



Dear Brian T. Moynihan:

We are writing to inform you that the practices of the company Group 4 Securicor (G4S), which you use for security at many of your banking locations, are in sharp contradiction to Bank of America's declared social responsibility values.

Bank of America states on its website that "being a responsible business is integral to our success and that of the customers, clients, shareholders and communities we serve around the world. Corporate social responsibility is embedded in our values and informs how we conduct business, develop products and services and deliver on our goals and commitments."

The practices of G4S, however, stand in contradiction to your statement. We ask you to withdraw from your agreements with G4S until the company comes into alignment with your stated values.

G4S provides equipment and services to Israeli prisons in which some 700 Palestinian children are detained each year. The company provides security systems for the Ofer, Megiddo, Ketziot, Damon, Al-Jalame (Kishon), and Jerusalem (Russian Compound) prisons and detention facilities. There is compelling evidence of torture and child abuse within these prison facilities.

UNICEF recently published a report¹, which concludes that the ill treatment of children in these facilities is "widespread, systematic and institutionalized". Children are often arrested at night, blindfolded, handcuffed, beaten and denied basic rights, such as the right to silence, timely access to an attorney, and presence of a guardian.

Children can be placed in solitary confinement for up to 65 days, a practice that is prohibited by the International Covenant on

Civil and Political Rights and deemed illegal by the UN Convention Against Torture or Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Punishment. Many children are lied to and endure physical abuse while in prison, with the purpose of inducing false confessions, which can later be used to convict them in military courts. The military juvenile system that allows such practices applies only to Palestinian children and not their Israeli counterparts.

We who have signed this letter share a commitment to international law and human rights principles. We urge Bank of America to stand by its social responsibility statement and immediately drop its agreements with G4S. Taking this action will separate Bank of America from G4S' notoriety and legal violations while representing a most important decision to support the rights of children.

Sincerely,

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)

ⁱ UNICEF Report: Children In Israeli Military Detention, Observations and Recommendations
(http://www.unicef.org/oPt/UNICEF_oPt_Children_in_Israeli_Military_Detention_Observations_and_Recommendations_-_6_March_2013.pdf)