



SECURING APARTHEID

Who is G4S?

G4S is the world's largest security company and the second 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 lost its UK contract for the "forcible deportation" of asylum seekers in 2011 after nearly 1,500 complaints of abuse and the death of one man in G4S custody. G4S operates privatized juvenile detention facilities in the United States, and departs undocumented migrants across the US/Mexico border. It has been involved in labour rights violations in Malawi, South Africa and Mozambique.

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 is deeply involved in providing security services to Israeli prisons holding Palestinian prisoners. These include Megiddo prison, where Palestinian prisoner Arafat Jaradat died under torture in 2013, and HaSharon prison, where Palestinian women political prisoners are held, as well as 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. The imprisonment of Palestinian political prisoners inside Israel - facilitated by G4S - violates the Fourth Geneva Convention. And for all of this, G4S has provided the security technology to keep these prisons running.

In addition, G4S has provided equipment for checkpoints that enforce the siege of Gaza and make up the route of Israel's apartheid Wall, as well as to Israeli businesses in settlements inside the West Bank, built on confiscated Palestinian land.

What can we do?

People around the world, including Palestinian political prisoners, Black activists, and over 220 global grassroots 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. In particular, hundreds of organizations are demanding the United Nations remove G4S from its contractors list. The UN should not be hiring a known human rights violator.

The Gates Foundation divested its \$170 million investment in G4S following an international campaign. Universities in Oslo and Bergen have refused to contract with G4S because of its actions in Israel's prison system. At least five British student unions have voted to cancel contracts with G4S, and the US Methodist Church divested from G4S after a campaign.

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.

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