Did you know South Africa still sells coal to Israel?

Since October 2023, 17 shipments of South African coal have left Richards Bay Coal Terminal to the Israeli port of Hadera. The latest shipment is at sea right now. That's more than 1.5 million tonnes of **South African coal powering the genocide and the occupation.**

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition facilitates every lump of killer coal.

Coal mining is bad for South Africa

Coal mines are **pollution nightmares for local communities**, leaving South Africa with some of the **most polluted air in the world.**

Communities are promised jobs that don't materialise, workers are abused, and once the money is made companies flee leaving gaping holes behind.

Coal mines poison our society, our water, soil and our air. The bosses get rich but **local people live with the social, health and environmental devestation for generations.**

The Israeli power grid depends on coal.

Coal sales to Israel make up a small amount of our coal exports, but **for Israel, South African coal means everything.**

Israel touts itself as a 'green utopia' but their grid burns coal for about 17.5% of it's output. Burning coal supplies electricity to illegal settlements and military infrastructure, **powering the genocide against Palestinians.**

While South African coal powers the Israeli grid, **Israel cuts off power to Gaza--a war crime.**

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Material support for a genocide is against the law

Colombia, Russia and South Africa are genocidal, apartheid Israel's biggest coal suppliers. Since Colombia has instituted a Coal Embargo on Israel, **South African coal made up 48% of Israel's coal imports from January to May 2025, compared to 16.6% in 2024, a 32% increase this year.**

The ICJ ruling triggers the **legal obligation of all states to end complicity in Israel's illegal occupation and apartheid regime.** The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's continued permission for coal to be exported to **Israel blatantly contrevenes international law.**

Climate change and ecocide

1.6 million tonnes of coal releases 3.68 million tonnes of CO_2 into the atmosphere. Every tonne of CO_2 costs R26.5k in environmental damage. Every 4,340 tonnes of CO_2 causes roughly one climate-related death, that means the **South African coal sold to Israel has already caused 848 additional climate deaths and R97.5 billion in environmental damage.**

The bombing campaign in Gaza has emitted 2 million tonnes of CO_2 emissions itself, in the genocide's first 100 days the campaign released more emission than 26 countries, combined. By powering the military infrastructure, **our coal enables this ecocide.**

For Palestine, for our communities, and for the climate:

Join the fight for an Energy Embargo on the genocidal state of Israel!

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