

PALESTINE ACTION

THE UNDERGROUND MANUAL

STEP 1

CREATE A CELL

A CELL IS AN AUTONOMOUS GROUP TAKING ACTIONS WITHOUT DETECTION AS PART OF PALESTINE ACTION UNDERGROUND.

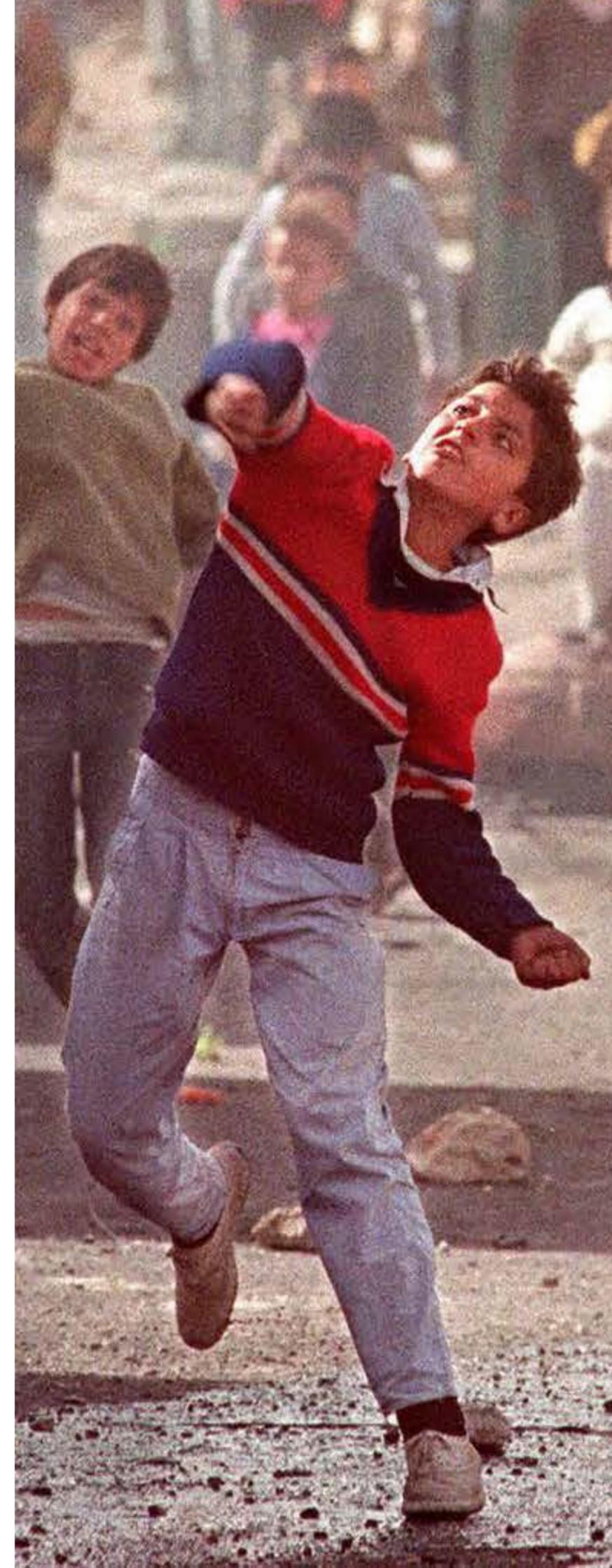
To build your cell, it is crucial that you only invite **TRUSTED** people to take part in it. You don't need loads of people either. Keeping the cell small, makes it more secure. **3-5 PEOPLE** is an ideal number. BUT, just one person taking action on their own is enough!

However, taking action with other trusted people, makes it safer and means you've always got back up with you.

Once you've got your cell together, come up with a name. This can be named after a Palestinian freedom fighter, a play on taking action against the war machine, or anything else that's appropriate.

Next, get a **protonmail address**. This will be key for sending in your actions, which we talk about later on in the guide. Once your cell has done its first action, and sent in the information to actions@palestineaction.org, we will then respond to you with further information, potential future targets and any other tips and tricks that we come across in the Palestine Action Underground.

Please refer to the technology page for more advice on protonmail and proton VPN



STEP 2

PICK A TARGET

BRITAIN

Now you've got your cell (or yourself), it's time to pick your target. Head to our website to find a list of secondary and primary targets who enable and profit from the Israeli weapons industry in Britain. Making your job to pick one a slightly easier process! Each is just as culpable as the other, and applying pressure to them is key to breaking the links which sustain Israel's arms trade.

It might be simpler to pick a target based on your locality, making it easier to plan, conduct the reccies and save some transport costs!

CHECK OUT THE TARGETS

If you are not based in Britain, then it might take a little bit of research to find your relevant target. As Israel's weapons industry isn't content with just the destruction of Palestine, they tend to try and expand their reach to every corner of the globe.

CHECK OUT THE NEXT PAGE TO FIND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS



STEP 2

PICK A TARGET

INTERNATIONAL

A starting point for research is to make sure your using a secure browser when looking into complicity companies. Here are some key search terms to use alongside the country/city you live in:

ELBIT SYSTEMS

RAFAEL

TELEDYNE

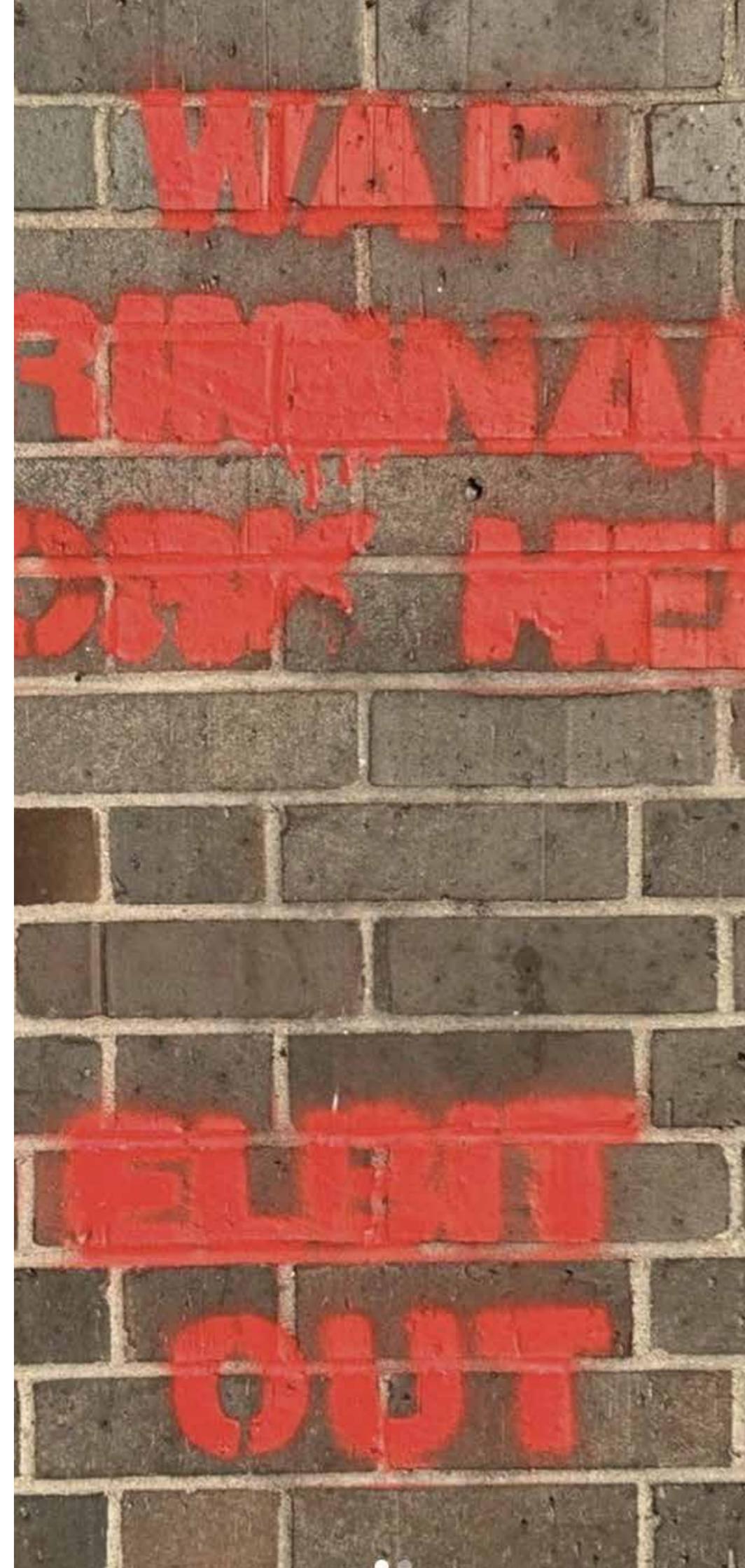
If that doesn't bring any fruitful results, then you can try searching the company names of all our targets included here and see if they have a presence in your country/area.

"elbit systems" "leicester"

Some countries may have a Ministry of Defence which has made a deal to buy weapons from Elbit Systems or another Israeli weapons firm, without having a factory in the country. Targeting the Ministry of Defence offices, or any other relevant buildings associated with government making decisions, is always a possibility.

It's also definitely worth looking into your country's weapons firms, or as they might call it "security and defence". Many countries have their own public and private weapons firms, who deal with the apartheid state of Israel. For example, Thales is a french weapons firm with many links to Elbit Systems.

CHECK OUT THE TARGETS



STEP 3

PREPARE FOR ACTION

If picking your target didn't get you excited enough about your new venture to dismantle Israel's war machine, preparing for action definitely will.

WHEN PREPARING FOR ACTION, KNOWING YOUR TARGET AND DOING AN EFFECTIVE RECONNAISSANCE (RECCE) IS VITAL. RECCE PROVIDE KEY INFORMATION TO MAKE YOUR ACTION AS SMOOTH AND DAMAGING AS POSSIBLE.

Before we get into what information you need to gather, let's talk about not being obvious as f*** when you do a recce. Depending on where your target is, changes how you need to act. For example, if it's in the middle of town centre, then going for a walk with a friend or by yourself and pulling out a camera to look at the site doesn't look suspicious at all. However, if you're going out in the sticks walking around an industrial estate with a selfie stick - you'll probably stand out a bit. On going for sites in more rural areas, try asking to borrow someone's dog to take them on a walk (or walk your own dog if you've got one). You can also do a drive by, but make sure you're getting the key information you need from this.

Now, before you go heading into town centre or to walk your dog, it's always worth having a look first on google earth. After searching on google earth using a secure browser (Tor for example), and using the little yellow man to walk down the street, you'll have more of an idea of what you could potentially do on your action, and what else you need to find out from your recce. Having a brief idea of what your action could be, will help you do a recce which takes into account your actual plan. Do not just leave it to google though, as company's make changes all the time, which is not updated on google. Nothing beats going in person for the best possible preparation.

KEY INFORMATION TO FIND OUT

× PLACES TO PARK

Before, after and during

It's important to find out a car parking space which isn't monitored by CCTV or needs a parking ticket. Of course you might have got your hands on fake plates, but even still it's good to keep the vehicle undetected. Make sure it is also easy to access from where your action will be.

× SECURITY

How many? Are they stationary or moving around?

If there is security present, think about how you could potentially avoid them. If that's not possible, consider how you could still do your action.

× INSIDE OR OUTSIDE?

Where are they looking out onto? Which street?

Times of shift change- its often better not to catch them at shift changes as there will be more staff around. Do security remain inside the compound or seek to cover entry points outside the facility?

× CCTV

Location? How many? What is it pointing at/filming?

It may be impossible to avoid doing your action whilst avoiding CCTV, that's why it is crucial to make sure you are unidentifiable as mentioned before

× WHAT IS SURROUNDING THE TARGET SITE

Do they have neighbours/neighbouring buildings?

Do the neighbouring buildings have security?

× ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL FOR POLICE

How far away is the local police stations?

× POLICE PATROLS

Do they patrol area? During specific times?

Unmarked police cars in the area? Foot patrols?

× FENCES?

How many? Where? What type of fences?

How high a ladder would be needed to get over fences?

× BARBED WIRE?

How much? Where?

× ACCESS POINTS to building (fire escapes etc)

× ALARMS

Do you know what sets off the alarm?

Whatever sets off the alarm should be done last.

STEP 4

PLAN YOUR ACTION

TYPES OF ACTION

Now you've done your recce, it's time to nail down your plan! Creativity is vital to keep our resistance effective. When planning for your action, an important starting point is to finalise what you want to achieve. Here are just a few examples of what actions have already been taken. If your inexperienced it's best to start simple and build your way up. Dream up crazy ideas in your cell, remember that your action is to disrupt, damage or destroy your target. Here are some suggestions and different tactics to get you started...

EXTINGUISH YOUR TARGET

Fire extinguishers can be repurposed and refilled with blood-red paint, so when it's sprayed it makes a big splash and can cover a massive area within seconds - perfect for a get away action.

SPRAY PAINT

Spray painting can be quick as well, as long as you don't try and spray an essay onto the walls of your target! Some key slogans you can use are: Shut Elbit Down, Free Palestine, Evict Elbit, War criminals

SMASHING WINDOWS AND EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT

Smashing stuff can also be very quick to do. With an efficient sledgehammer in your hand, you can cause quite a bit of damage! Smashing windows often only takes one or two swings. But air conditioning units, cameras and other external equipment can sabotage the profits of your target even further.

BLOCK THEIR PIPES

If you've managed to locate the company's external pipes (water and/or sewage), then blocking them will create a lot of disruption for your target! Concrete can be used to fill up the pipes, and when it dries, your target will be in for a messy surprise.

BREAK IN

If you're feeling up for it, and know the site back to front, then breaking into your target and damaging the contents inside is obviously a very effective tactic.

THINK BIG

The tactics mentioned are examples of previous actions so by all means think big! Try not limit your action based on what's been done before. Remind yourself when brainstorming different ideas, what could I do to be creative?

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PLAN YOUR ACTION

HOW TO GET TO THE SITE AND LEAVE UNDETECTED

Now once you've decided what tactics you're going to use for your action, you'll need to plan how to get to the site and leave undetected. Transportation is a key part of any plan, and can be the difference between getting away with it, and getting caught. Here are some examples of different transport methods, and how you can use them to your advantage:

FOOT

Walking to a site, or even running if you're feeling up for it, is probably one of the most covert ways of taking action. Key to this is keeping your face covered the whole time, and planning a place to go to where there are no cameras, which you can leave with normal clothing on, to head to your next destination. Remember to make sure it's a busy area, so if you are later captured on CCTV, they won't be able to tell it's the same person who did the next action. .

BIKE

For covert actions, bikes are great. A similar principle applies though as using a car. Have the bike stored somewhere close to your target, but in a place without cameras. Then go on foot from that point to do the action, then head back to your bike.

CAR

Cars tend to be the easiest way to get around. But, they do have license plates which can be picked up by cameras and traced to the owner. If you do plan on using a car, make sure you've sussed out where all the CCTV and road cameras are for the route you want to take - and find a route which avoids them completely. Do not park the car next to the site, have it at a location which isn't able to be picked up by cameras.

ROUTE

When you decide your mode of transport, you need to make sure you have your routes planned for a perfect getaway. Think about where the cameras are, and don't walk a few hundred metres down the road and take your mask off. If the police want to trace you, they'll follow the cameras to where you took your mask off and possibly get a picture of your face. Wearing a baseball cap does still help with avoiding your face being captured on camera as well, but it's no guarantee. The best thing to do is remain covered until you are at a safe spot without cameras, and that is relatively busy. From there you can plan your route home.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

If you're using public transport, do not, we repeat DO NOT, use your own debit/credit card. This information is stored and can be accessed by the police very easily. It is always best to use cash. However, these days, many transport modes don't allow cash. If you're in London using an oyster card which is topped up with cash is the best way to go. Also be aware that public transport has CCTV, so keeping your face covered is ideal. Getting on the bus or train with a balaclava on might draw more suspicion though. So think of other ways to cover your face - half face coverings are very common since covid and you can wear sunglasses at night.

PLAN YOUR ACTION

CRUCIAL ELEMENTS

ROLES

If there is more than one of you in the action, which is ideal, you should split up roles between you. For example, if you want one person to just focus on getting pictures and a video, then they should focus on that and not on swinging hammers! The others could split up their roles from taking on hitting different parts of the site, or one can focus on paint and the other on smashing. Whatever your action is, make sure you've thought through who is doing what to make the action as efficient and quick as possible.

Make the action as quick as possible, whilst making your action effective! This is one of the key reasons its so crucial to plan your action well, so everyone knows what they're doing.

EQUIPMENT

Now you've got your plan down to a T, it's time to get equipped.

On this point, it's a good idea to remember that **CASH IS KING**. When buying equipment, whether it's spray paints or sledgehammers, don't leave a paper (or digital) trail. Use cash and wear a baseball cap in the store and/or a face covering, just for extra measure. Obviously, you're going need the tools to conduct your action. These may include spray paints, making a fire extinguisher (check out our guide) and sledgehammers. It's important to remember when using sledgehammers, to get some cut safety gloves (**YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CUT AND YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOUR BLOOD ON THE SITE EITHER!**).

Now, those items are crucial for the action.

But here's how to remain undetected.

MAKE SURE:

A FACE COVERING IS KEY

Do not have your face on show at any point during the action. Balaclava is best for this. This might seem predantic, but cops are obsessed with trainers. Don't wear shoes that you've worn when arrested on an action or at a protest, or that are all over your social media. Best thing is to get the most plain boring black shoes and to only wear them when taking action.

YOUR CLOTHING IS DARK

(BLACK IS BEST)

YOUR TRAINERS ARE VERY PLAIN

(BLACK IDEALLY)

YOUR CLOTHING IS BAGGY!

(THIS MAKES IT HARDER TO SUSS OUT YOUR BODY TYPE)

YOUR WHOLE BODY IS COVERED

This is especially important if you have any 'identifying features such as tattoos or birthmarks on show. Therefore make sure you have gloves as mentioned above and everything is covered up.

WHEN TAKING ACTION, NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING APART FROM PAINT AND DESTRUCTION. THE POLICE MAY TRY TO FORENSICALLY ANALYSE ANY ITEMS WHICH ARE LEFT, SO DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING.

PLAN YOUR ACTION

DOCUMENTING YOUR ACTION

RECORD

Now you've got your underground fashion sorted. Let's move on to how you're going to capture your action. The most crucial aspect of taking action is to tarnish your target and apply pressure. However, do not underestimate the power of capturing your action on camera so it can reach beyond the target. This means every other target can see what's happened, and more importantly the people of Palestine know we're active in our solidarity.

DO NOT

ever take your own personal phone on an action. But, if you're thinking about how to capture your action by video/ pictures, then it's **worth getting a burner smart phone**. You don't need to spend £100s on this. You can get some really cheap ones from second hand shops. Lycamobile sim cards tend to be best, as you can buy a top up from any shop (using cash), and then add credit to it without needing to register. **Remember** when using a lycamobile sim card, after you've added a top up, to add a plan to it immediately. You can search online how to do this. But this saves you a lot of money!

ONCE YOU'VE GOT YOUR BURNER SMART PHONE,

It's wise to have a dropbox account set up on the phone. You can set once up using a protonmail email address, which you can easily create for free on **Proton**

Make sure someone else who is in your cell but not on the action has access to this account, just incase. Also remember to check the dropbox account is working! Capturing your action on camera does not mean compromising yourself. If a video is taken, you can edit out any part which reveals identities. If you do not managed to do this successfully, Palestine Action will make sure to check videos for anything that can be used against you and remove it before posting it.

You can send in videos/images of your action to:

ACTIONS@PALESTINEACTION.ORG

For extra security measure, you can also remove the "exif data" from your pictures before sending them in. This is basically all the data that is stored in pictures which can have some identifiable information. It's really easy to remove this. **You can use the website** <https://www.verexif.com/en/>

If you forget to do this, Palestine Action will remove the exif data before posting.

See our technology page for more information

PLAN YOUR ACTION

SAFE MEETING PLACE AFTER ACTION

WHAT IF IT ALL GOES PEAR SHAPED?

Prepare a "safe" meeting place if you all have to split up and scarper! This should be far enough away from the site to be safe, but not too far away that it would take too long. You should agree a length of time you would wait there until those who've arrived at the meeting place leave.

LEGAL

Now even though you're planning to get away, you must be prepared and take into account the risk of getting caught. You can do everything possible to minimise this, but this is a very real possibility. Make sure that your cell is aware of the potential legal consequences. This will obviously be dependent on the action you take and that's why it's important you do your own research on this.

We recommend using Kelly's solicitors if you do end up hed.

- **Kelly Brighton**
- **Hodge Jone**
- **Allen London**

They'll ask for your authority to liase with Palestine Action's support team. If you do allow this, it means we can arrange police station support and keep you in touch with our dedicated support team throughout your legal process.



STEP 5

TAKE ACTION

Adrenaline and nerves will be pumping through you at the same time. This is normal. Make sure you run through your plans right before taking action another time, to make sure everyone is on the same page. Then go for it.

**THE DAY HAS COME, YOUR ACTION IS PLANNED,
YOU'RE ALL EQUIPPED AND READY TO GO.**

GOOD LUCK!



STEP 6

POST-ACTION

You've just sabotaged a complicit company. At this point, you want to make sure to

DESTROY ALL EVIDENCE.

If you've got empty spray cans or any other items left, get them out as soon as possible. Don't put them in your recycling bins, find a communal or other place to throw them away. If you don't want to get rid of your underground attire, make sure they're not in your place or your car. Take them to a friend's place. This might seem over the top but the best peace of mind and finale to an action is knowing there is no evidence left behind at the site, or in your home. If the police ever get as far as searching your home (which is very unlikely if you follow all the above steps), they'll search for any items which connect you to that action.

REMEMBER TO:

- Get the pictures off the burner smart phone
- Remove the exif data from any pictures [verexif](#)
- Edit out any identifiable points in video footage (voices or faces)
- Send them into actions@palestineaction.org

Along with the footage, you can add your own communique, which Palestine Action will publish alongside your action.



STEP 7

TECHNOLOGY

CHECKLIST

KEY INFORMATION TO FIND OUT

- WHERE POSSIBLE, DON'T USE PHONES OR COMPUTERS**
- ARRANGING MEETINGS**
*Use Signal with disappearing messages on.
Put phones in a Faraday cage or microwave in another room.*
- USE TOR FOR ONLINE RESEARCH**
- STAY CLEAN**
Delete everything you don't need like photos and research files.
- USE A BURNER SMART PHONE FOR MEDIA**
- USE A VPN**
Although this is not necessary when you are using Tor, a VPN will obscure where you are connecting from so you are less identifiable by the websites you are using.
Good VPNs to use are:
 - ProtonVPN (free)
 - MullvadVPN (paid, can pay cash)

HOW TO SET UP SIGNAL WITH A BURNER NUMBER:

- 1** INSTALL SIGNAL ON YOUR REGULAR PHONE
- 2** BUY OR USE ANOTHER PHONE (E.G. A CHEAP BRICK PHONE) WITH A SIM ALL BOUGHT IN CASH
- 3** WHEN REGISTERING FOR SIGNAL, SET UP AN ACCOUNT USING THE NUMBER ON THE BURNER PHONE
- 4** TAKE THE ACTIVATION CODE FROM THE BURNER PHONE AND ENTER IT IN THE FIRST ONE
- 5** YOU CAN NOW TURN OFF AND NOT USE THE BURNER PHONE
- 6** USE SESSION FOR MESSAGING IF YOU WOULD NOT LIKE A PHONE NUMBER ASSOCIATED
- 7** USE PROTONMAIL AND CREATE A COMPLEX PASSWORD:
WWW.XKPASSWD.NET/S/

STEP 7

SECURITY

SECURITY GUIDE

We could write a whole book on this subject. But hey, firstly it would be out of date by the time we wrote it with the rapid change of specially digital security , and second plenty of other clever folks have so we provide some trusted sources here for you to check and re check. One thing about your underground cell is you don't need to worry or engage in recruitment once it's formed and therefore it is somewhat easier to put in place higher level security procedures that you need. Digital security is vital but it should not be at the detriment of basic security! Bragging, gossiping and loose words generally are often how things become undone and that sort of behaviour should be avoided and called out if you some

across it in your cell. In addition to the advice contained in the guides below you should also adopt some simple and sensible precautions of your own. The most well known, as oftentimes forgotten is you should not have your phone with you in any meeting your cell has. Ideally you would arrange meetings via signal messenger (be sure to enable disappearing messages) and then not take your phone. Also all members of your cell should invest in a faraday cage for your phone (you can pick them up for £20-£30). These block all communications to your phone and in effect if used properly you "go dark" for the duration the phone is in the faraday cage (its called a cage but most look like oversized wallets!)

WHAT IS A VPN?

"A VPN, or virtual private network, is a technology that establishes a secure tunnel between two or more devices. An Internet VPN, such as **Mullvad** , offers a tunnel between you and the Internet, allowing you to browse the web securely and privately, even when using a public WiFi network at a cafe or hotel."

CRYPTPAD

Use CryptPad to store any collaborative research documents, if you have too. On cryptpad, add passwords to your files and set expiry (destruction) dates for after your action if you don't need it beyond then.

PROTONMAIL

Protonmail is an end to end encrypted email. This means that only you and the people who you email (e.g. action@palestineaction.org) are the ones that can see your email content.

However, if the Swiss courts request data from protonmail (which can be done via Europol) protonmail may provide them with IP address information (basically, where you logged in from). **If you use a VPN every time you log into the address, then this means protonmail never gets access to an IP address that is linked to you and you are much safer.** Although services like riseup.net are run by people more politically aligned, that doesn't necessarily mean they are better. Organisations like RiseUp and smaller and less well resourced than protonmail.

Just use protonmail and be careful.