

Britons demonstrate to demand UK stop Israel arms sales



London, August 4 (RHC)-- Tens of thousands of demonstrators have descended upon London, in the 17th major march for Palestine in London since October last year, to demand the new government end British complicity in the U.S.-Israeli genocide in Gaza.

Appalled by the depravity of the Israeli regime and inspired by the resilience of the Palestinian people, they have once again taken to the streets of central London to be the voice of the Palestinians.

One organizer of the protest told reporters: "It's just that sense of being personally complicit in what's going on and wanting to at least do this because if nothing else the people of Gaza see that we're still out here 10 months on, they don't feel as alone as perhaps they must feel when those bombs are falling."

Media sources say that since 2008, the UK government has issued more than \$700 million worth of weapons export licenses to Israel. A total of 345 licenses to sell arms to Israel were still active as of the end of May, according to government figures.

Another protester in London said: "So really, you know, if the UK Government prides itself on human rights, and the Western governments like the US and UK pride themselves on human rights and the sanctity of human life, then they will cease selling arms (to Israel)."

The UK's grassroots Palestine Solidarity movement is as diverse as the country itself, bringing together people from different backgrounds and professions.

More than 100 British MPs have urged the UK government to immediately ban arms sale to Israel.

Ten months of national demonstrations like this one and the pace of the pro-Palestine movement does not seem to have slackened, despite the cynicism of the political elite here in the UK.

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