

Activists urge South Africa to end exports to racist, apartheid Israel

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Members of General Industrial Workers Union of South Africa (GIWUSA), civil associations and political parties hold anti-Israel banners during a pro-Palestine demonstration in front of the Israeli Trade and Economic Office in Sandton, Johannesburg. (File photo / AFP)

Johannesburg, August 26 (RHC)-- Protesters say South Africa's attempt to hold Israel accountable at the International Court of Justice is not enough, demanding that the government sever all trade ties with Israel and impose sanctions against the regime.

South African coal is responsible for powering 15% of Israel's power grid, and this needs to stop immediately. South Africa is the largest trade partner with Israel in Africa, and over the past eight months, it has shipped over 500,000 tons of coal to the brutal regime, placing it among the top three suppliers globally.

By exporting coal to Israel, we are effectively aiding and abetting that genocide. But we are also taking it a step further, and it's not as limited to coal.

Abeeda Adams, Palestine Solidarity Campaign said: "We believe very firmly, and that has also been the case in our Apartheid South African history, that any economic or any other relations that you have with the State of Israel is aiding and abetting and propping up a genocidal state, a pariah state, an apartheid state."

In its assessment of South Africa's genocide case against Israel, the International Court of Justice insists that all states should halt any aid or assistance to Israel which assists it in maintaining its illegal presence in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Campaigners believe that by continuing to supply resources such as coal to the regime, South Africa, therefore, is falling foul of the very remedy it sought from the international body.

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