

# Supporting Israeli apartheid: EU funding for Elbit Systems

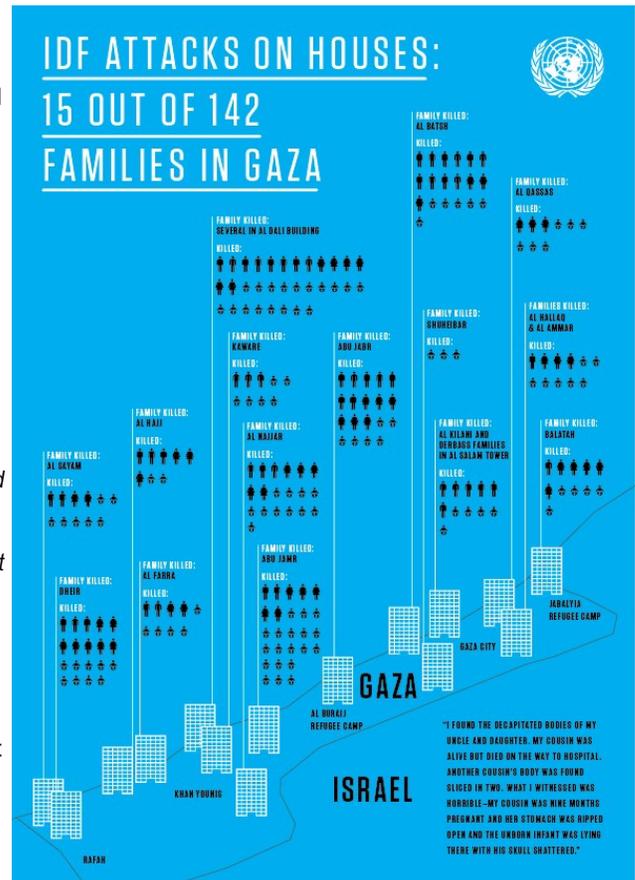
On February 9, 2015, the Israeli Directorate for the European Research Area (ISERD) announced the approval within the framework of Horizon 2020 of 205 project with the Israeli Participation, for a total value of 452, 3 M €<sup>1</sup>. Additional applications for Horizon 2020 are still under review.

Elbit, one of the most iconic accomplices of Israeli violations of International law and a notorious war profiteer, has already applied with at least 6 projects to Horizon 2020. One of its aims is to develop is Laser Gated Imaging (LGI) technology, a dual-use technology employed in military applications, and is likely to be used in the maintenance of the Wall, settlements and/or military technology. The participation of Elbit in Horizon 2020 Space projects is alarming because the system already developed by Elbit within the framework of FP7 appears to be used by the Military Intelligence Unit of the Israeli Forces, responsible for controlling Israeli satellites and determining their control of West Bank and Gaza.

Concern about additional funding to Elbit and its subsidiaries that improves such technological capacity increases in light of the 24 June UN Report on 2014

military operation in Gaza, where Elbit participated in supplying sniper rifles, drones, fire control systems in the Merkava tanks and avionics for Israel's F16<sup>2</sup>. According to the Report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, 2,251 Palestinians were killed, the majority of whom were civilians; more than 11,000 were injured and 18,000 housing units were destroyed<sup>3</sup>. The UN report not only points again at possible war crimes but squarely denounces the lack of accountability: *"impunity prevails across the board for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law allegedly committed by Israeli forces, whether it be in the context of active hostilities in Gaza or killings, torture and ill-treatment in the West Bank"*<sup>4</sup>.

Reassurance that EU ethics procedures are in place only highlight evident flaws in these procedures as long as such funding activities continue.



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**WE THEREFORE CALL** on European Civil Society, members of the European and National Parliament and governmental representatives, to lobby and pressure the relevant EU institutions to exclude Elbit systems and any other Israeli entity involved in the States' military-industrial-scientific complex (including their subsidiaries) from EU mechanism and cooperation.



<sup>1</sup> [http://www.iserd.org.il/\\_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/ISERD\\_STAT\\_H2020\\_09022015.pdf](http://www.iserd.org.il/_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/ISERD_STAT_H2020_09022015.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/CoIGaza/A\\_HRC\\_CRP\\_4.doc](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/CoIGaza/A_HRC_CRP_4.doc) : p. 87.

<sup>3</sup> *ibidem*: p. 154.

<sup>4</sup> *ibidem*, p. 180.

## FACTS

Elbit has already participated in five projects within the FP7 funding circle and its 'security research' program, which channels EU money straight to Israeli Defense and National Security sectors (26 M € in 49 projects)<sup>5</sup>.

Israel and its military industry use every military operation for the testing, development and marketing of new technologies:

- During Operation Protective Edge, Israel used more drones than ever and new prototypes of unmanned vehicles received their first real world testing. It has been reported that the Hermes 900 drone underwent its final flight testing during the military operation<sup>6</sup>.
- After Operation Protective Edge, the CEO of Elbit Systems stated that all the Elbit products were in operational use by the IDF and had been tested during the conflict<sup>7</sup>. Just after the conflict Elbit shares rose to 6,6%.

Continued EU funding for the Israeli military-industrial-scientific complex will aid Israeli Occupation and military aggression and maintain the EU's involvement in Israel's war crimes and violations of international law.

Possible funding for Israeli military and homeland security companies, such as Elbit Systems, will not only run counter to the call for a military embargo on Israel but will:

◇ almost inevitably violate the EU Commission's commitment against dual use funding. Elbit dual use technology is liable to be used to perpetrate violations of international law by the Israeli military. According to the EU Commission: "In accordance with rules drawn up by the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament and the European Commission, funding for projects under Horizon 2020 can only be drawn down for research that will be applied for civilian purposes only."

◇ The money channeled to Elbit Systems through participation in Horizon 2020 increases its cash flow and boosts its financial situation, thereby allowing Elbit to develop technologies that they use to further Israel's occupation in the West Bank. The issue at stake is not the projects themselves but the contribution by the EU to the company. These projects de fact are subsidy to the company, including its production of military and surveillance technology for the Wall and Settlements.

◇ The EU facilitates its European institutions and companies to benefit from and contribute to violations of international law. This would run counter to the guidance to private business issued by 19 EU member states, which warn businesses about the economic, legal and reputational "risks" of economic ties with illegal Israeli settlements and state that firms should be aware of the "possible abuses of the rights of individuals" such transactions may contribute to.

**The fact that EU ethics procedures are in place does not legitimize EU funding for Elbit Systems. Ongoing funding for Elbit Systems and the Israeli military-industrial complex prove that EU ethics procedures are not effective.**



### EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS

**UNGUIDED - ARTILLERY SHELL**



155MM ARTILLERY SHELL

**40KG**



**2000 LITRAL FRAGMENTS PROLIFERATED**



THE IDF SAID AT LEAST 34 000 ARTILLERY SHELLS WERE FIRED INTO GAZA IN 2014 - A DAILY AVERAGE OF 600 SHELLS PER HOUR INTO GAZA BY THE IDF.

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**GUIDED - JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITIONS (JDAM), 2000LB VERSION**



6.3M

**THE SHOCK WAVES CREATE THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF PRESSURE PER SQUARE INCH. 2 INCH WAVE OF 12 PSI WILL KNOCK A PERSON DOWN, AND THE BURNING THRESHOLD IS 15 POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH.**

**THE PRESSURE FROM THE EXPLOSION CAN RUPTURE LUNGS, BURN SKIN SCALDED AND TEAR OFF LIMBS HUNDREDS OF METERS FROM THE BLAST SITE.**

**15.24M WIDE CRATER**



**FIRES FROM UP TO 40 KM AWAY**



**PENETRATES DEPTH OF METAL OF 20CM OF CONCRETE**



**FALLS WITHIN 7M AWAY FROM TARGET**



**1.7TON**



**LETHAL FRAGMENTATION RADIUS IS 255M**



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**GUIDED - AIRMILITARY HELICOPTER MISSILES**



1.62M - 1.72M

**HELICOPTER IS CURRENTLY PRODUCED IN THREE CONFIGURATIONS - DIVISION, BLAST, FRAGMENTATION AND THERMORADIC**

**FIRES FROM UP TO 20M AWAY**



**45.5KG TO 40.4KG**



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For the original version of the briefing: <http://www.stophthewall.org/sites/default/files/horizon2020%20elbit.pdf>

Or visit: <https://www.stophthewall.org/divest-elbit>

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.iserd.org.il/\\_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/final\\_il\\_stat\\_iserd\\_dec2014.pdf](http://www.iserd.org.il/_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/final_il_stat_iserd_dec2014.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.middleeasteye.net/in-depth/features/israel-boasts-latest-drones-some-first-used-gaza-1379210706>