

# Rights NGO claims that Israeli planes carrying crowd dispersal weapons have arrived in Egypt



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The International Network for Rights and Development has claimed that Israeli logistical support has been sent to Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak to help his regime confront demonstrations demanding that he steps down as head of state. According to reports by the non-governmental organisation, three Israeli planes landed at Cairo's Mina International Airport on Saturday carrying hazardous equipment for use in dispersing and suppressing large crowds.

In the statement circulated by the International Network, it was disclosed that Egyptian security forces received the complete cargoes on three Israeli planes which were, it is claimed, carrying an abundant supply of internationally proscribed gas to disperse unwanted crowds. If the reports are accurate, this suggests that the Egyptian regime is preparing for the worse in defence of its position, despite the country sinking into chaos.

On Sunday 30 January, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed Israeli government ministers in a public statement saying: "Our efforts aim at the continued maintenance of stability and security in the region... and I remind you that peace between the Israeli establishment and Egypt has endured for over three decades... we currently strive to guarantee the continuity of these relations." Netanyahu added, "We are following the events unfolding in Egypt and the region with vigilance... and it is incumbent at this time that we show responsibility, self-restraint and maximum consideration for the situation... in the hope that the peaceful relations between the Israeli establishment and Egypt continue..."

The Israeli prime minister urged Israeli government ministers to refrain from making any additional statements to the media.

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