some EMC executives. For example, Doron Kempel, the former Vice President and General Manager for EMC’s Media Solutions Group, had previously “served in multiple command roles as an officer in the Israeli Defense Forces.”

And then there’s Gili Raanan, who “spent nine years at the Israeli Intelligence Corps” and “recently served as a Vice President of Strategy at EMC Corp.” During his more than 10 years with the “Israeli government in several key innovative software projects,…he was awarded the Israel Security Presidential Award in 1996 and the Israeli Defense Forces Innovation award in 1992.” Raanan was also a Senior Product Manager at Amdocs. (See pp.5-6.)

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Largely owned by Russian plutarch Roman Abramovich, and with assets of about US$18 billion, this Russian company – headquartered in Luxembourg – is one of the largest steel production and mining businesses in the world.

In 2007, with major operations already established in Russia, Ukraine, Canada, Italy, South Africa and elsewhere, Evraz bought Oregon Steel Mills (OSM) for US$2.3 billion. The acquisition of OSM’s facilities in Oregon, Colorado and Alberta, made Evraz USA “the largest producer of armor plate” in the US. In fact, OSM is one of “only two steel mills in the United States…qualified to produce armored steel for the Defense Department.” The US Army purchased US$46 million worth of Evraz products in 2008 alone.

The FMF program “provides grants for the acquisition of U.S. defense equipment” that is sold to select US allies, almost exclusively in the Middle East. While FMF grants in 2011 totalled US$5.47 billion, US$3 billion of that was used to pay for US military transfers to one country, Israel. Unfortunately, the JVL report does not mention the year, or years, during which Evraz OSM received FMF funding for its sales to Israel. Nor does the JVL note what products the company exported. However, we do know that the export was military-related and that it must have occurred after Evraz acquired OSM in 2007. We can reasonably assume that the FMF grant covered the sale of Evraz armour destined for Israeli military vehicles because this is the main military application of the company’s products.

When it bought OSM in 2007, over 40% of Evraz was owned by Roman Abramovich, who was the richest of Russia’s 52 billionaires at that time. An Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post, noted in 2010 that Abramovich was the wealthiest Jewish businessman “in the oil and commodities” sector. This “one-time confidant of the Yeltsin family” made his riches by acquiring highly-profitable, publicly-owned Soviet assets when the country’s wealth was sold off in the privatization programs of the 1990s. With a net worth of $13.4 billion, the Russian tycoon is now the world’s 53rd richest man. He is alleged by countless sources to have been involved in crimes including blackmail, bribery, share-dilution, theft, loan-fraud and antitrust law violations.

Abramovich is not likely to oppose future Evraz exports to Israel’s military. Israel’s Haaretz newspaper has pointed out that Abramovich was a “guest of honor” at a major event of the Elad Association. Haaretz, which calls Elad a “rightist” or “right-wing”...
Israeli group, has frequently reported on its illegal efforts to acquire Palestinian properties and to build on Arab land. The paper has also suggested that Abramovich is one of Elad’s top donors. Among Elad’s critics are Rabbis for Human Rights-Israel which calls itself as “the rabbinic voice of conscience in Israel.” It “champion[s] the cause of the poor in Israel,” “support[s] the rights of Israel’s minorities and Palestinians,” opposes Israel’s separation wall and joined protests against Elad.

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Fiat Industrial

Canada Pension Plan 2011 Investment

$17 million

This Italian company, with assets of US$49 billion began operations on January 1, 2011, when it was demerged from Fiat SpA. (See p.33.) All three Fiat Industrial (FI) subsidiaries have links to Israel’s military industrial complex and/or the illegal occupation of Palestine.

(1) Iveco

This wholly-owned FI subsidiary makes army trucks and has partnered with Israel’s largest arms makers. For example, some of its military vehicles are fitted with remote-controlled weapons turrets built by Israel’s largest war industry, Elbit Systems. (See pp.28-29.)

Other Iveco military vehicles are equipped with the Mobile Coastal Surveillance System. Its radar, which detects small targets at sea, is made by Elta, a subsidiary of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI). IAI is Israel’s second largest military contractor. (See “State-owned Israeli War Industries,” p.48.)

(2) CNH Global

FI owns 89.3% of this Dutch maker of agricultural and construction equipment. The “Who Profits from the Occupation” website says construction vehicles made by CNH Global (Fiat Kobelco) have been used to build Israel’s separation wall, check points and illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank. And, it notes, Fiat equipment has been “used for uprooting trees from Palestinian land in the West Bank.”

The “Who Profits” webpage about CNH Global has a YouTube video link described: “Fiat Kobelco machinery used in the construction of the Separation Wall.” This video, recorded near N’s lín, a town near Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, documents a 2008 rally in which Palestinians and Jews united to protest the construction of Israel’s separation wall. In the clip, an Ex355 Fiat-Hitachi tracked excavator is seen behind a razor-wire barrier that cordoned off the wall’s construction site. When protesters neared the site, Israeli troops fired at least two dozen tear gas canisters at them.

During their long struggle against Israel’s occupation, hundreds of N’s lín residents “have been wounded, dozens have been arrested” and several have been killed by Israeli forces.

(3) FPT Industrial

This FI subsidiary, which makes engines for vehicles made by Iveco and Fiat SpA, now owns 50% of VM Motori SpA, an Italian maker of diesel-engines. Its 2.8-litre, 156-horsepower engines drive the latest “Storm 3” jeeps used by Israel’s military and police. These jeeps, assembled in Israel, are made by Chrysler which is now largely owned by Fiat SpA. (See p.33.) VM Motori engines are also used in Israel’s armed “Sufa [or Storm] 2” jeeps.

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