

# CANADIAN UNIONS: **DECLARE** **ISRAELI GOODS HOT CARGO NOW!**

## Stand with Palestinian Workers

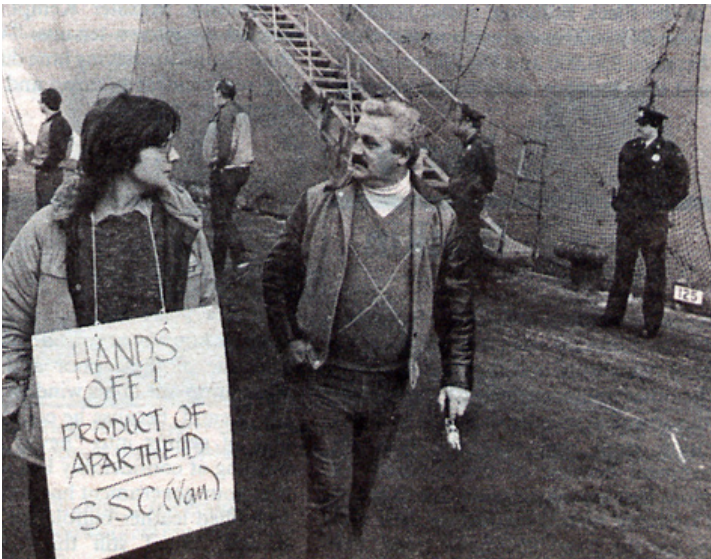
Palestinian trade unions are calling on YOU—our union siblings—to take action. They've asked the global labour movement to treat Israeli products, especially arms and military goods, as HOT CARGO.

## What is Hot Cargo?

It's a labour tradition: workers refusing to handle goods and services linked to oppression, war, or strike breaking. It's how we use our power on the job to show solidarity and disrupt injustice.

## We've Done It Before—We Can Do It Again

Canadian unions have a proud legacy of using Hot Cargo actions to stand with workers around the world:



Longshore workers respected picket lines set up around Vancouver's Centurm container dock 20 March 1986 to prevent offloading of South African goods. Pacific Tribune, 26 March 1986, 1. BC Labour Heritage Centre Archives

**Iraq, 2003** – Longshore workers in Saint John refused to move military cargo bound for Iraq.

**Indonesia, 1999** – The Canadian Labour Congress declared all Indonesian goods Hot Cargo, demanding an end to military terror in East Timor.


**South Africa, 1986** – Telephone operators and postal workers refused to call and to mail to apartheid South Africa.

**Argentina, 1979** – Longshore workers in Saint John blocked a \$120 million nuclear shipment until it signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and freed political prisoners.

## *It's Time* **Make Israeli Goods "Hot Cargo"**

As bombs rain on Gaza and arms shipments continue, unions around the world are already taking action:



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- Swedish dockworkers blocked military cargo to Israel.
  - Greek port workers turned away ammunition shipments.
  - Canadian unionists picketed F-35 weapons plants.
  - Japanese rail workers protested arms deals with Israel.
  - 200+ Spanish unions launched a general strike for Palestine

**This is what solidarity looks like.**

Declaring Israeli military goods, services, and relationships, as Hot Cargo is how we answer the call from Palestinian workers and help stop the genocide.

Hot Cargo isn't just symbolic — it WORKS.  
It slows weapons production. It disrupts profits.

It sends a message: **workers won't be complicit.**

## How Can Canadian Unions Act?

### Pass Resolutions

- Urge your union to declare Israeli goods and services —especially arms— Hot Cargo.

### Negotiate Contract Language

- Insert “Hot Cargo” clauses into collective agreements.

### Refuse to Handle Complicit Goods

- Coordinate job actions to disrupt weapons shipments and arms production.

### Join International Solidarity Campaigns

- Support actions by global labour networks and Palestinian trade unions.

## Our Movement. **Our Power.** Our Responsibility.

Canadian workers helped end apartheid in South Africa. We supported East Timorese liberation. We took a stand against war in Iraq. Now is the time to take a stand for Palestine.

## Declare Israeli Goods, Services, and Partnerships **HOT CARGO** Now.

In solidarity with Palestinian workers, trade unions, and civil society, organized workers can stop the genocide!

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