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



his 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 "Stateowned 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, checkpoints 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 Ni'lin, 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

VM Motori engines are used in Israeli army jeeps, like the Sufa [Storm] 2 and 3. "Sufa-2"

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 Ni'lin 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 armoured "Sufa [or Storm] 2" jeeps.

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