

BDS Military Embargo on Israel

by BDS Global Campaign

Why a military embargo is needed: Israel is only able to carry out brutal massacres and deliberately kill Palestinian civilians because of the willingness of governments, institutions, and companies around the world to cooperate with Israel's military and weapons companies. Over the period 2009-2018, the US is set to provide military aid to Israel worth \$30bn [During the Obama administration, the amount was raised to \$38bn over ten years.], and governments and companies across the world export weapons and security services to Israel. Israel's military industry depends on exports to foreign markets: up to 70 percent of Israel's military production is exported, mainly to the global South. Military assaults on Palestinians are used by Israeli military companies to test and market new weapons and military technology. Israeli weapons companies market their weapons as "field-tested." Israeli military companies such as Elbit Systems are key drivers in the proliferation of both drones and a ruthless model of securitization and militarized repression to the world.

Successes: More than a dozen banks have announced that they have divested from Elbit Systems over its role in Israel's military violence. Elbit's participation in a Brazilian drone development effort was terminated and Elbit lost out on deals in Denmark and France following public campaigns. Norway has an official policy of not exporting weapons to Israel.

ACTION:

See BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) Military Embargo tinyurl.com/y79psfql

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