

U.S. Protesters Shut Down Weapons Company Behind Arming Israel

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The U.S. police have arrested pro-Palestine activists who shut down an arms company supplying the Zionist regime with weapons, in protest against the Israeli genocide of Palestinians.

Palestine Action U.S. said on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday that activists have “completely halted” the business of Elbit Systems in Boston.

The video posted on the group’s account showed protesters gathering outside the company’s headquarters, chanting “Elbit Systems has got to go” and “Free, free Palestine”.

According to the group, police used pepper spray against the demonstrators and arrested nine people after protesters broke through barricades protecting the building and blocked the entrance.

Activists were heard in the video telling officers “You’re defending genocide of children”, and



Protesters slowly walk in the road outside the factory behind a large banner saying Shut Elbit Down on August 8, 2023, in Leicester, England.

“Who do you protect? Who do you serve?”

Elbit Systems is the largest weapons supplier to the occupying regime. Its American subsidiary, Elbit Systems of America, has operational facilities in Texas, New Hampshire, Alabama, Virginia, and Florida, according to the company’s website.

Elbit America denied that it or its Cambridge plant had been shut down, reiterating support for Israel.

Earlier this month, Palestine Action activists threw red paint and blockaded the entrance to Elbit’s Boston facility as they believe the company “arms the genocide of the Palestinian people.”

The occupying regime launched

the war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Flood against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime’s decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians.

Tel Aviv has also blocked water, food, and electricity to Gaza, plunging the coastal strip into a humanitarian crisis.

The regime has further ordered 1.1 million people in the north of Gaza to evacuate and move to the south of the coastal sliver. However, it has continued to rain down bombs on the south.

On Friday, the Zionist regime announced the expansion of its ground raids in Gaza, cutting off internet and communications in the strip

The occupying regime’s aggression has so far killed 8,306 Palestinians, including 3,457 children, and has injured more than 21,000 others.

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with fuel as long as it continues to bomb civilians in Gaza.

At least 8,610 Palestinians have been martyred in Israeli bombardment since October 7, which came after a surprise operation by Hamas that day in which around 1,400 Zionists were killed and at least 240 were taken captive.

The Palestinian death toll includes 3,542 children and 2,187 women, according to the health ministry.

Around 2,000 people are still missing, including 1,100 children. The vast majority of these people are believed to be dead and buried under rubble.

At least 21,543 have suffered injuries of various severity.

Jabaliya camp is the largest of eight refugee camps in the besieged Gaza Strip, housing over 116,000 people officially registered with UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees. The actual number of people in the camp is likely to be much higher.

It was established in 1948 following the Nakba (or catastrophe), when 750,000 Palestinians were forcibly displaced from their homes to make way for the creation of Israel.

The camp is 1.4 square kilometers, and includes 32 UNRWA installations, 26 schools and two health centers.

Before the Zionist regime’s complete siege on the enclave and ruthless bombardment, Jabalia camp was already struggling with electricity cuts and contaminated water supply due to the 16 year blockade on the Gaza Strip.

UNRWA said three of its staff members had been killed in Israeli air strikes in the last 24 hours.

A total of 67 of their staff members have been killed in Gaza since the start of the war on October 7.

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said Gaza has become “a graveyard for children”.

“Our gravest fears about the reported numbers of children killed becoming dozens, then hundreds, and ultimately thousands were realized in just a fortnight. The numbers are appalling; reportedly more than 3,450 children killed; staggeringly this rises significantly every day,” the organization said.

“Gaza has become a graveyard for thousands of children. It’s a living hell for everyone else,” the statement added.

Meanwhile, the director general of the New York office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human rights resigned over the “textbook case of genocide” unfolding in Gaza.

In a letter dated October 28, Volker Turk stated that he was writing “at a moment of great anguish,” as the world sees “a genocide unfolding before our eyes.”

He said his organization appears “powerless to stop it.”

“The current wholesale slaughter of the Palestinian people, rooted in ethno-nationalist settler colonial ideology, in continuation of decades of their systematic persecution and purging, based entirely upon their status as Arabs, and coupled with explicitly statements of intent by leaders in the Israeli government and military, leaves no room for doubt or debate,” the letter read.

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While the bulk of the funding is for Ukraine, it still includes a hefty \$14.3 billion for the occupying regime of Israel.

The budget request includes funds for the “potential needs of Gazans fleeing to neighboring countries”.

In a October 20 letter, the Office of Budget and Management said the current crisis “could well result in displacement across border and higher regional humanitarian needs and funding may be used to meet evolving programming requirements outside of Gaza”.

The letter, coupled with a push for Egypt to open a humanitarian corridor and the reluctance of U.S. officials to call for Israeli restraint, has raised fears that the White House is endorsing the mass displacement of Palestinians from Gaza.

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resistance group conducted a surprise raid against the occupying entity.

The operation, dubbed Al-Aqsa Storm, led to some 1,400 deaths on the Israeli side and was described as the worst defeat suffered by the regime in 75 years since its creation.

Israel has used the operation to justify a brutal military campaign against Gaza, which has left more than 8,500 Gazans dead, including over 3,500 children.

UN Experts Call on Taliban to Free Two Women Rights Defenders From Custody

ISLAMABAD (AP) – UN experts on Tuesday demanded the Taliban immediately release two women rights defenders who have been in detention for more than a month with no reason given for their arrest.

The Taliban have barred women from most areas of public life and work and stopped girls from going to school beyond the sixth grade as part of harsh measures they imposed after taking power in 2021, as U.S. and NATO forces were pulling out of Afghanistan following two decades of

war.

UN experts, including the special rapporteur on Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, described the release of Neda Parwan and Zholia Parsi and their family members as an urgent matter. They have not been granted legal representation, charged with a crime or brought before a court.

“We are increasingly concerned about their physical and mental wellbeing,” the experts said in a statement. They urged Taliban authorities to demonstrate respect for rights and freedoms and

said there was no justification for the detention.

The experts say people must not lose their freedom just for expressing dissenting views, and women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and more likely to be targeted because of their gender.

“The Taliban seem to be continuing to intensify their restrictions on civic space, especially through silencing of the voices of women and girls, thus creating a chilling effect,” the statement said.

The experts welcomed the recent release of French-Af-

ghan journalist Mortaza Behboudi and campaigner Matiullah Wesa, the founder of the nongovernmental group Pen Path, which champions girls’ rights to education.

Wesa, who was arrested seven months ago, has been outspoken in his demands for girls to have the right to go to school and repeatedly called on the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan to reverse its bans on female education.

Afghanistan is the only country in the world with restrictions on female education.

Staff at German Workplaces in Jordan Threatened With Dismissal Over Palestine Views

AMMAN (Dispatches) – Staff in German governmental and non-governmental organizations operating in Jordan, including the German Embassy, are facing potential dismissal threats if they engage in online pro-Palestine advocacy, according to testimonies shared with Middle East Eye.

In some cases, employees have also been requested to express their disapproval of Hamas’s operation in southern parts of the occupied territories on 7 October. These actions seem to align

with the stance of the ruling Social Democratic Party in Germany, which is currently endorsing the occupying regime’s military operations in Gaza.

In response to the latest measures against staff at German workplaces, the Jordanian NGO Action to Support the Resistance and Confront Normalization, an alliance of political parties, labor unions, and independent entities, has strongly criticized what it views as “foreign organizations in Jordan exerting pressure on their employees to

elicit positions sympathetic to Zionist activities”.

Mohammad al-Absi, the coordinator of the organization, decried the policies adopted by these foreign entities, saying, “Certain foreign organizations operating in Jordan, which have consistently misrepresented their values and ideals as champions of freedom, liberal values, human rights, social democracy, and other misleading slogans, are now pressuring their employees. Our group has obtained evidence

and complaints from some of these employees.”

Al-Absi further explained that this pressure on employees manifests in two primary forms: first, employees are pushed to adopt positions and beliefs that condemn and disavow resistance and violence associated with acts of armed resistance. Second, employees are restricted from writing, publishing, or sharing any content that supports the Palestinian cause or expresses solidarity with it.

Turkey Carries Out Operations Against PKK Across 28 Provinces

ANKARA (Xinhua) – Turkish security forces have carried out anti-terror operations across the country’s 28 provinces, destroying shelters and equipment of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), a cabinet minister said on Tuesday.

A total of 4,731 security teams have carried out raids in PKK’s rural hideouts and destroyed 11 large caves and bunkers of the group, Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

The forces seized a total of 37 kilograms of explosives and 12 mines. Some 57 guns and rifles, 10,135 units of ammunition for various weapons, 10 hand grenades, and a large amount of food, miscellaneous items, and organizational documents were also seized in these raids, said the minister.

The raids were part of the ongoing “Operation Heroes” against the PKK group, which claimed responsibility for a suicidal bomb attack in the capital Ankara on Oct. 1. The attack took place in front of the Interior Ministry’s building, leaving two assailants dead and two police officers wounded.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, has rebelled against the Turkish government for more than three decades.

Meanwhile, the Turkish National Intelligence Organization (MIT) has killed the logistical ringleader of the PKK in an operation in northern Iraq, the semi-official Anadolu Agency reported on Tuesday.

Cahit Aktay, codenamed Huseyin Piran, was involved in a planned attack in Turkey’s “Op-

eration Claw-Lock” zone in northern Iraq, the agency quoted anonymous security sources as saying.

Aktay was allegedly plotting attacks on Turkish security forces and working to smuggle weapons and ammunition.

The PKK member was also believed to have taken part in the planning of a 2016 attack in Turkey’s southeastern Sirtak province, where three Turkish soldiers and two village guards were killed.

He joined the rural ranks of the PKK in 2008 and became the group’s financial and logistical ringleader in the Metina region in 2019.

The MIT has stepped up its operations abroad in recent years to stamp out “terrorist” activities against Turkey in neighboring Iraq and Syria.