



FREE THE

FILTON 18

SOLIDARITY WITH THE 18 PRO-PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS ARRESTED BY ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE AND INCARCERATED IN BRITAIN! THEIR ONLY CRIME: ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS USED IN THE GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE!

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ACTION**

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In August 2024, six Palestine Action activists drove a former prison van into the Elbit Systems research, development, and manufacturing facility in Filton, Bristol, in Britain.. Once inside, they destroyed Zionist weapons, including quadcopter drones of the same model used by the colonial army in its genocide in Gaza, which mimic the screams of women and children, in order to lure Palestinians to their death. This sabotage reportedly cost Elbit Systems (the largest Zionist weapons company) over £1 million in damages.

After the arrest of the six activists at the research facility, four other people were arrested by British counterterrorism police in different parts of the country. All were remanded in custody. All ten people were detained without charge for approximately a week and repeatedly questioned under anti-terrorism legislation. As proof of the abuse of power they suffered, all were ultimately charged with non-terrorism offenses.

In November, further raids took place, anti-terrorism laws were again invoked, and eight more activists were remanded in custody for the same action in Filton, bringing the total number of activists imprisoned and prosecuted for this action to 18. Now, they are facing charges in Britain for their efforts to stop the genocide in Palestine and to end the manufacture of weapons that make the genocide possible.

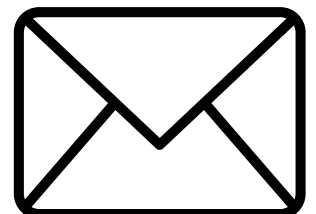


IAN SANDERS

Ian led the action against the Zionist arms factory in Leicester, driving a van into the building while others climbed onto the roof and destroyed the Elbit Systems war drones inside.

He was remanded in custody for allegedly being linked to the action that caused over £1 million of damage to the research facility of the largest Zionist arms manufacturer, Elbit Systems, based in Filton. Ian has been in custody since August 16, 2024.

**To write to Ian, email
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with the subject line "FAO: Ian Sanders"**



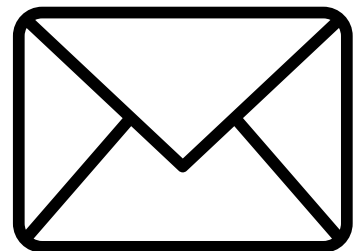


ZOE ROGERS

Zoë was arrested inside the Elbit weapons facility in Filton on August 6, 2024, and has been held on remand ever since.

"I am honored to be imprisoned in solidarity with thousands of Palestinian political prisoners. Down with the apartheid state!"

To write to Zoë, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Zoë Rogers"



Here is a letter written by Zoë, from the prison where she is currently incarcerated, in which she explains the reasons that fueled her commitment and pushed her to take concrete action against the Zionist military-industrial complex.

“When they ask me why I did it, I tell them about the children.

Their childhood has been stolen from them. Their skeletons are charred and smoking. Their bodies are crushed so easily by the collapsing buildings. Their skin melts as the burning tents collapse around them.

I tell them about the boy found carrying his brother's body in his bloody backpack. I tell them about the girl whose hanging body reached her knees. I tell them about the father holding his decapitated child. I tell them about the mother who was given the "approximate weight" of her family members to bury, because they were broken beyond recognition.

Then I tell them the story, how it happened again and again. I talk about the Stern Gang, the Hilltop Youth, the wars of 1948 and 1967, Operation Cast Lead and Operation Protective Edge. I explain what they call it "mowing the lawn," "cleaning" the territory of these "human animals."

I explain how they calculate the minimum nutrients to keep everyone alive, cut a little, and let only that much in. Since the genocidal war, they have banned chlorine, morphine, children's toys, and many other things essential to survival.

Finally, I explain that we are the ones who allowed this situation with our Balfour Declaration and today through the media crackdown. I say that I can't stand this any longer, that it can't go on, so I've taken action against Elbit, their arms supplier.

But I never forget to say:

It was love, not hate, that called me.

I have observed their songs and dances for freedom. I have read their books filled with hope. I listened to their dreams of becoming doctors, teachers, journalists and never giving up.”

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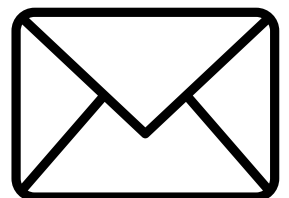
FATEMA ZAINAB

(RAY) RAJWANI

Fatema was remanded in custody on August 14, 2024, after being arrested at the Elbit arms center. Proud of her Indian heritage and East African roots, Fatema is currently enrolled in her final year of a media studies program at university.

"We condemn the murderous imperialist trade that profits Britain. The slaughter of Black and Brown bodies that the British arms trade facilitates must end. Long live Palestine."

To write to Fatema, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Fatema Zainab (Ray) Rajwani"



From her cell at Ashford Women's Prison in Surrey, Fatema wrote this poem, filled with love and hope. It symbolizes the strength of this activist, who the government is attempting to crush, but who clings to her ideals of justice and revolution.

"To the people of Gaza, I write to you with love and sadness.

At night, I dream of a love so vast and so deep that it sets us all free.

It stretches across continents to fill the space between my brown body and yours. I wish the love I dream of is enough. I wish the love I dream of can hold your pain in the same way our silence sustains violence.

When there is nothing else to write about, I write about love.

For there is no life worth living, no strength worth seeing, except for love.

The kind of love that forces you to bear witness.

The kind of love that doesn't remain silent.

A love that is neither patient nor gentle, but relentless and harsh. I dream of a love so all-encompassing it hurts.

A love that doesn't make us less fearful, but a love that makes us less conciliatory.

At night, I dream of a love so vast and so deep that it sets us all free.

When dawn breaks, I dream of waking up to a love that isn't new but ancient, ancestral, and merciless.

The kind of love that inspires action.

There is no greater act of love than standing firmly between all you know (and destroys) and all that could be (rebuilt anew).

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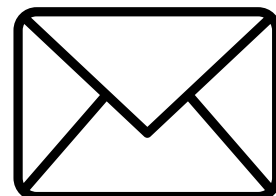
MADELEINE NORMAN

Madeleine's activism in direct action against the Zionist company Elbit Systems goes back several years. She previously blocked the gates of Elbit's drone engine factory in Shenstone by tying herself to it, closing the Zionist arms manufacturer's site, while holding a banner reading "Free Ahmed Manasra," a Palestinian prisoner held since the age of 13.

In January 2023, Madeleine climbed onto the roof of the Leonardo factory in Edinburgh, causing extensive damage to the manufacturer of laser targeting systems used in the F-35 fighter jets used by the genocidal Zionist army. Madeleine has also been accused of involvement in the action against Elbit's research facility in Filton.

Madeleine has been detained at HMP Bronzefield since Friday, August 16.

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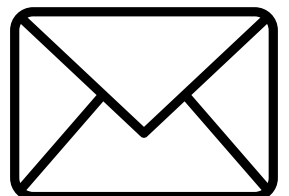


JORDAN DEVLIN

Jordan is one of six people arrested at the Filton research and manufacturing facility of the largest Zionist weapons company, Elbit Systems. Along with his comrades, they are believed to have caused over £1 million worth of damage. He has been held on remand at HMP Wormwood Scrubs since August 14, 2024, for attempting to stop a genocide.

"I am taking action against Elbit because the risk of spending a few months in prison is nothing compared to the despair of witnessing the horrors they are guilty of. In this context, the line between good and evil is clear, and I am honored to seize this opportunity to create the world I want to live in, to completely destroy the horrors of society we have all been led to ignore."

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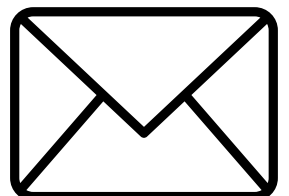


WILLIAM PLASTOW

To combat the ongoing genocide in Gaza, William drove a car to the bollards outside the Elbit Systems weapons factory in Leicester and tied his neck to the steering wheel to prevent the Zionist drone manufacturer from opening its doors.

A few months later, he was unjustly detained without charge for a week and repeatedly questioned about his alleged involvement in the action against Elbit Systems' new research and development center in Filton, Bristol.

To write to William, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : William Plastow"



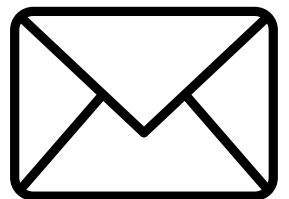


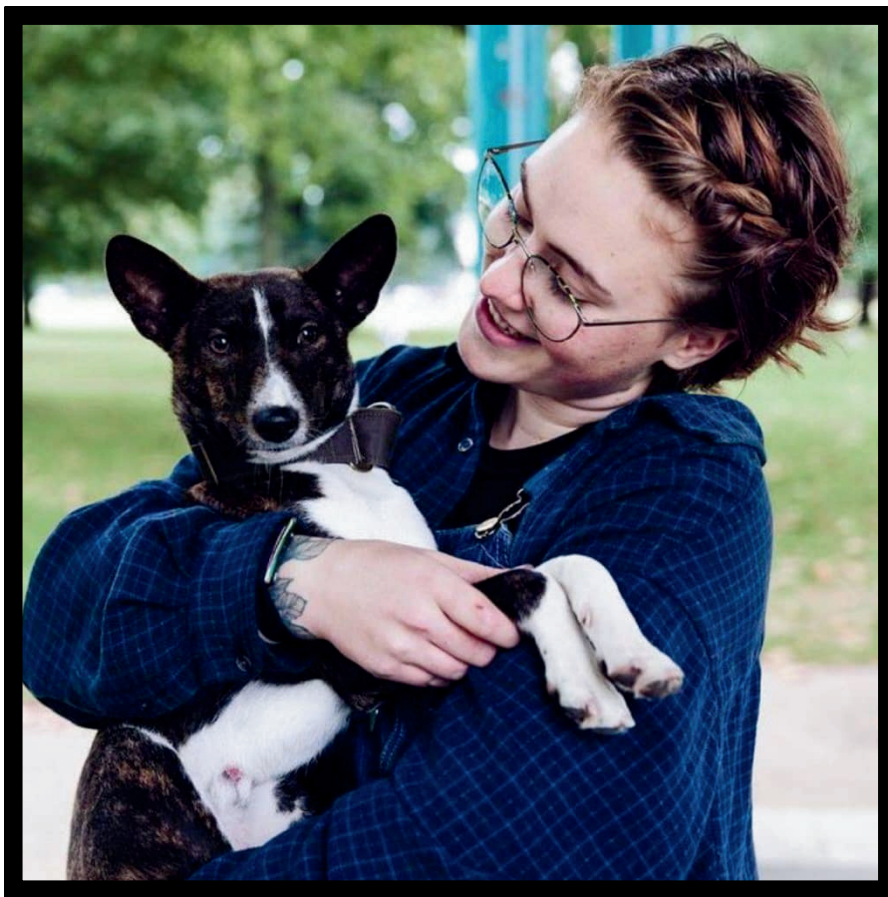
LEONA KAMIO

Leona has been in prison, in pretrial detention, since August 14, 2024.

"My heart is forever with the Palestinian people, I hold my head high, my crowbar planted in a weapon of the Zionist apartheid regime."

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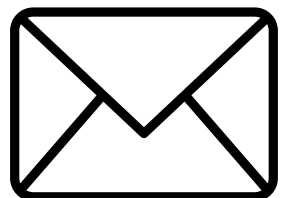


CHARLOTTE HEAD

Lottie has been in pre-trial detention since August 14, 2024, after being arrested at the Elbit site in Filton.

"My name is Lottie, and I was sent to prison for trying to stop a genocide that is happening right now in Palestine. Along with other activists, we took action to try to dismantle one of the arms manufacturers supporting the Zionist regime in this massacre. The police say what we did is illegal, but it is the British state that is acting illegally by allowing these arms manufacturers to operate and profit in our country. Free Palestine."

To write to Charlotte, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Charlotte Head"



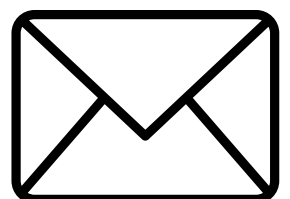


SAMUEL CORNER

Samuel has been in pre-trial detention since August 14, 2024, after being arrested at the Elbit site in Filton.

"This is what the British state does when you act according to your moral compass and choose to resist settler colonialism."

To write to Samuel, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Samuel Corner"



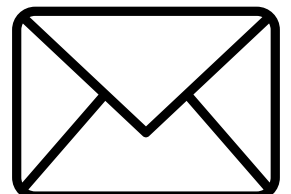


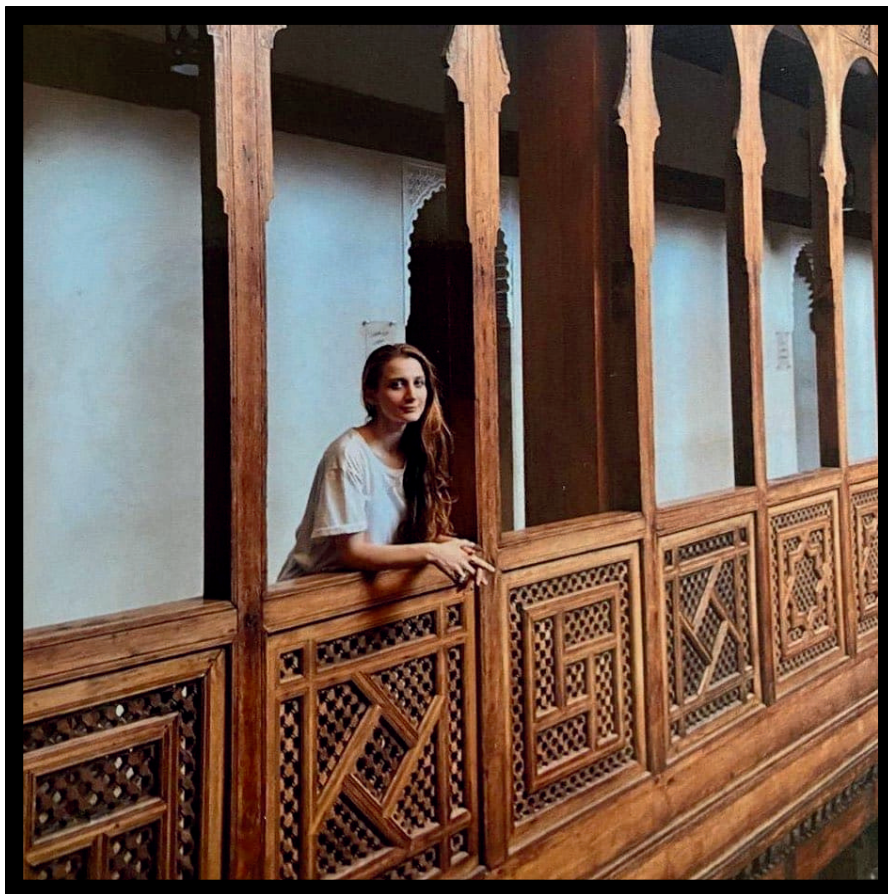
HANNAH DAVIDSON

In June 2024, Hannah broke into the Zionist weapons factory in Kent, located in a "highly secure" compound. Once inside the Elbit Systems weapons factory, she and others caused over £1 million of damage by destroying weapons machinery and equipment.

She was remanded in custody, having been held without charge, as she is accused of being linked to the Filton incident, during which over £1 million of damage was caused to the Elbit Systems research facility.

To write to Hannah, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Hannah Davidson"





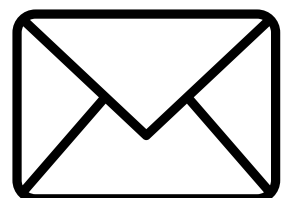
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"I am proud to be part of a movement that loves the Palestinian people and supports their right to resistance with such sincerity that it is happy to take risks."

Teuta, an English Literature graduate from King's College, Oxford, was arrested during the raids against pro-Palestinian activists on November 19, 2024, and has been in pre-trial detention ever since. She spent her 29th birthday behind bars.

Teuta had previously blocked the entrance to Elbit Systems' headquarters in Bristol, forcing the Zionist arms manufacturer to close its site. Shortly after, she also blocked the Manchester offices of BNY Mellon, an Elbit investor.

To write to Teuta, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : T"



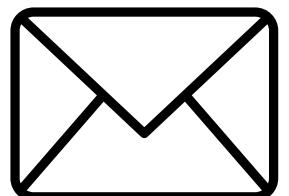


SEAN MIDDLEBROUGH

Sean, originally from Liverpool, was arrested on November 19, 2024, in the third wave of arrests related to the Filton 18. He was remanded in custody. A seasoned activist, he led an action in January 2022 to occupy the roof and dismantle the Shenstone drone factory, and was wrongfully arrested in connection with an action in Newcastle and an alleged plot to shut down the London Stock Exchange.

In both previous cases, the charges were dropped after Sean spent time in custody. He is deeply missed by his family and his 7-year-old son, Noah.

To write to Sean, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Sean Middlesborough"

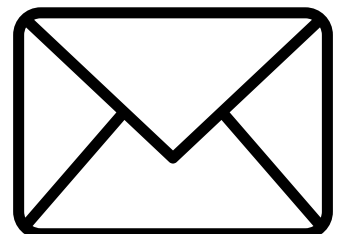




ZAHRA FAROOQUE

Zahra was arrested in November 2024 and has been in pretrial detention ever since. She enjoys sports and reading.

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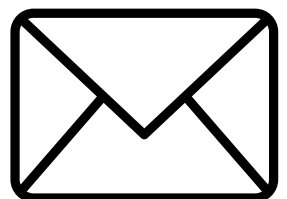




YULIA BRIGADIROVA

Yulia was arrested by counterterrorism police on November 19, 2024, during the third wave of arrests linked to the Filton 18.

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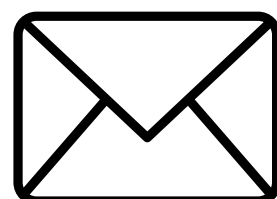




KAMRAN AHMED

Kamran was arrested during the police raids that took place on November 19, 2024. Our comrade is unusually humble and hates cameras, but he is a staunch defender of the cause of the oppressed and a fierce activist.

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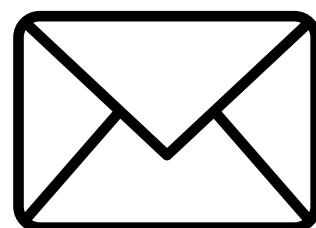




“Q”

Q was arrested on November 19th, in an abuse of "anti-terrorism" legislation by the British government. She was subsequently remanded in custody, accused of an offense that ultimately falls outside the scope of what can legally be classified as "terrorism," illustrating the irregularity of her treatment.

To write to Q, send an email to palactprisoners@protonmail.com with the subject line "FAO : Q"

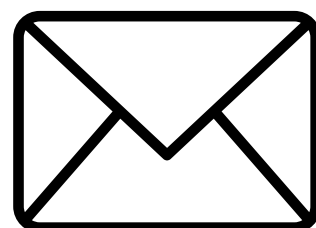




“HM”

HM was taken into custody on 19 November 2024. She was initially detained and questioned under counter-terrorism legislation, before being remanded in custody for an offence unrelated to “terrorism.”

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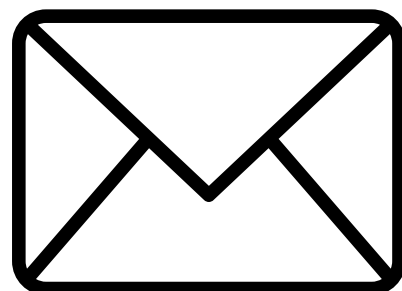




ALEKSANDRA HERBICH

Aleksandra has been in custody since November 19, 2024, when she was arrested by police under "anti-terrorism" legislation.

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PALESTINE ACTION

Palestine Action is a direct action movement committed to ending participation and complicity in the Zionist genocidal and apartheid regime. Using blockade tactics, Palestine Action targets companies that support the Zionist military-industrial complex and aims to make it impossible for these companies to profit from the oppression, colonization, and murder of Palestinians.

Palestine Action's primary target is Elbit Systems, the largest Zionist arms producer. Palestine Action also targets arms companies such as Leonardo, Thales, and Teledyne. In addition to shutting down these companies, our campaign also targets companies and institutions linked to these arms manufacturers.

Palestine Action conducts strategic, regular, and targeted direct actions against key targets to maximize the impact on the key pillars of the Zionist military-industrial complex. We don't rely on politicians or anyone else to create the necessary changes, as we are aware of the level of complicity of most global institutions with the Zionist regime. Rather than begging those who are complicit and perpetrators of genocide to acquire moral compass, we go directly to the source and stop Zionist weapons production ourselves.

By carrying out these direct actions against specific targets, we have achieved several victories. Palestine Action has forced Zionist weapons factories to close permanently, companies to sever their ties with Elbit, and caused the company to lose contracts worth billions of pounds.

TO LEARN MORE:

PALESTINE ACTION

Palestine Action's website where you can find numerous resources on the Zionist military-industrial complex, Elbit Systems, direct action guides to block weapons sites, workshops, etc.

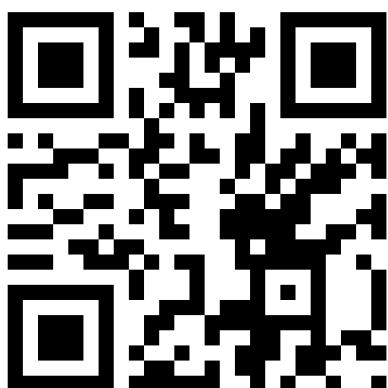


SAMIDOUN

Website of the international network of activists and organizers struggling for the liberation of Palestinian political prisoners as part and parcel of the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea, confronting imperialism, Zionism and reactionary regimes.

GUERRE A LA GUERRE

This coalition brings together numerous groups and individuals from all walks of life, aiming to disarm the war machine and revive popular anti-militarism. A massive mobilization is being organized against the Paris Air Show, the world's largest arms trade show, which will take place from June 16 to 22, near Paris.



MASAR BADIL

The Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement is organizing Palestinians, Arabs and internationals to rebuild the Palestinian revolutionary movement for the total liberation of Palestine and Arab national liberation.

THE CAMPAIGN

FREE THE FILTON 18!

Follow the campaign for the release of the Filton 18, to stay up to date on mobilizations, possible releases and court decisions, and never miss an opportunity to mobilize in support of our incarcerated comrades!

