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Dear Ali Ahmed

I refer to your email of 16 March 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

I understand HMNZS Te Kaha has recently been deployed to attack Yemenis in retaliation for the humanitarian blockade their government is enforcing against the Gaza Genocide.

1) *Please provide the current position of HMNZS Te Kaha.*

As at 18 March 2025, HMNZS Te Kaha is alongside in Mumbai, India conducting defence diplomacy and logistical resupply tasks. From there, HMNZS Te Kaha will sail to support Combined Task Force 150 operations, not to attack targets in Yemen.

2) *Please provide all emails between Chief of Navy Rear Admiral Garin Golding and any email addresses ending in '.il' from the past two months.*

The Chief of Navy has not sent email correspondence to, or received email correspondence from, an Israeli email address in the last two months. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

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