

## **Company of Concern:G4S**

**Description:** G4S is a British-Danish private security company that operates in over 120 countries; it is the largest security company in the world. G4S is notorious for operating private prisons and providing deportation services internationally and it is heavily involved in the Israeli occupation industry. Source:<http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/campaigns/g4s>

**Concerns:**G4S Israel provides security apparatus, surveillance systems, and maintenance services to Israeli incarceration facilities inside Israel and the occupied West Bank, where Palestinian political prisoners are held in violation of international law and child rights treaties. The company provides scanners to Israeli military checkpoints in the West Bank and Gaza; checkpoints are a form of population control and severely restrict Palestinian freedom of movement and economic development in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Additionally, the company provides security services in illegal Israeli settlements. Source: <http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/campaigns/g4s>

**Other Concerns:**In the United States, G4S operates privatized juvenile detention facilities. G4S works alongside Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection to detain and deport people across the U.S./Mexico border and transport ICE detainees to ICE detention facilities throughout the country. Worldwide, their operation of private prisons and deportation centers makes them a controversial company, especially in light of the numerous documented inhumane practices at these facilities as well as multiple accounts of labor abuses against G4S employees. Source: <http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/campaigns/g4s>

### **Actions and Attempts to Change Behavior:**

United Methodist Church Divests from G4S

[https://www.kairosresponse.org/uploads/UMKR\\_PR\\_UMC\\_Divests\\_G4S.pdf](https://www.kairosresponse.org/uploads/UMKR_PR_UMC_Divests_G4S.pdf)

Gates Foundation Sells Stake in U.K Prison Operator

G4S<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-06-06/gates-foundation-sells-stake-in-u-k-security-company-g4s>

A number of well-known artists, activists and politicians publicly called on G4S to end its complicity in Israel's abuse of child prisoners. They include Nobel Peace Prize winner and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African politician and former political prisoner Ahmed Kathrada, novelist Alice Walker, musician Roger Waters, university professor and former political prisoner Angela Davis, author Breyten Breytenbach, Palestinian actor Saleh Bakri, and a number of members of the British parliament.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/04/g4s-complicity-israel-abuse-child-prisoners>

After an annual general meeting, G4S confirmed that it will end all its Israeli prison contracts by the year 2017.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/06e06252-ecc9-11e3-8963-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3iSBJAxTF>

Durham, North Carolina became the first U.S. municipality to boycott a company because of its role in perpetuating injustice in Israel/Palestine. Durham ended a \$1-million private police contract with G4S in November 2014.

<http://www.bdsmovement.net/2014/major-campaign-success-against-g4s-in-the-us-12869#sthash.YNLMzm1c.dpuf>