



Homewrecker of the Year 2004

We are here today to present CAT with a special award for outstanding productivity in enabling the destruction of Palestinian homes.

CAT supplies equipment to the Israeli military prosecuting an illegal occupation and strangling life in the Palestinian territories.



CATERPILLAR D9 bulldozers are used to demolish homes in acts of collective punishment breaching article four of the Geneva Convention. They are also used in the building of Israel's apartheid wall, splitting Palestine into a series of ghettos separating hundreds of thousands of farmers from their lands.

UNWRA recently reported that 131 civilian homes had been destroyed in Gaza in the first ten days of May alone. CAT financial corp report that company profits had risen by 41% to \$457 million this quarter. While CAT's profits rocket, CAT machinery is instrumental in bloodshed, murder, and ethnic cleansing in the occupied territories.

CAT's website states:

"Caterpillar accepts the responsibilities of global citizenship. Wherever we conduct business or invest our resources around the world, we know that our commitment to financial success must also take into account social, economic, political, and environmental priorities."

The Israeli state have publicly announced that they could not continue their current military campaign without importing arms and equipment from overseas. Therefore, CAT's profiteering is directly propping up Israel's war crimes.

CAT, however, deny responsibility for the use of their equipment in human rights abuses. Who then is responsible? We are all responsible for the consequences of our actions. **As a CATerpillar employee, you can do more than most to end CAT's complicity in war crimes.**

We are asking you today to:

- Ask your employer to honour their own code of business conduct and take responsibility for the end use of their equipment
- Speak to your union rep asking them to make it clear to CAT management that their workforce does not support ethnic cleansing, land theft and murder.