

Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

Canada Pension Plan Investments

2012 shares = \$11 million
(Direct & indirect investments)

2011 shares = \$8 million
(Direct investments only)

Mitsubishi Motors is the fifth largest car manufacturer in Japan. It emerged in 1970 from the automotive division of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which – with annual military revenues of US\$1.2 billion in 2010 — is the largest war industry in Japan, and the 26th largest in the world. During and prior to WWII, the Mitsubishi companies not only made warplanes, and used Chinese slave labour, they also dominated much of the opium trade from the Middle East to China.

In 2006, Israel's *Globes* business paper reported that “hundreds of Hyundai Getz and Mitsubishi Lancers [were delivered] to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), in the first stage of a military contract.”

Besides supplying cars to the Israeli military, Mitsubishi supplied vehicles to Israel's police force. This is documented in photographs on a website called “Israel Police Cars.” It shows that the Israeli police have used Mitsubishi's Pajero SUVs as patrol cars. The site also shows a Mitsubishi police van which was apparently used as a mobile laboratory.

Mitsubishi also provides its Pajero 2.8 TDI diesel engines to an Israeli military company called Saymar Ltd. Saymar then installs these Mitsubishi engines in high-mobility, all-terrain military vehicles called the Pinzgauer 712. This six-wheel drive truck which can carry 10 troops is now built by BAE Systems. (See previous issue, pp.8-9.)

An online Saymar video says the company “has become a leading manufacturer and service provider for the Israel Defense Forces.” *Israel Defense* magazine describes Saymar as being

“behind the modernization, upgrade



Israeli military industry, Saymar Ltd., upgrades Pinzgauer trucks with Mitsubishi diesel engines.



Mitsubishi has supplied vehicles to the Israeli military as well as SUVs and vans to Israel's Police.



and improvement of thousands of armored vehicles with its innovative systems for the IDF in Israel and for many law enforcement and military organizations worldwide.”

Since 2010, 100% of Saymar's shares have been owned by Israel's largest war industry, Elbit Systems. (See previous issue, pp.28-29.)

The “Who Profits from the Occupation” database notes that Mitsubishi trucks are imported and distributed in Israel by Mayer's Cars and Trucks. (This Israeli company also deals in Renault and Volvo vehicles. See pp.31-32 and 50.)

The “Who Profits” database also notes that Mitsubishi power generators are distributed in Israel by Orcal Industries and Mechanisation, and that Orcal-supplied generators “are installed in the Atarat military checkpoint in the West Bank.”

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