

Emily Thornberry response to High Court's ruling that UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia are legal

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Thornberry MP, Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary, responding to the High Court's ruling that UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia are legal, said:

"This is a frustrating setback, but that is all it is. It will not for one second stop us fighting for justice on behalf of the thousands of civilians killed by Saudi air-strikes, and working for peace on behalf of the millions of ordinary Yemenis currently living in fear of violence, famine and cholera.

"In particular, we must first redouble our efforts to force the UK Government to support an independent, UN-led investigation into alleged violations of international humanitarian law by the Saudi coalition, one the Government will not be able to circumvent through the presentation of secret evidence in closed sessions of court.

"And second, we must continue to demand that the Government brings forward the peace plan that the UN has been waiting for Britain to present for the last nine months, and does not treat today's judgement as a green light to continue pushing for a military solution which can only bring more death, misery and hardship to the people of Yemen."