

Campaign against U.S. and UK arms sales to Israel gains further steam across world



London, October 25 (RHC)-- A new campaign to shut down weapons companies in the US and UK over providing arms to the Israeli regime has gained further momentum, expanding across northern America, Europe and Australia. The campaign, titled Palestine Action, was launched days after Israel waged a

large-scale war on Gaza on October 7, which has claimed the lives of thousands of innocent Palestinians, including women and children.

On October 12, the organizers of Palestine Action US took direct action against Israel's largest weapons manufacturer, Elbit Systems at its so-called "Innovation Center" in the US city of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Activists blockaded Elbit's main entrance and defaced the building with red paint and graffiti, rebuking Elbit for profiteering from Israeli war crimes against Palestinians.

"Elbit Systems will not conduct business as usual in our city, while their weapons are mass murdering the Palestinian people right now," the activists said. "What Israel is doing to Palestine is nothing short of a genocide and Elbit has blood on their hands."

Elbit's Cambridge office has since then been targeted multiple times, with activists spraying the building with upper-case slogans that read, "ELBIT PROFITS FROM GENOCIDE," and "WAR CRIMINALS WORK HERE." Data in media reports show Elbit supplies 85% of Israel's military drone fleet, along with bullets, tear gas, land-based equipment, and internationally banned weapons.

"A child is being murdered every 15 minutes in Palestine," Palestine Action US said on its website. "These bombing attacks not only serve to ethnically cleanse Gaza but will be used by Elbit to market their arms to repressive regimes around the world. By striking Elbit, we disrupt a crucial link in the military apparatus of Western imperialism."

In a new development on Wednesday, Palestine Action US said the activists protested against Elbit Systems at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and disrupted the Israeli firm's recruitment process.

"Elbit Systems, you will not find peace ANYWHERE in Boston. We will keep confronting you wherever you show up. Genocide profiteers are not welcome in our city. We will shut you down," Palestine Action US said in a post on its X social media account.

Palestine Action US also announced in other posts the expansion of the anti-Israel campaign in other countries.

Palestine Action US has called on the international community to recognize the profound terror and grief Palestinians have been experiencing for generations, and move to put an end to the 75-year-long Israeli genocide "still unfolding before our eyes." "As long as we allow Elbit to operate in our communities, every one of us has blood on our hands," it added.

Israel waged war on Gaza on October 7 after Palestinian resistance groups launched Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, a surprise attack into the occupied territories in response to the occupying regime's intensified crimes against the Palestinian people.

The Israeli attacks on Gaza have targeted places of gathering, including hospitals, schools, mosques and churches, displacing more than one million in the densely-populated region, which is home to more than 2 million people.

According to the Palestinian health ministry, the Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip has so far killed more than 6,000 people and left over 18,000 others wounded.

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