

# 400 activists lift occupation of ArcelorMittal plant, denouncing its involvement in the Gaza genocide

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**400 activists blocked steel company Industeel (ArcelorMittal group) in Charleroi for several hours to denounce the company's complicity in the genocide in Gaza. According to the organizers, a total of 150 activists were arrested by law enforcement in the morning, 75 of whom were released. The activists lifted the blockade after engaging in discussions with worker representatives.**

This morning, steel company Industeel (ArcelorMittal group) was blocked by 400 activists from Code Rouge, Stop Arming Israel Belgium and Soulèvements de la Terre-BXL. Activists denounce the company's involvement in the genocide in Gaza. Documents show that 50 tons of steel were sent to the Israeli Ministry of Defense in April. The entrances were blocked and activists entered the site.

Camille explains, *"It is unacceptable that in the midst of a genocide, Belgian companies deliver strategic materials to the Israeli army. A military embargo is not enough: if politicians refuse to act, we, the citizens, will put in place an economic embargo on a genocidal state that is out of control."*

Sacha, an activist on site, shares fruitful discussions with workers and union representatives: *"Contact with the unions went well on site. A union representative told us that workers had denounced shipments to Israel at the last meeting with management, and that workers in the buildings supported the activists."*

150 activists were arrested in the morning. Camille: *"The repression of the movement for Palestine in Belgium clearly illustrates the complicity of this government. The Palestinian demonstrators in Bourse are harassed, arbitrarily arrested, and locked up in detention centers. One of them tragically ended his life this week. During a genocide, the government is repressing solidarity movements and preparing an anti-democratic law to further muzzle civil society."*

The organizers of the action are closely monitoring the situation to support the arrested activists. They call to join the daily demonstration at the Place de la Bourse in Brussels, at 7 p.m.

This action was part of a weekend of European actions targeting the logistics empire, with actions organized in the Netherlands, where 800 activists blocked the port of Rotterdam, in Germany, where Disrupt Germany organized an action denouncing agri-industry and in France where Soulèvements de la Terre is organizing an action to block the Canal Seine-Nord Europe.