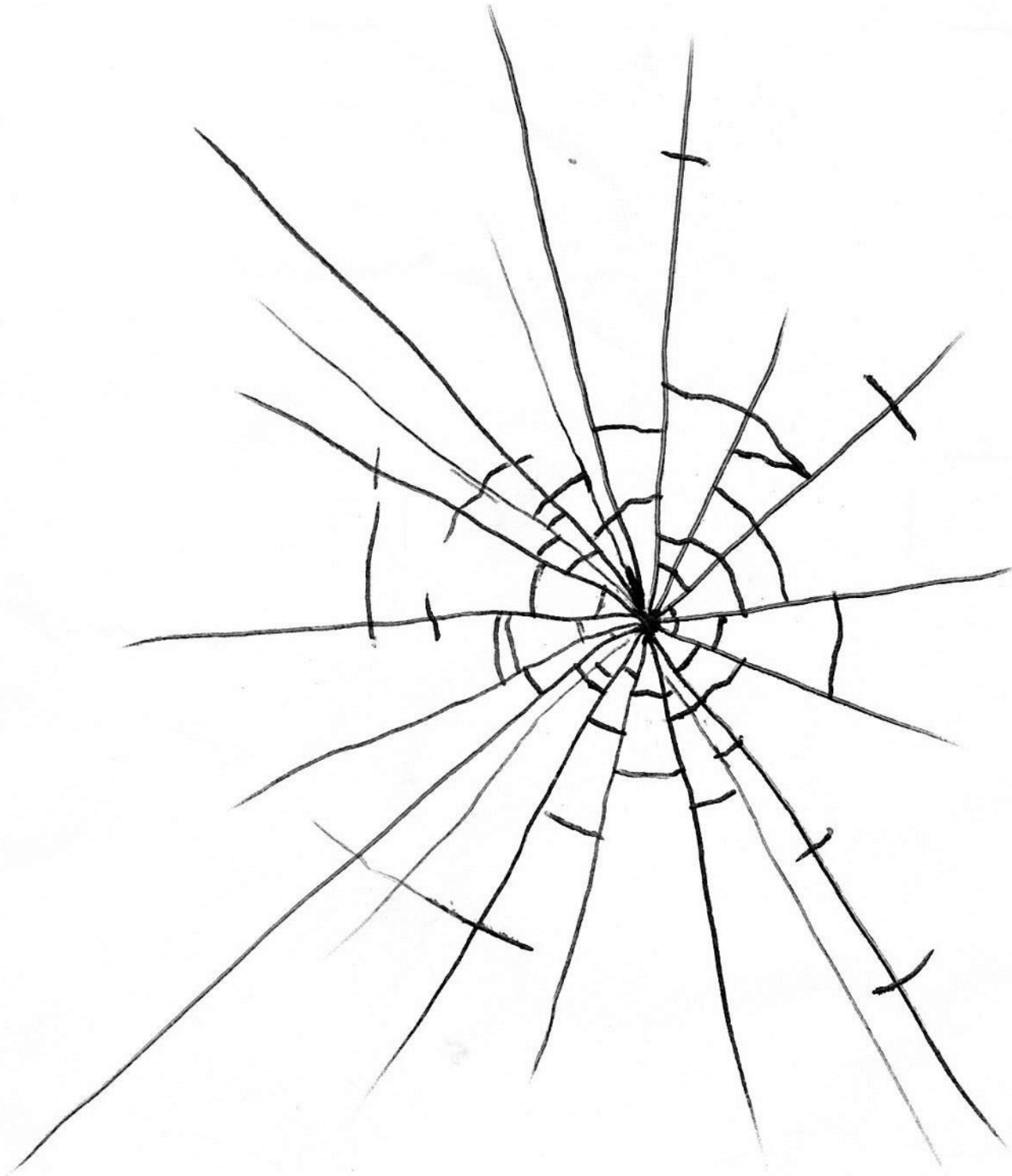
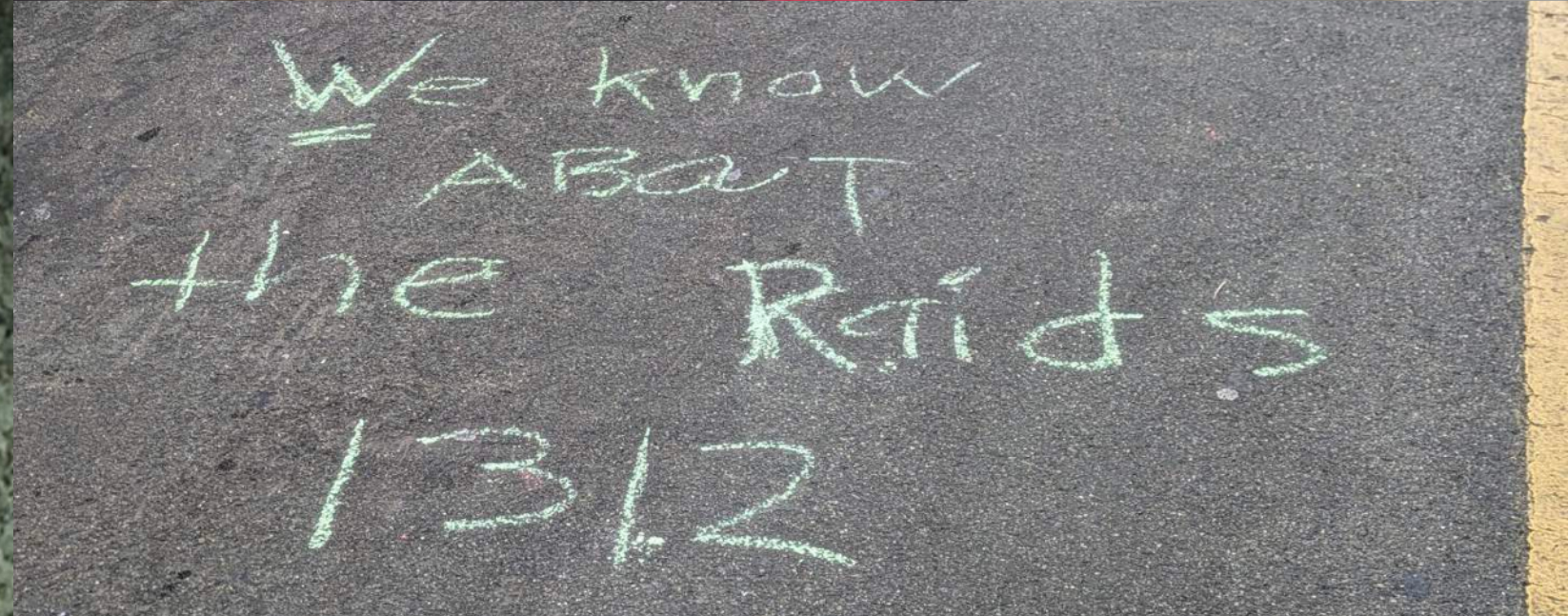


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continue building with others who have loved ones inside, and to organize noise demos at the prisons, jails, and detention centers for occasions beyond only New Year's Eve. Think toward Black August. Think longer term.

At the end of the day, a number of people involved in the demo met to share a meal and reflect. Among those in attendance, there was an overwhelming sense of motivation and direction to seize initiative over the coming years, and push the limits of what is currently imagined possible with regards to demo-actions at the prison gates. There was a sense, shared by some, that we could have stayed out there for much longer than an hour.

For future consideration, we are calling on all to reconsider the potential role and function of demo-actions within a broader abolitionist anti-prison strategy, and to experiment with the infinite array tools and tactics that can be drawn upon when descending upon these gulag camps. We encourage people to continue re-building a revolutionary abolitionist movement in the Bay Area and beyond. Be safe, stay dangerous.

some abolitionists

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Anarchists Sabotage Train Lines in Northern California

This action was taken in response to a larger call coming out of the Bay Area to protest against the continued bombing of Gaza and the violation of the Ceasefire by Israel.

On the morning of December 2nd at 5:00am we sabotaged various strategically located train lines in Northern California: in Pittsburgh, Oakland, Niles, Bahia, and Lodi. We used a tactic shared by natives and accomplices of the Wet'Suwet'en tribe in so called Canada. We took large gauge copper wire and wrapped it around both rails of the same train track. Doing this completed the low voltage current running thru the rails notifying the train operator that the track is occupied and cannot be used until the obstruction is found and removed. This method for stopping train traffic yields the lowest possibility for derailment, and thus the least likely to cause harm to human or animal life. We did this in solidarity with the ongoing resistance to genocide being waged against Palestinians by the so called state of Israel.

As anarchists we refuse to beg the masters of war for a ceasefire. We took it upon ourselves to sabotage the ability of so called Israel to commit genocide, by sabotaging the flow of capital in the US, and thus the machinery for war abroad. We know that the refined oil, the modems, computer parts, semi conductors, and all other commodities traveling out of California along Union Pacific and BNSF train lines everyday for export around the world, facilitates the massacre of Palestinians. The so called state of Israel necessitates the smooth flow of US tax dollars and direct material support of all kinds to carry out a genocide of this scale. Every shipyard, train line, warehouse, and trucking facility needs to operate efficiently for the death machine to be seamless.

The genocide happening in Gaza is part of a much larger project serving the West's deteriorating hegemonic rule over international trade. The blockage of the Suez Canal for six days in March of 2021 highlighted how precarious this trade infrastructure is. It also revealed how politically dangerous it is for the US, due to Egypt's alliance with Russia, to control such a linchpin in the global economy.

Biden and Netanyahu seek to bypass the Suez Canal by constructing their own ship route across occupied Palestine. The Ben Gurion canal project, as it is called, named after the founder of Israel, seeks to connect the Mediterranean Sea to the Gulf of Aqaba, with its northern port of entry in Gaza. Palestinian liberation stands alone as an obstacle against this furthering of western hegemony. We refuse to be complicit in forcing Palestinian people to pay the ultimate price for imperialist greed.

Our emphasis was on reminding people inside the prison that if they take collective action, there is an outside movement that is working to support them. "You Are Not Alone" was the rallying cry and underlying message shared to comrades held captive in CMF. We showed out not simply as a symbolic gesture of solidarity. We showed out to directly affirm, in person, at the entrance of this facility, that there is an existing support network of autonomous groups, people, platforms and community forums that can support them if they take direct action against the prison.

Whether it is the need for phone zaps to expose or challenge a particular normalized abusive practice, or the need for material support during collective actions such as work or hunger strikes, we have been diligent rebuilding a decentralized abolitionist network that can support such actions. Actions like these are an important part of building a *culture of resistance* on both sides of the walls, wherever you exist in this carceral hellscape.

Going out to the prisons for a noise demonstration means something no matter what, but it is a surreal kind of experience when you know people on the other side of the wall. We encourage more groups who work with imprisoned people, their loved ones, and other support groups to rally numbers in their networks this year, to

prisoner uprisings and large-scale (statewide and nationwide) strikes that have dramatically advanced the trajectory of abolitionist struggles today. With this resurgent phase of rebellion in mind, we are reminded of our departed comrade Cole, who answered the Oakland Abolition & Solidarity phone line when prisoners called for many years, and who passed in 2022. He was with us the entire day in the form of the Black and Red flags that he used to carry to action after action.

We decided to hold the noise demo for about an hour and then collectively bounce to evade getting stopped by Vacaville PD. We intentionally planned the demo to start when visitation was ending, so as to impact prisoners as little as possible and to be seen by visitors leaving the prison. Cars continued to stream in and out of the prison gate; some waving as they passed, others honking and cheering us on.

Two different people from the neighborhood came up to our group to express support and that they had loved ones inside of CMF. One person was on the phone with their husband and shared that he could hear everything we were saying from his location in the prison. Both people were very excited that we were out there and very excited to connect. Another comrade from inside reported they could hear us from the yard, and also heard someone doing donuts in a car on the other side of the prison.

In targeting the infrastructure of global trade we recognize the implications on this genocide. As insurgents in the heart of empire we have an essential role to play. We have access to the inner workings of the war machine, and we are uniquely placed to clog its arteries. The flow of global capital is incredibly fragile—all it takes is creativity and a willingness to act. We encourage others to sabotage the logistics infrastructure of capital as a means of disrupting business as usual. Bring the war home!

- some anarchists



Nationwide Subsidiary *Attacked* in San Francisco

Posted on December 7, 2023 -

Inspired by the recent attack in Walnut Creek, every window was smashed at a Nationwide subsidiary in San Francisco. Direct hits were achieved despite the presence of iron bars covering the windows.

Nationwide is the insurance provider for Cop City in Atlanta. They are a target that both exists everywhere and would be difficult for Cop City to replace if they pulled out. Their locations can be found on their website or at uncovercopcity.blackblogs.org. Use Tor, preferably with Whonix or TAILS. Insurance agents see the world as a calculation of risks and profits. Our hatred for the State and Capital is beyond measure. Consider this an act of God.

For Alfredo Bonanno, Alexis Grigoropoulos, Frantz Fanon, Tortuguita, and Palestine.

explained, is part of a pattern of racially-concerted antiBlack harassment in the visiting process at CMF. Black prisoners and their loved ones over the past year have also been frequently subjected to punishment for expressing policy-sanctioned and legally-permitted acts of romantic intimacy. One example in recent months is the suspension of visits for a Black couple as retaliation for sharing a kiss before departing at the end of a recent visit. This heightened control of specifically Black prisoners and visitors persists throughout the entire visitation process, amounting to a systematic attack on Black intimacy and bodily integrity.

Abolitionist organizers are preparing to begin a phone zap and focused campaign, rooted in the principles of autonomous direct action, that addresses these specific conditions by targeting institutional pressure points of CMF/CDCR.

Comrades spoke out in honor of Ruchell Cinque Magee who spent the end of his very long sentence at CMF, only to pass within months of his release. Cinque was the longest held political prisoner in the U.S. to date, imprisoned for 67 years and punished for his unyielding resistance to the prison regime. The speaker who commemorated Cinque also spoke about the past decade of a resurgent Prisoner Movement, which between 2010 and 2020 has brought into motion a decade of insurgency,

Two banners were raised on the fences by the prison entrance; one read "FUCK CDCR", the other "FREE THE PEOPLE/FREE THE LAND/BURN THE PLANTATION". The banner colors were red, black and green on an off-white banner, to show appreciation both for our New Afrikan comrades in the prison, and to draw connections between the struggle against the U.S. white supremacist settler State and resistance to the genocidal Zionist occupation of Palestine. We added pink to the banners to signify solidarity with queer and trans prisoners in CDCR, and solidarity with the survivors of FCI Dublin (another scandalous Bay Area prison). Some of the prison's signs were redecorated with marker.

Speeches were made through a megaphone and wheeled sound system. People who have been involved in support efforts for some comrades imprisoned at CMF shared about the conditions inside this specific facility. Echoing across the premise, they recited facts such as an account of the recent string of *targeted raids conducted by a group of guards, who have been planting drugs and items deemed contraband in the cells of Black and Brown prisoners.*

Attention was also brought to particular violations of Black women in the visiting rooms, with cops forcing women who wear wigs to remove them from their heads prior to entering for bogus "drug searches." This, the speaker





Screaming at the Gates

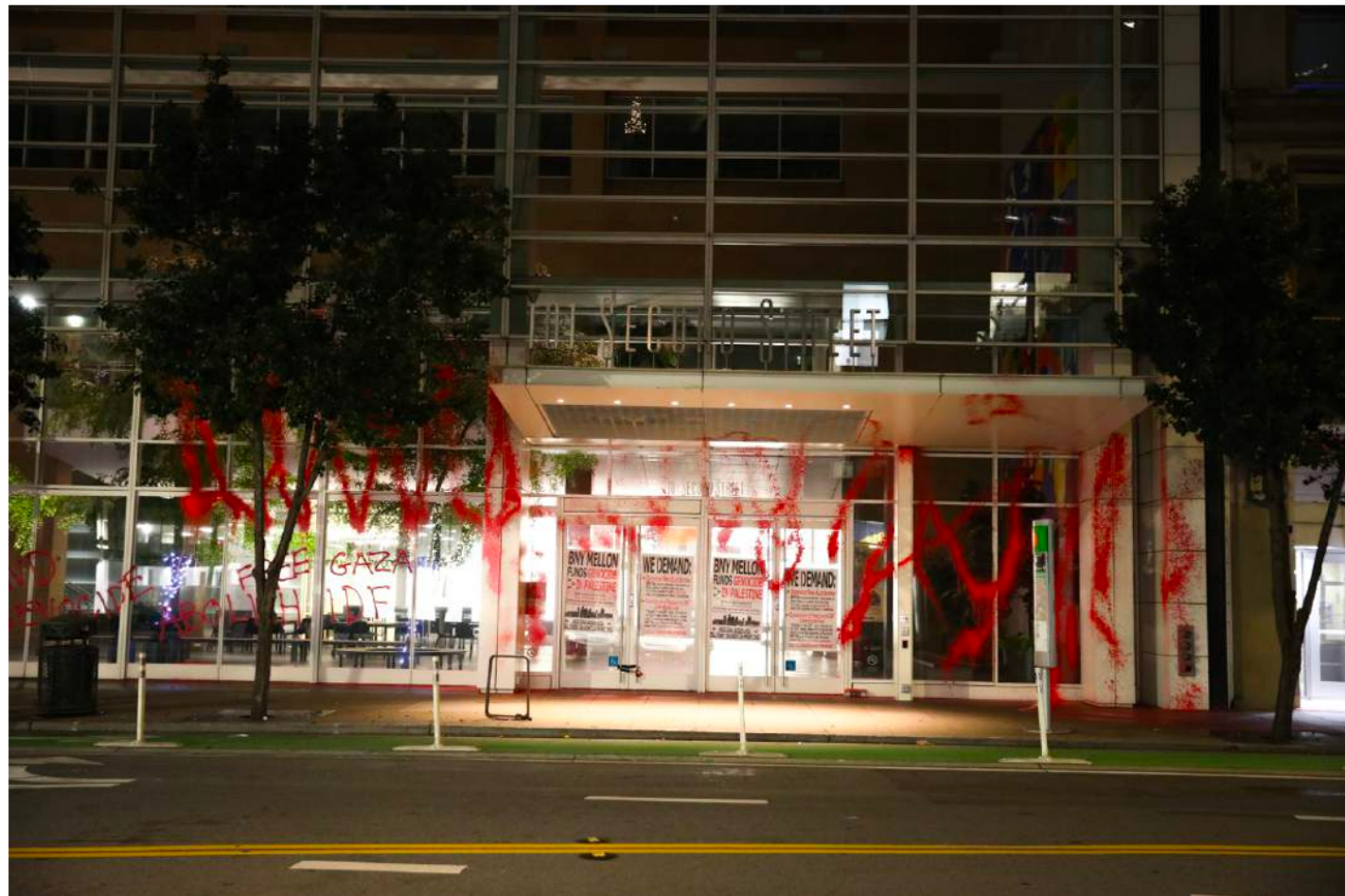
A Reportback from the New Year's Eve Noise Demo at CMF Vacaville

In keeping with tradition, abolitionists from around the Bay Area converged on New Year's Eve to hold a noise demo at the front gates of California Medical Facility (CMF), a prison in Vacaville that holds approximately 2000 people captive (mostly disabled, immuno-compromised, or in recovery, many elderly). The group numbered around 30-40 and was heard from inside certain parts of the prison, according to several reports. The entrance gate where the action took place was adjacent to a neighborhood, from which a lot of people came out to film and take supportive interest in the event. In between statements and words, we blasted music that echoed throughout the prison property and the surrounding neighborhood. Songs ranged from local classics such as "Punk Police" by Mac Dre to anti-police bangers such as "I Have a Dream, Too" by Dead Prez (a song that famously lists the names of abolitionist martyrs such as George Jackson, Yogi Pinell, and Ruchell Cinque Magee).



12/11 | Action Taken Against BNY Mellon in Solidarity with Palestine!

On Dec. 11 the 2nd Street entrance to Bank of New York Mellon's (BNY Mellon) offices was turned into an art piece highlighting their support of the ongoing genocide in Palestine. This was done in solidarity with the ongoing resistance to the Israeli occupation, and to help mark the General Strike called for by Palestinians in response to the U.S. vetoing the U.N. security council resolution to stop the war on Gaza.



BNY Mellon is an American bank that supports the Israeli & U.S. led genocide in Palestine in two major ways: 1) They are a primary funder of Elbit Systems*, the largest weapons manufacturer for Israel; 2) they help facilitate U.S. money transfers in support of the IDF through a charitable gift fund titled "Friends of the IDF** Donor Advised Fund." BNY Mellon is on the 24th floor of the building that is host to many other offices. The building occupants should know what their neighbors are doing - they should know about BNY Mellon's complicity in the murder of Palestinian people.



Even though UC Berkeley is an educational institution, it seems they haven't yet learned their lesson. We must be prepared for the Park's next chapter.

Join the bulldozer alert text list by texting SAVETHEPARK to 41372.

Follow @peoplesparkberkeley on Instagram for livestreams and updates as they become available.

Learn more about <https://defendthepark.org/>

This attack could come very soon! It is possible to be in the end of 2023, or early days of 2024. Please tell your comrades now & make plans to come out to Berkeley to protect the park. Bring helpful equipment such as ladders, bolt cutters, and spray paint.

For more information:

Numerous international companies have divested from Elbit stock noting their contribution to violations of international humanitarian law. In contrast, over the last few years BNY Mellon has continued to increase their holdings (including since October 7th) to a total of 68,000 shares valued at \$13 million. This is direct profiteering from genocide.

This is a call to target all institutions that are implicated in and/or profiting from the murder of children and the ongoing colonization. These offices and the individuals who run them*** are already drenched with the blood of Palestinians - make it visible. Hold demonstrations, marches, vigils, and clandestine visits until the demands for their divestment from Elbit Systems and the permanent removal of the "Friends of the IDF Donor Advised Fund" from their services are met.

This was done in solidarity with the more than 18,000 Gazan's murdered since Oct. 7th, and all Palestinians resisting Israeli oppression.

This was done in solidarity with the thousands of Armenians from Artsakh that have been murdered and displaced from their homeland by the Azerbaijani regime in 2023 and before.

This was done in solidarity with all who have taken action to disrupt BNY Mellon, Elbit and it's subsidiaries, and any genocide profiteers around the world.

GLORY TO THE MARTYRS

LONG LIVE THE INTIFADA

PALESTINE WILL BE FREE

*Elbit systems is an Israeli-based military technology company that is the primary provider of Israel's land-based equipment and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's), amounting to 85% of the equipment used by the IDF and Israeli Air Force. There is also clear evidence linking Elbit's technologies to war crimes committed by other colonial and oppressive regimes including Azerbaijan's ethnic cleansing of Armenians in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

While there are many weapons manufacturers involved in the Palestinian genocide, Elbit is a uniquely grotesque enabler of violence. Of particular note is their eagerness to live-test new weapons technologies on Palestinian people as a mode of advertising their weapons of horror to other apartheid regimes including India, Azerbaijan, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Iceland, the E.U., Mexico, Switzerland and Thailand (on October 22nd, 2023 the Israeli army released footage of a newly piloted precision-guided 120mm mortar bomb called the "Iron Sting" being tested against Palestinians).

There has been a recent surge in efforts to hold Elbit accountable for their crimes against humanity. Direct actions taken by individuals and groups across the U.K. and U.S. have included the occupation of factories and offices, direct dismantling of the weapons during production, and the targeting of subsidiaries, funders, and any other companies that enable their work. These efforts are noble and inspiring, recently leading to Elbit's U.K. branch's sole recruitment company - iO Associates - ending its association with the company.

**The Friends of the IDF is a non-profit, fundraising arm of the Israeli Occupational Force. Their mission is to raise extra funds from private donors in the US in support of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinians. In other words, they facilitate Zionists in the US investing personally in the weapons and personnel that are murdering Palestinian people and stealing Palestinian land. People from the Bay Area may remember the November 5th "Friends of the IDF Gala" that was hosted by this organization in San Carlos and protested by community members - BNY Mellon is one of a small number of U.S. banks that advertises services to facilitate the transfer of the funds raised at that gala to Israel.

***Christopher Brown is the Northern California branch market president :)



People's Park, Berkeley at Risk

UC Berkeley has begun preparing for an upcoming assault on People's Park. This Wednesday, surveyors were at the park to measure the site for construction.

In August 2022, UC made a similar attempt to 'take the park.' Despite hundreds of riot police, they were only able to keep the park fenced for several hours — during which time contractors cut down a majority of the park's trees. The destruction was highly emotional, as the park runs deep and many knew of or were those who had planted them in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s.

By the afternoon, the police were forced to retreat by individuals' scattered actions to block bulldozers and equipment and pry open the fences. The supposedly indestructible military grade fences were torn down & the park was liberated again!



12/13

Young People Protest Genocide and Denounce Censorship



Intifada for Palestine

Winter Solstice Rally and March

—excerpts from mainstream news

12/21 Downtown Oakland

“Police say protesters damaged several downtown buildings during a pro-Palestinian rally and march on Thursday downtown...

“The march began shortly after 7:30 p.m. near the federal building on Clay Street, which police say ‘quickly got out of hand’...

“Police said protesters broke windows at the Starbucks, Citi Bank, Walgreens, and damaged an ATM at the Wells Fargo Bank...

“Vandals also spray painted graffiti on several buildings with words like ‘Free Gaza’, ‘Land Back’, ‘Houseless Lives Matter’, and ‘Death 2 Zionism. Several parking meters were damaged, unusable...

Hundreds of young people, mostly high school students, showed up after school at the San Francisco Unified School District office on San Francisco's Franklin Street to protest Israel's attempt at Palestinian genocide. The students, many wearing keffiyehs, now become a symbol of solidarity with Palestine, also let it be known that they will not be censored. Supported by teachers and other adults, they demanded a cease fire and inveighed against attacks and discrimination against Muslims. Demonstrators also demanded that money be for education, not weaponry. With flags and signs, the protest expanded into Franklin Street and yellow vested protesters redirected traffic away. Though the protest was just in back of City Hall, not one police agent was visible. The action concluded with a sound truck leading a short march.

U.S. Flag taken down and replaced with Palestine Flag at S.F. Golden Gate Bridge Demo



ISLAMAPHOBIC BILLBOARDS

DEFACED ACROSS THE BAY

**12/16 | Bay Area Unions &
Thousands of Workers
Rally & March for
Palestine in Oakland**

youtube.com/watch?v=L9k79honqlA



