



## Rejection of a request for interim measures to order Germany and the UK to stop alleged supply of arms and ammunition to Israel

The European Court of Human Rights has decided, in a Chamber formation and by an unanimous vote, not to issue an interim measure in the case **Alhaj v. Germany and the United Kingdom** (application no. 4229/25).

The case concerns the alleged supply of arms and ammunition to Israel by Germany and the United Kingdom. Mr Alhaj is a Palestinian doctor who allegedly lives in Gaza. He requested that interim measures be indicated, in particular to order Germany and the United Kingdom to stop the alleged supply of arms and ammunition to Israel.

The Court rejected the request as it fell outside of the scope of Rule 39 ([interim measures](#)) of the Rules of Court.

The applicant is a Palestinian doctor who allegedly resides in Gaza. He alleges that members of his family, including his sons, daughter, sister, their spouses, and children, were killed in attacks on Gaza. Additionally, two of his grandchildren were severely injured.

The applicant argued that despite the International Court of Justice's order of 26 January 2024, Israel continued genocidal attacks in Gaza. He alleged that Germany and the United Kingdom supplied arms and ammunition to Israel, contributing to mass killings.

Mr Alhaj sought interim measures under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, requesting the Court to enquire whether Germany and the United Kingdom have supplied arms and ammunition to Israel and to order that this supply of arms and ammunition be stopped, arguing that such support violated Article 3 of the Convention.

The Court considered that the applicant's request fell outside the scope of Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, and decided not to indicate to the Governments of Germany and the United Kingdom the interim measures sought.

The decision was taken unanimously by a Chamber of seven judges.

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