

Petition: Council use of JCB Equipment ~ 260 Signatories

Petition against Monmouthshire County Council use of JCB equipment

I am writing to you on behalf of the Monmouthshire Group of Amnesty International and the 260 people who signed our recent petition against the Council's use - whether directly or through contractors - of JCB equipment.

As you may be aware, for over 73 years Israel has forcibly displaced entire Palestinian communities and demolished hundreds of thousands of Palestinians' homes, causing terrible trauma and suffering; and the Israeli actions have been condemned as a system of Apartheid by Amnesty International.

We are concerned that machinery produced by JCB is used by Israeli forces in the illegal demolition of Palestinian homes which is a war crime under international law; and our petition suggested that no public authority in the UK should be doing business with a firm whose products are used to commit human rights abuses and war crimes.

We are fully aware, of course, that the use of JCB equipment to carry out the functions of the County Council is a legacy of the previous administration but we are calling on you, with the support of 260 signatories, to stop giving contracts involving the use of JCB machinery until JCB takes all steps within its means to prevent its machinery being used to commit war crimes.

I electronically, attach a list of signatories; and the petition can be viewed at chnng.it/tgKjCkYykv