

US Police Forces Are Trained by Israel: The Knee-On-Neck Tactic that Was Used on George Floyd Is the Same Tactic that Has Been Used on the Palestinians

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George Floyd, an African-American man who was murdered by a white Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin and three others in Minneapolis, Minnesota for trying to use a counterfeit \$20 dollar bill at a store, now violent protests has overtaken the headlines away from the Covid-19 pandemic scare.

The looting of stores and the violence that follows has given more ammunition for the establishment to enforce a total police state. Some of the protesters such as ANTIFA are setting the stage to restrict whatever civil liberties U.S. citizens have left. However, the tragic murder of George Floyd has the hallmark of an Israeli-trained tactic put to use to restrain suspects. Many U.S. states, cities and towns allow their police departments to be trained by the Israeli police, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and by Israel's internal security service's known as Shin Bet who for decades has oppressed the Palestinians with brutal policing tactics. The Israeli's are experts in abuse and torture of the Palestinians which dates back to 1948, so now they train US police forces who use the same tactics to subdue protesters or to violently arrest people for some reason or another. An article by the *Jewish Voice For Peace* in 2018 titled 'Deadly Exchange Report Reveals Extent of Massive Training Programs Between U.S. Law Enforcement and Israeli Police, Military and the Shin Bet' begins its analysis with who is involved with Israeli training methods:

From the acting Deputy Director of ICE to the current Chief of Police in Washington DC, from San Diego to Chicago to Atlanta, since 2002 thousands of American law enforcement officials have trained in Israel with Israeli police, military and the Shin Bet. And thousands more have participated in security conferences and workshops with Israeli military, law enforcement and security officials held in the U.S. But despite their branding as top-tier counter-terrorism experts, Israeli police and security agents regularly violate civil rights, and implement racist and deadly policies

The article describes one of the case studies of police officers spraying '*Skunk*' a liquid that causes nausea when sprayed onto protesters during the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson as an example:

Developed by Israeli police and manufactured by the Israeli company Odortec,

"Skunk" is a foul-smelling liquid designed to cause nausea and linger for days when sprayed at high pressure onto protesters at demonstrations. Based on its proven effectiveness against Palestinian protests – particularly in West Bank village demonstrations against the Apartheid Wall – the American company Mistral Security began selling Skunk to U.S. police departments, including the St. Louis Metropolitan Police, following the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri

According to the report produced by *Researching the American-Israeli Alliance* (RAIA) in partnership with *Jewish Voice for Peace* titled '*Deadly Exchange: The Dangerous Consequences of American Law Enforcement Trainings in Israel*' says that the Israeli military, police and those in intelligence agencies train US police forces under Israel's counter-terrorism methods which also involves racial profiling:

Israel is heralded as a nation that keeps its citizens safe in the face of perpetual threat, but Israel's security regime is designed to subjugate Palestinians, and relies on systematic racial differentiation between Palestinians and Israeli Jews – that constitutes Apartheid. During trainings in Israel, US law enforcement delegations meet with Israeli military, police, and intelligence agencies to train in Israeli counterterrorism, which by definition necessitates refining methods of racial profiling

The report said that "Months after 9/11, American law enforcement representatives attended their first official training expedition to Israel to exchange "best practices," knowledge, and expertise in counter-terrorism." Members from the FBI, CIA, chiefs and deputy chiefs from police departments across the US including California, New York, Texas, Maryland, Florida and others who were "schooled in Israeli military approaches to intelligence gathering, border security, checkpoints, and coordination with the media." The report said that the "US law enforcement exchange programs with Israel have become standard, with hundreds of American law enforcement officials from across the country going to Israel for trainings, and thousands more participating in security conferences and workshops with Israeli personnel in the United States." Allowing Israel's tactics to be used on US citizens has been normalized establishing even closer ties between both countries:

These exchange programs with Israel facilitate the sharing of practices and technologies between US law enforcement and the Israeli military, police and intelligence agencies; Instill militarized logics of security into the civilian sphere, normalizing practices of mass surveillance, criminalization, and the violent repression of communities and movements the government defines as threatening; and deepen ties between US and Israeli officials to shore up support for a shared security model that justifies flagrant human and civil rights violations

Amnesty International (AI) published a report on August 2016 titled 'With Whom Are Many U.S. Police Departments Training? With A Chronic Human Rights Violator-Israel', the U.S. Department of Justice documented "widespread constitutional violations, discriminatory enforcement, and culture of retaliation" within the Baltimore Police department. The report rightly claimed that no attention was paid to who trained these officers "But what hasn't received as much attention is where Baltimore police received training on crowd control, use of force and surveillance: Israel's national police, military and intelligence services." AI said that that participants not only were from Baltimore, "hundreds of others from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, Washington state as well as the DC Capitol police have all traveled to

Israel for training." Thousands of more police officers receive their training methods from Israelis in the US as well. To add insult to injury, the training for US police forces and other government agencies are paid by US taxpayers:

Many of these trips are taxpayer funded while others are privately funded. Since 2002, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs have paid for police chiefs, assistant chiefs and captains to train in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)

This a reminder to the world that the police tactics used on George Floyd that got him killed was established in Israel, a Zionist state that uses the same tactics to oppress the Palestinians on a daily level is now commonly being used by US police forces.

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