

# Palantir Company Complicity Profile



Palantir's complicity in apartheid [Israel's war crimes](#) and genocide in Gaza is evident in its unwavering, ongoing technological and ideological support for the Israeli military. In the wake of Israel's genocidal assault on Gaza, the company eagerly aligned itself with the Israeli military, [equipping](#) its operations in Gaza with cutting-edge technologies. Even in light of the International Court of Justice's legally-binding rulings in 2024 to prevent Israel's [plausible genocide](#) in Gaza, as well as its July 19 2024 Advisory Opinion affirming Israel's [illegal occupation and apartheid system](#), Palantir has not only failed its [obligation to avoid complicity in genocide](#), war crimes and crimes against humanity, but may be accused of incitement to all these as well.

## Palantir is a Partner of the Israeli Occupation Forces

### **Military Partnerships**

- In Jan 2024, [Palantir held a board meeting in Tel Aviv](#) in "solidarity" with Israel, and announced a new strategic partnership with Israel's Ministry of Defense to supply AI tools and decision-making systems aimed at bolstering military operations in Gaza.
  - This collaboration includes the [deployment of Palantir's Artificial Intelligence Platform \(AIP\)](#), designed to aid in battlefield intelligence and decision-making, by analyzing enemy "targets" and proposing battle plans. "Both parties have mutually agreed to harness Palantir's advanced technology in support of [Gaza] war-related missions."
  - [Palantir Executive VP Josh Harris told Bloomberg at the time](#), "This strategic partnership aims to significantly aid the Israeli Ministry of Defense in addressing the current situation in Israel." In comments during that January meeting, CEO Alex Karp said, "our products have been in great demand... We have begun supplying different products than we supplied before [Israel's genocide started in Gaza]."
- Since at least [2013](#), Palantir has given the notorious Israeli military intelligence Unit 8200 an ["enormous amount of assistance."](#) Despite Israel's well documented crimes in Gaza, Palantir continues to supply the Israeli military with data and AI services, in violation of its own [code of conduct](#), which says that the company "will not build products that exploit or disenfranchise disadvantaged and/or disempowered populations and/or undermine the rights and livelihoods of workers."
  - "Palantir is one of the companies that ... has given an enormous amount of assistance to Unit 8200 in terms of targeting. And that goes to the [Israeli] military. So, the military targets civilians, lots of civilians. Most of the [Palestinian] people killed were civilians. Women and children have been the people who have been [mostly] targeted in the Occupied Territories, in Gaza," James Bamford, an American journalist known for his writing about United States intelligence agencies, told Democracy Now!
- [In an analyst call in Nov 2023](#), Palantir confirmed that Israel uses a defense-tech data ecosystem called [Palantir Government Web Services](#) which is designed to help clients, like the Israeli government, accelerate software development and deployment.
- Shortly after Israel began its genocide in Gaza in October 2023, Palantir [entered into](#) a "strategic partnership" with Israel's Ministry of Defense to help the "war effort." The company [reported](#) "seeing high demand from Israel for new tools" and has been [providing](#) the Israeli military and intelligence agencies with at least four of its main products:
  - **Gotham:** Palantir's flagship product for military, intelligence, and law enforcement applications. It ingests, integrates, and organizes large amounts of data from many sources to detect patterns

and insights. Gotham can also integrate with sensors and autonomous systems like drones and give them tasks.

- **Foundry:** A complementary product that was developed primarily for civilian and commercial uses. A military could use Foundry for big-picture planning and logistics, like predicting equipment failures, analyzing and optimizing complex supply chains, etc.
- **GAIA:** Palantir's geospatial platform, which integrates with its other products and visualizes their data on a real-time map.
- **Artificial Intelligence Platform (AIP):** Palantir's large language model, which integrates into its other products and allows users to query them and give them commands with natural language.

## Government Partnerships

- In Sep 2015, Palantir [provided](#) the Israeli government with “predictive systems,” which analyze civilian social media posts to [identify Palestinians deemed a “threat.”](#) Palestinians are arbitrarily arrested and face long prison sentences for citing Quranic verses, calling for protests, and posting photos of family members imprisoned or killed by Israeli forces as a result of Palantir’s racial-profiling systems.
- Palantir’s presence in apartheid Israel has seen a “rapid growth” since 2023. Its employees in Israel work directly with its local clients to help them use Palantir’s systems. As the head of Palantir’s operations in Israel [clarified](#), these primarily include the military and intelligence sectors: “Palantir is here in Israel to work with the Israeli security system – if we manage to generate commercial business that’s great – but our focus was and remains creating collaborations with security companies and supporting Israel.”
- Israel also [relied](#) on Palantir in its September 2024 attacks in Lebanon using exploding electronic pagers and radio devices, which killed dozens and wounded thousands of people.

## Palantir’s Failed [Corporate Obligation to Prevent Genocide](#)

- In Oct 2024, one of the Nordic region's largest investors, [Storebrand Asset Management. sold its holdings worth \\$24 million](#) in Palantir due to concerns that the U.S. data firm's work for Israel might put the asset manager at risk of violating international humanitarian law and human rights.
- In Aug 2024, [San Francisco State University divested from Palantir](#), selling its stock in the company after determining that it did not meet the university's human rights standards, as part of a \$163 million total investment portfolio realignment.
- In June 2024, Palantir’s CEO Alex Karp was one of five CEOs who [advocated and lobbied](#) US senators for continuing U.S. arms sales to Israel in a private meeting on Capitol Hill titled, “Fostering a Private-Public Partnership in Support of Israeli Security and Regional Peace and Stability,” five months after the ICJ determined that Israel is plausibly committing genocide. A UN Special Committee has since [confirmed](#) Israel’s warfare methods in Gaza are consistent with genocide.
- In July 2024, when asked about the ethics of the Israeli military’s use of Lavender AI in the Gaza genocide, Peter Thiel, the co-founder of Palantir, [replied](#), “I’m not on top of all the details of what's going on in Israel, because my bias is to defer to Israel. It's not for us to second-guess every, everything. And I believe that broadly the IDF gets to decide what it wants to do, and that they're broadly in the right and that's, that's sort of the perspective I come back to.”
- In November 2023, the CEO of Palantir expressed explicit support for Israel as it committed [war crimes](#) in Gaza in a [letter](#) to shareholders, stating that Palantir is “one of the few companies in the world to stand up and announce our steadfast support for Israel.”