

Gaza massacre: Stop Arming Israel!



When an 8 month old baby girl succumbed to tear gas inhalation on Tuesday, she was the 8th child and the 61st Palestinian to die in Monday's massacre. In a spree of shoot-to-kill, Israeli snipers opened fire on thousands of unarmed protesters inside Gaza. Journalists, paramedics, the elderly and disabled were among the targets.

The soldiers use of lethal force was not a last resort, and broke international law. No Israelis died from the protests. More of the thousands injured Monday will die in hospitals with drug and water shortages, electricity under 4 hrs/day. Gazans demand the end of the 12 year siege, a collective punishment outlawed by the 4th Geneva Convention – and the Right of Return, enshrined in UN Resolution 194 and others, for refugee families ethnically cleansed from their villages as Israel was created in 1948.

President Trump

Monday's demo also opposed Donald Trump moving the US Embassy to

Jerusalem, ignoring Palestinian claims to the city and defying the international consensus, that Jerusalem's status will be resolved in a final peace settlement. Trump's unpublished plans would hand half of the occupied West Bank to Israel, including the major illegal Settlement blocs, offer Palestinians an alternative capital in a suburb of Jerusalem, and bin the Right of Return.

Who can stop this juggernaut?

Labour unequivocally condemned Israel for Monday's slaughter and called on the UK to press the UN Security Council to order an independent inquiry. The statement put Louise Ellman and Luciana Berger to shame. But the US will continue to veto any UN inquiry. A UN arms embargo is long overdue, but the US would block or ignore that too. Palestinian resistance is the key obstacle to the joint Israeli – US plans. We can't predict it or speak for it. But we can take steps to **Stop Arming Israel**, and demand a two-way UK arms embargo. ➤

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HSBC is complicit in arming Israel, through £851m in shares plus huge loans to military industries. **BAE** (£189m in HSBC shares) supplies components for F-16 jets which bomb Gaza, and artillery shells. **Caterpillar** (£99.5m) makes militarized D9 bulldozers which demolish Palestinian homes and clear the ground for tank invasions. **Boeing** (£102m) sends Apache helicopters and Hellfire missiles. Israeli firm **Elbit** (£3.6m) makes drones. **Raytheon** (£69.9m) makes bunker buster bombs dropped on homes in Gaza. **HP** (£50.7m) supplies military computers and biometric identity systems at checkpoints.



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<https://palestinecampaign.iparlsetup.com/lobby/HSBC-StopArmingIsrael>

University

Arms firms supplying Israel are all over the **University of Liverpool**, with staff pension fund investments, research projects, graduate recruitment fairs...

The USS (academic) pension fund invests £147.9m in **Raytheon**. The UoL non-academic staff pension has invested heavily in **BAE**. Research projects include **AgustaWestland**, **Airbus**,

BAE, **Caterpillar**, **GE Aviation**, and **HP**, all arming Israel.

The **University of Manchester** is implicated in a graphene deal between Versarien PLC and Israel Aerospace Industries, the huge state-owned firm which makes **drones** attacking Gaza. Both Universities have collaborated with BAE on drone **sensor** systems to track potential targets.

Israel occupies the West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights and the (illegally annexed) East Jerusalem in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions, maintains the Wall in violation of the 4th Geneva Convention, tortures detainees including children. This system – rightly called **apartheid** and relying on US and UK government support – has led Palestinians to call for **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions** until Israel complies with international law and honours human rights.

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