



SECURING APARTHEID

Who is G4S?

G4S is the world's largest security company and the third largest private employer in the world, employing over 700,000 people. A British-Danish company headquartered in the UK, the firm has operations in more than 125 countries providing security services to government facilities, airport security, custodial and prison services, as well as land mine clearance and consultancy services. Due mainly to a number of mergers in the last decade, the size, reach and activities of G4S are of increasing concern as it becomes apparent that the company is operating as a privatised police force in many countries, handling many jobs that one would usually suppose were in the remit of the regular, civilian

police.

G4S has been implicated in a number of human rights complaints around the world. It serves as a private security contractor for the US army in Iraq and Afghanistan. It lost its UK contract for the "forcible deportation" of asylum seekers in 2011 after hundreds of complaints of abuse and the death of one man in G4S custody. G4S operates privatized juvenile detention facilities in the United States, and deports undocumented migrants across the US/Mexico border.

G4S is also directly involved, in multiple ways, in securing the ongoing practice of Israeli Apartheid.

What is G4S doing in Palestine?

G4S holds several contracts in occupied Palestine. G4S provides security services to settlement businesses, and to the "Judea and Samaria Police Department," the settler police force. It also provides scanning equipment to the Israeli checkpoints in the West Bank, including Qalandiya, Bethlehem, Irtah and Erez checkpoints, involving it directly in the closing of Jerusalem to Palestinians and the siege on Gaza.

G4S is also deeply involved in providing security services to Israeli prisons holding Palestinian prisoners. Megiddo prison, where Palestinian detainee Arafat Jaradat died on February 23 as a result of torture, has security systems and a control room pro-

vided by G4S, as do Israeli interrogation centres in the West Bank. Prisons where G4S operates hold Palestinian child prisoners and administrative detainees, and G4S has created the control room, perimeter system, and security system, for Israel's Ofer military prison inside the West Bank.

The facilities where G4S operates are directly implicated in torture, arbitrary and illegal detention, detention of children, rigged military tribunals, isolation and the mass incarceration of Palestinians under occupation - and now the death of Arafat Jaradat. And for all of this, G4S has provided the security technology to keep these prisons running.

What can we do?

Organizations around the world, including 12 major Palestinian civil society organizations, have called for the boycott of G4S until it ceases its involvement with providing security technology to maintain the occupation of Palestine, and in particular, the operation of Israeli jails to imprison Palestinian political prisoners, as part of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement to hold corporations accountable for their involvement in Israeli apartheid.

British organization War on Want has demanded G4S withdraw all of its contracts with Israel Prison Services following the death of Arafat Jaradat under torture at Megiddo prison, one

of the facilities supplied with G4S security equipment.

G4S has, in the last year, lost its contract to provide security services to the European Parliament, a British energy company, several Danish firms, and the University of Oslo, because of its notorious human rights record, particularly its involvement in Israeli occupation and apartheid.

If G4S operates security services on your campus, at local banks, malls or businesses, for your city transportation system or elsewhere, you can take action - protest at G4S headquarters and corporate offices, and demand that your universities, cities, and local businesses end their contracts with this corporation.

Learn more

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<http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/g4s/>

Report by Who Profits: <http://www.whoprofits.org/sites/default/files/WhoProfits-PrivateSecurity-G4S.pdf>

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