

Meeting with <redacted>, and <redacted>

Date:

Time and venue:

Private Secretary comments:

Objectives of the discussion

- Reassure Elbit Systems UK and the wider sector affected by Palestine Action that the Government cares about the harm the group are causing the private sector.
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Points for Minister to raise

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Background

Criminal activity and convictions

Palestine Action typically engage in acts of criminal damage and aggravated trespass. They routinely throw red paint on and smash the windows of their targets' sites.

Although there have been successful prosecutions of Palestine Action members, there have been multiple instances of charges being dropped and defendants acquitted by juries and magistrates.

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Staffordshire Police

Elbit Systems UK's sites in Staffordshire Police's force area are regularly targeted by Palestine Action, placing the force at the forefront of the policing response to the group.

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CPS

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A Director from the Attorney General's Office will be attending to represent the CPS. The CPS declined to participate in this meeting to preserve their operational independence.

Elbit Systems UK

Elbit Systems UK is a defence, technology, and aerospace company. It employs over 600 people across thirteen sites in the UK. It is an established supplier to the UK armed forces and participates in major UK defence programmes.

It is a subsidiary of Elbit Systems Ltd, an Israeli defence company, but operates independently from them.

Palestine Action

Palestine Action are a pro-Palestinian protest network, formed in July 2020, which engage in civil disobedience and direct action to shut down and disrupt multinational arms dealers. They target UK based operations which provide arms used in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Their stated aim is to “shut Elbit down”. In addition to targeting Elbit Systems UK they target associated organisations such as the property companies whom Elbit Systems UK rent commercial sites from and other companies they deem complicit in alleged human rights abuses against Palestinians.

Palestine Action does not meet the threshold for proscription as they do not commit, participate in, prepare for promote, encourage, or otherwise be concerned with acts of terrorism.

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Past lobbying

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Annexes

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