

#STOP ARMING ISRAEL



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COMPLICITY
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Israel uses military force to maintain its oppression of Palestinians, who are subjected to daily violence, including house demolitions, mass arrests, extrajudicial executions, as well as the military blockade and large scale bombings on Gaza. These abuses are made possible by Israel's trade in arms with many complicit countries, including the UK. Since 2014, the UK government has approved licences for exports to Israel of arms and other military technology worth more than £500 million, including components for aircraft missiles, drones, sniper rifles and body armour.

Arms companies in the UK are making a killing from Israel's violence against Palestinians. These companies are supported and financed by some of the major financial institutions in the country, such as HSBC.

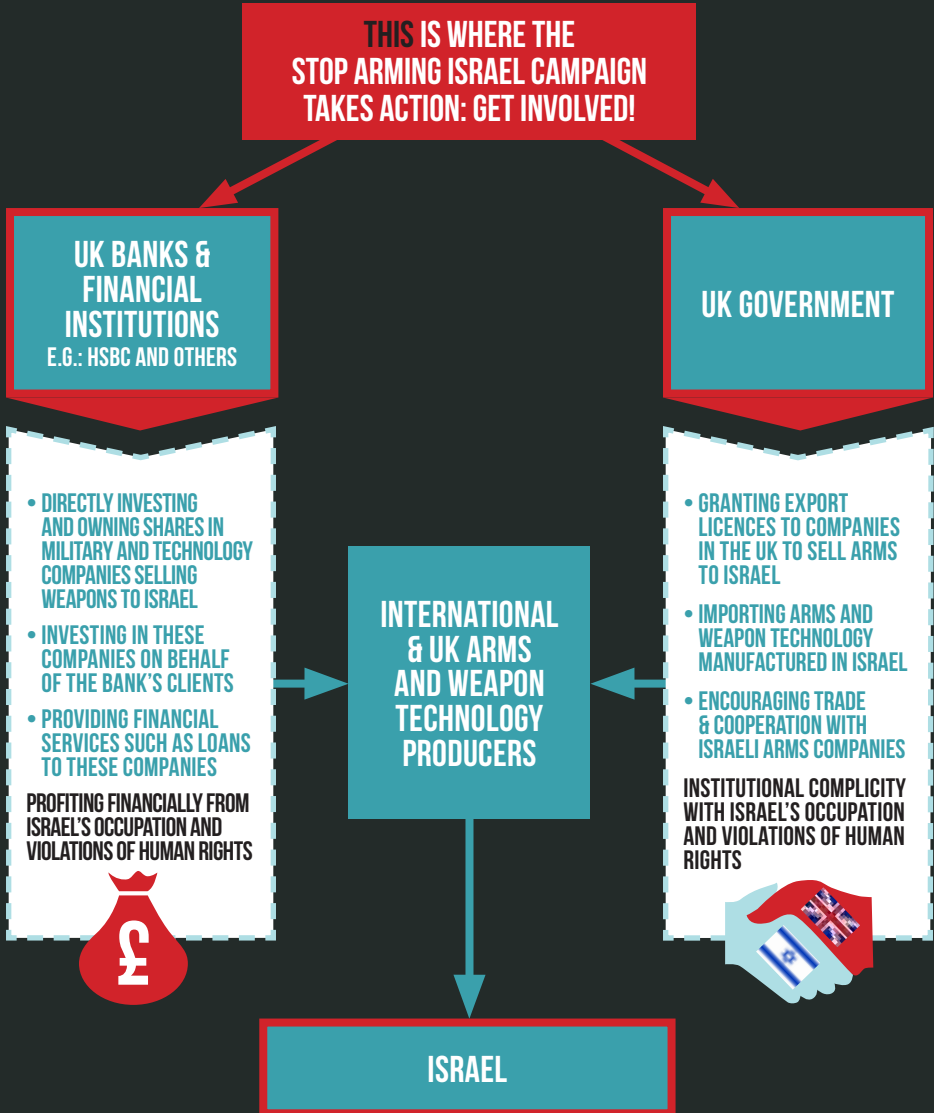


PALESTINE
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THE CHAIN OF COMPLICITY IN THE UK-ISRAEL ARMS TRADE

Both the UK government and UK banks and financial institutions are complicit in Israel's occupation of Palestinian land and violations of Palestinian human rights through the arms trade.



HSBC MUST END ALL OF ITS BUSINESS TIES WITH COMPANIES VIOLATING PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

ARMS SALES ON OUR DOORSTEP

HSBC is a major shareholder in companies that supply weapons to Israel and also provides arms companies with the loans they need to operate.

Through these investments and financial services, HSBC is directly profiting from Israel's militarised oppression of Palestinians.



HSBC **owns shares** in military and technology companies that sell weapons and equipment to Israel worth £830million, including:

- £99.5 million of shares in Caterpillar, whose specially modified bulldozers are used to demolish Palestinian homes, construct Israel's illegal settlements and apartheid wall.
- £180 million of shares in BAE Systems, involved in manufacturing the F-16 fighter jets used by Israel to attack Palestinians in Gaza.
- £69 million of shares in Raytheon, whose 'bunker buster' bombs were identified by Amnesty International as being used by Israel to target Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

After 18 months of our campaign, HSBC announced its decision to divest fully from Elbit Systems, Israel's largest private weapons firm, who markets its weapons as "battle-tested". Although we welcome HSBC's decision to divest from Elbit Systems, we will continue to campaign until it applies the same principles across all of its complicity with companies arming Israel.

If HSBC is serious about its commitment to human rights, it must immediately end its business relationships with companies that arm Israel's militarised repression.

JOIN US IN CALLING ON HSBC TO END ITS COMPLICITY WITH ISRAELI WAR CRIMES AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST PALESTINIANS.

SUPPORT PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS AND GET INVOLVED IN THE STOP ARMING ISRAEL CAMPAIGN

Palestinians have called upon people of conscience around the world to support their struggle for justice by conducting campaigns of boycott, divestment and sanctions, to put an end to government and corporate complicity in Israel's violations of Palestinian rights.

The Stop Arming Israel campaign is our way to heed that call: by calling on the UK government to implement a two way arms embargo on Israel, and by putting pressure on corporations to end their complicity. We can't allow banks on our high streets to continue lending support to Israel's militarised repression of Palestinians.

ACT NOW!

Visit our websites:

www.palestinecampaign.org/campaigns/stop-arming-israel

www.waronwant.org/stop-arming-israel

- **Email HSBC's CEO to pressure HSBC to cut ties with companies supplying Israel with weapons and weapon technology.**
- **Book a speaker or a workshop on how your local group can join the campaign.**
- **Order free campaign materials including action cards and leaflets.**

