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The UK government is in place to receive legal action regarding the arms deal they engaged Saudi Arabia in amidst the ongoing war in Yemen. This ordeal received attention from the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), which began efforts to take the UK government to the High Court to assert the implication that UK arms have involvement in breaching international humanitarian law and one of the world's deplorable humanitarian crises. Emily Apple, from the CAAT, conveyed a message that "This government cares more about profit than war crimes and the death of civilians." Yemen has endured a long, sloppy campaign that has resulted in the deaths of many civilians. In the last calendar year, Yemen has experienced Saudi-led coalition airstrikes resulting in 87 recorded civilian deaths, 136 injuries, 19 attacks on hospitals, clinics, and ambulances, and 293 attacks that forced people to flee their homes. Nearly 40% of attacks lead to Yemeni people being displaced. These attacks from the Saudi military would not be possible if it was not for the consistent supply of arms from the UK government. From the beginning of Saudi intervention in Yemen, it is reported that the UK has licensed at least 7.9 billion euros in arms. CAAT, however, has estimated that the value truly lies around 23 billion euros. Since the beginning of this war, there have been thousands of civilian casualties and more than 4 million people have been displaced from their homes, creating one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. More than 17 million Yemeni people are suffering from hunger, putting the Yemeni people in deep distress and harm.

The profit over war crimes has been a rising concern for some time now and it is our hope to see an end to these atrocities. The conflict started when Yemen went into civil war in 2014, when the Houthis seized the capital of Sanaa, leading them to flee to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia's economic endeavor to siege the Houthi-controlled regions has led to over 300,000 deaths over 8 years according to the UN. Bombardments killed 9,000 innocents during targeted assaults on medical facilities, weddings, and funeral services. The Middle East Eye transmitted reports that the UK government declined to reveal intelligence regarding weapon transactions to Saudi Arabia during the Yemen struggle. Mwatana for Human Liberties, an independent Yemeni affiliation part of CAAT, was confident of court actions conveying redress to this occurrence. Because of these air raids, there is ample discernment of the legitimacy of UK arms sales being ceased. There are sizable losses from this humanitarian disaster. It is a calamity that has to be answered to finish the pain of millions of harmless people.

In earlier times, CAAT has brought this issue up in 2019, which led to the UK having to suspend arms sales, however, the result ended in the breach of humanitarian law being deemed an "isolated incident" and arms sales were resumed in 2021 from the UK government. CAAT has been very invested in getting to the bottom of this humanitarian crisis, arguing that these are more than just isolated incidents, as it stands in direct correlation to the suffering of millions of Yemeni people as they are being destroyed by British weapons at the hands of Saudi-led coalitions. This judicial review is projected to last until February 2.