

Toyota Motor Corp.

Canada Pension Plan Investments

2012 shares = \$197 million
(Direct & indirect investments)

2011 shares = \$170 million
(Direct investments only)

video surveillance technology.” MATIMOP, an Israeli government agency that promotes Israeli companies, says ioImage’s “video perimeter protection security system,” has “passed successfully a nine-month testing by the Israeli Defense Forces involving elite commando troops trying to penetrate the system.”

Between 2000 and 2003, TI sold about US\$7.4 million worth of products for AH-64 attack helicopters and F-16 fighter bombers. These contracts were largely for night vision equipment and electrical/electronic hardware, respectively. These two kinds of US military aircraft have been used in Israel’s airstrikes against Lebanon (2006) and Gaza (2008-2009).

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economy,” making him admit guilt for “rejoicing over another country’s war.”

Besides Toyota’s military products, its assembly lines have also been responsible for causing deaths. In discussing the “Karoshi” phenomena, which literally means “death from overwork” in Japanese, labor analyst Sasaki Shozo noted that Toyota “clearly shows” its “attitude of putting top priority on profits rather than safety.”

Police Vehicles

This Toyota business attitude shone through in 2010 when more than 10 million Toyota vehicles were recalled. In Israel, this recall affected about 33,000 vehicles. But Israeli civilians aren’t the only ones driving Toyotas in that country. As *AutoGuide* writer Derek Kreindler pointed out in 2010, the “Israeli Defence Force already uses... the Toyota Hilux pickup for various duties.” This is confirmed by on-line photographic and video evidence which documents that Toyota has been supplying these 4x4 trucks to the Israeli police since the early-1990s. Such evidence also confirms Israeli police use of Toyota’s jeep-like “Land Cruisers” as well, including the LC75 “troopy,” and current use of the Toyota “Corolla.”

For decades, Toyota has been supplying vehicles to Israel’s Police. Here for instance are two Toyota “Hilux” Police trucks.



A Toyota “Hilux” Police truck in 2007 with Jerusalem’s Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock in the background (right).



An Israeli Police Toyota “Land Cruiser,” the “LC75 Troopy” (above), and a Toyota “Corolla” Police cruiser (right)



Israel's Saymar Ltd., owned by Elbit Systems, uses Toyota engines to upgrade AML-90s and other armoured vehicles.



Israel's MDT Protective Industries armoured a fleet of Toyota "Land Cruisers" for Prime Minister Netanyahu and Israel's secret service.

Saymar Ltd. also uses Toyota's 'Land Cruiser' for its 'Muskateer'



Engines for Armoured Vehicles

Toyota also provides engines to an Israeli military company called Saymar which installs them in at least four different varieties of military vehicles. Since 2010, Saymar has been wholly-owned by Israel's preeminent weapons behemoth, Elbit Systems. (See previous issue, pp.28-29.) Saymar uses 2-lit, 102 hp Toyota diesel engines in various armoured and weaponised battle vehicles for export, including:

- AML-90 and ELAND-90 (Armoured vehicles with 90 mm guns)
- Panhard M3 (Armoured troop carrier)
- Panhard VBL (Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle)

Saymar says it has been providing its "products and services to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and foreign defense organizations" since 1982. However, it is not so open about which governments have ordered the above-mentioned vehicles. Only AML-90s are known to have been used by Israel.

Vehicles Get Armoured

Saymar also makes the "Musketeer Multirole Light Armoured Vehicle," "based on a proven Toyota Land Cruiser (4x4) cross-country chassis." "[A]imed at both the home and export markets," Muskateers, use Toyota 4.2-l diesel engines and include roof mounted 7.62 mm machine guns.

Toyota also sells "Land Cruisers" to Israel's MDT Protective Industries, which armours them for the Israeli military and secret service. MDT provides "battlefield proven vehicle armoring" used in "combat and counterterrorism operations" and describes the Israel Defense Forces as its "main customer." MDT has supplied

the Israeli Defense Ministry with "more than 700 armored vehicles." It also armours vehicles for Israel's Police vehicles as well as for "Israeli special forces and special services." MDT says its other Israeli clients include "various settlements" as well as Pelephone (owned by Bezeq), Cellcom and Partner Communications. (See previous issue, pp.11, 17, and this issue, p.29.)

MDT's website notes that it has armoured Toyota Land Cruisers for the Israel Security Agency (i.e., Israel's "Secret Service"), including vehicles used by Israel's prime minister. This was confirmed by *AutoGuide's* Derek Kreindler in 2010, who referred to Prime Minister "Netanyahu's current fleet of Toyota Land Cruisers.

Toyota also sells vehicles for armour upgrading to Philcar, another Israeli firm. Calling itself "a leading provider to the Israeli Army, Police, Special Forces and other governmental agencies," Philcar says "all of our products have gone into battle and are combat proven." When naming "prominent brands" of vehicles that it armours, Philcar puts Toyota at the top of the list, followed by Mercedes and Unimog (owned by Daimler), International Truck (made by Navistar) and Volvo. (See previous issue, pp.21-22, and this issue, pp.22-23 and 50.)

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