

Massacres and Money



from Gaza to the Arms Fair

In 2014, Gaza ambulance driver Mohammad Abu Jumiza told Amnesty International how Israeli forces attacked as he drove injured people to the hospital.

“As I was turning another missile hit next to us, and then a third one. When the fourth missile hit, I lost control and we crashed, so we ran out of the car and found shelter in a building. Then there were two more missiles fired and some people were injured.”

After collecting harrowing testimonies by Palestinian medical workers, Amnesty accused the Israeli military of deliberately attacking medical workers and hospitals in Gaza.

Some 2251 Palestinians, including 551 children, were slaughtered in Gaza that summer. Four boys were massacred by a drone strike while playing football on the Gaza beach, in full view of the international media.

That was the third of five major attacks on Gaza since 2008. During the Great March of Return, a peaceful mass demonstration in 2018 demanding the Palestinian right of

return, Israeli snipers perched by the Gaza border killed 60 unarmed protesters in one day.

This May, Israel threatened to evict families from Sheikh Jarrah, an East Jerusalem neighbourhood, and security forces stormed the al Aqsa mosque. Gaza demanded Israel withdraw. When there was no response, the next war began. Israel bombed the international media centre. At least 256 died in Gaza, including 66 children.

Drones

Israel uses Gaza as a laboratory to export battle-tested weapons. Two Israeli firms making drones which target Gaza will attend the Liverpool Arms Fair in October.

Elbit Systems is the largest private arms company in Israel, supplying 85% of its drones. It has 10 UK production sites making drones, drone engines, target