

Talking points on Motorola's sale of their Government Electronics Department (GED)



Boycott & divestment pressure has forced Motorola to distance itself from Israel's violations of international law.

- Motorola is following the same pattern that they did when consumer pressure forced them to disassociate themselves from South Africa's apartheid regime, i.e. not ceasing production of offensive products but "spinning off" the division responsible for the offensive products.
- "Operation Cast Lead" brought increased scrutiny to Motorola, as Human Rights Watch found evidence of Moto weapons components at civilian sites that were bombed by the Israeli military.
- Moto has denied to publicly comment on this sale – the only reason given publicly is for Aeronautics Defense Systems to "provide more comprehensive solutions to its customers."
- The Jerusalem Post reports that numerous other Israeli companies have already announced that their businesses are suffering due to international boycott & divestment movements.

This sale does not necessarily mean an end to Motorola Israel's weapons production.

- Motorola has a close relationship to Aeronautics Defense Systems, the two companies have already collaborated on the "Stronghold Surveillance System," which is used around the perimeters of illegal Israeli settlements.
- Motorola already supplies the Israeli military with communications equipment specifically built to interface with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) manufactured by Aeronautics Defense Systems.

Motorola still supports Israel's military occupation & apartheid policies through non-GED products.

- Motorola – independently, and in cooperation with other military contractors like Aeronautics Defense Systems – still produces myriad products for the Israeli military & illegal settlements.
- Motorola surveillance systems protect Israel's apartheid wall and Jewish-only settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territory – both the wall and settlements are illegal under international law.
- Motorola Israel's wholly owned subsidiary, MIRS, has a line of mobile phones exclusively for Jewish Israeli settlers; this product line normalizes settlement life and further entrenches the apartheid system in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- Motorola Israel's wholly owned subsidiary, MIRS, has a three-year contract to provide the Israeli Military with cell phones.

Public pressure on Motorola will continue until it no longer profits from Israel's military occupation and apartheid practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

- There are more 300 local *Hang Up On Motorola* boycott campaigns active around the United States.
- The national *Hang Up On Motorola* campaign will be coordinating public protest outside of Motorola's shareholder meeting.
- Public pressure has forced Moto to sever its relationships with the South African apartheid regime and the military junta in Burma, it's only a matter of time before we force Moto to respect international law and human rights in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.