

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Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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Sent: 12 November 2024 10:10

To: REDACTED

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From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:53:27 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mli.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Aldergrove and US military

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From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 10:08

To: REDACTED

Subject: Email acknowledgment

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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:18:14 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mha.niassembly.gov.uk> REDACTED

Subject: STOP the GENOCIDE, STOP the SLAUGHTER of innocent civilians, including women and children

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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Yours sincerely,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:58

To: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement: No More Warplanes in Aldergrove

Dear REDACTED,

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Many thanks,

REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
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Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:02:53 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mli.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: No More Warplanes in Aldergrove

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Israel is attempting to exterminate the Palestinian people. This is clear not only by their actions, but also explicitly by their own words.

Nevertheless, Belfast International Airport continues to facilitate the passage of US military aid (weapons and personnel) to the Israel and the SWANA region. Belfast International Airport is most likely complicit in a genocide and is at the very least complicit in grievous breaches of international law.

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I urge you to call for the immediate cessation of usage of the runway at Belfast International Airport by the US Military and its affiliates.

Yours,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:51

To: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement: A query from a concerned citizen

Dear REDACTED

I can confirm the Department's Gateways team has received your correspondence (copied below) and a reply will follow in due course.

Kind Regards,

REDACTED,
Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:02:27 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: A query from a concerned citizen

Dear Mr O Dowd,

I am writing to you to express my outrage at the ongoing use of Belfast International Airport by the United States Military to ship weapons and military personnel to Israel and to the SWANA (South-West Asia and North Africa) region.

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Yours,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:47

To: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement : Transfer of weapons through belfast international

Dear REDACTED,

I can confirm the Department's Gateways team has received your correspondence, copied below, and a reply will follow in due course.

Kind Regards,

REDACTED,
Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 10:12:00 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: Transfer of weapons through belfast international

Dear John,

I would like to raise serious concerns about the use of Belfast International Airport by war planes and other aircraft which are carrying weapons and personnel destined for use supporting Israel's ethnic cleansing of Gaza and occupation in Palestine. I believe that weapons transfers being facilitated in this way means that political institutions in the north are failing to fulfil their obligations under international law to prevent genocide.

We know that Belfast International / Aldergrove Airport is one of the most active military bases on these islands. Between 31/8/24 and 15/10/24, the runway has been used at least 24 times by US military war planes, and in addition, US military aircraft (and associated commercial crafts) have entered 'Northern Ireland airspace' at least 51 times in the same period. We have used publicly available sources to find this information and so I imagine that you are aware this is happening.

We have all watched in horror over the past year the appalling war crimes US weapons have been used to commit. It is no secret that this genocide is being fully supported by the US in every meaningful way. I hope you will agree that it is unconscionable that nothing is being done to check their cargo or halt their transport.

In May, it was encouraging to see a motion calling for a ceasefire pass at Stormont, with the support of Sinn Féin, and for it to contain a call for an end to arms sales and transfers. But 5 months have passed, massacre after massacre has been carried out and the population of Gaza is being exterminated with the US showing no sign of stopping the flow of weapons. These same weapons are being transferred through our air and ports. Stormont must go beyond *calling* for an end to arms sales and block them however possible.

I would like to know what mechanisms are available to the assembly to address this issue. As per the DfI website, authority for policy and regulation of aviation rests with the Department for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority as its agent. However, your department has a role in the air and sea ports serving Northern Ireland, and via the European Programmes and Gateways Unit, as Minister you have an opportunity and responsibility to advocate for the interests of the region's air travellers. With this in mind I urge you to call for the immediate cessation of the usage of the runway at BIA by the US military and associated aircraft.

Thank you and best wishes,

REDACTED

Sent from my iPhone

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:32

To: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement Email

Dear REDACTED

I can confirm the Department's Gateways team has received your correspondence (copied below) and that a reply will follow in due course.

Kind Regards,

REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 10:10:52 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Urgent response required

Dear Mr O Dowd,

I am writing to you to express my outrage at the ongoing use of Belfast International Airport by the United States Military to ship weapons and military personnel to Israel and to the SWANA (South-West Asia and North Africa) region.

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Yours,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:29

To: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement: Cease the use of Belfast International Airport by warplanes

Dear REDACTED,

I can confirm the Department's Gateways team has received your correspondence, copied below, and a reply will follow in due course.

Many thanks,

REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 9:34:00 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Cease the use of Belfast International Airport by warplanes

Dear Mr O Dowd,

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This must end. We have a responsibility to play our part in this end.

Yours,

REDACTED

From: DFI Gateways Branch <Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:25

To: REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Acknowledgement / Stop the war planes flying over our airspace !!!! No weapons to killed kids for Israel

Dear REDACTED

I can confirm the Department's Gateways team has received your correspondence, copied below, and a reply will follow in due course.

Kind Regards,

REDACTED,
Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 9:46:42 AM

To: O'Dowd, John <john.odowd@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Stop the war planes flying over our airspace !!!! No weapons to killed kids for Israel

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Yours,

REDACTED and every member of my family who are all registered to vote

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)



[Redacted]
Director, Transport Planning and Policy Directorate

To: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Director of Transport Planning and Policy
3rd Floor
James House, Gasworks Site
2-4 Cromac Avenue
Belfast
BT7 2JA

Email: Gateways@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Your reference: Belfast International Airport
Our reference: TCF-1588-2024
Date: 15 November 2024

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email to the Infrastructure Minister dated 1st November in which you call for the cessation of use of Belfast International Airport by the US military and its affiliates. I am replying on behalf of the Department.

The Department's powers relating to our airports are limited and are as laid out in the Airports (NI) Order 1994.

Responsibility for civil aviation matters in Northern Ireland, including international aspects of aviation policy, remains a reserved function of the UK Government's Department for Transport. ●

However, I will make Belfast International Airport aware of your correspondence and its contents.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]
Director of Transport Planning and Policy

From: DFI Gateways Branch
Sent: 15 November 2024 15:56
To: REDACTED @bfs.aero
Subject: Concerns raised about Belfast International Airport

Dear REDACTED,

I am writing to you from the Department's Gateways branch to make you aware that we have received a number of concerned emails from members of the public calling for the cessation of usage of the runway at Belfast International Airport by the US Military and its affiliates.

We have responded to these concerns by outlining the limits of the Department's remit regarding civil aviation matters however we also advised that we would make the airport aware of the emails and their contents. I would therefore be grateful if you could bring this email to the attention of the relevant person within BIA for information.

I have copied the concerns raised from the contents of one of the emails received below (the other emails are largely similar in content):

I am writing to you to express my outrage at the ongoing use of Belfast International Airport by the United States Military to ship weapons and military personnel to Israel and to the SWANA (South-West Asia and North Africa) region.

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I urge you to call for the immediate cessation of usage of the runway at Belfast International Airport by the US Military and its affiliates.

Regards,

REDACTED,

Gateways Unit



Gateways,
James House,
The Gasworks site
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast,
BT7 7JA

From: DFI Gateways Branch
Sent: 15 November 2024 16:56
To: Dfl Private Office <Private.Office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>
Cc: REDACTED
REDACTED
REDACTED
REDACTED
Subject: TOF-1588-2024 / Replies issued - copy to Private Office

Dear Private Office,

TOF-1588-2024 / Replies issued - copy to Private Office

Please find attached CM record which contains the final responses issued in relation to TOF-1588-2024,

REDACTED

-----Original Message-----

From: Dfl Private Office <Private.Office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 November 2024 09:56

To: REDACTED

Subject: CM: TOF-1588-2024 : Stop the war planes flying over our airspace !!!! No weapons to killed kids for Israel

Raised By: Multiple Correspondents

Reference: TOF-1588-2024

Subject: TOF-1588-2024 : Stop the war planes flying over our airspace !!!! No weapons to killed kids for Israel

Referred To: REDACTED

Date Referred: 07/11/2024

ACTION REQUIRED

Please issue acknowledgement and official reply.

Please forward a copy of the final response to private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk by 21/11/2024

For further information etc. contact:

REDACTED

Private Office and Assembly Business Unit

REDACTED

Copied To For Information:

Dfl Press Office cc list; Ports/Airports cc list; TOF cc list