## UCU Paper: An audit of involvement (regarding investment and other collaborations) with companies and organisations that are suppliers to the Israeli military.

**HP Inc.**

The current list of approved Windows laptops (intranet page on ‘[purchasing Windows laptops](https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/staff/supporting-your-work/purchasing-services-and-goods/university-suppliers-and-contracts/purchasing-it-goods-and-services/purchasing-laptops/laptop-computers)’) contains exclusively HP Inc. products (HP 640 G10). HP Inc. have a widely documented past involvement as suppliers of the Israeli military and other parts of the Israeli government (see below links). With regard to current involvement, HP Inc. are refusing to confirm or deny business relationships with the Israeli military for obvious reasons. It would be easy for HP Inc. to bring clarity but it is reported that as recently as earlier this year, an HP spokesperson specifically declined to comment when asked whether they currently do business with the Israeli government or military (<https://dublininquirer.com/2024/01/17/despite-palestinians-calls-councillors-vote-and-genocide-dublin-city-council-continues-to-buy-hp-computers/>). It must therefore be assumed that HP Inc. remain suppliers to the Israeli military at this time and for this reason they are also the only IT equipment manufacturer listed on the BDS list.

Documentation on historical supplier status:

* <https://investigate.afsc.org/company/hp>
* <https://bdsmovement.net/BoycottHP-GazaGenocide-Update>
* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dTl5tb_hDtdztp3ASx0XOFTegmWXfPUvggZusx0dFFg/edit>

Cardiff University wishes to be an anti-racist university. This is incompatible with choosing to collaborate with a supplier to the Israeli military who are currently accused of involvement in genocide and war crimes. Our members and other staff are uncomfortable being asked to use HP equipment and for many having new HP equipment procured for their use violates their conscience. We are hearing the same sentiments from students.

The Union requests

* HP Inc. is removed from the list of approved suppliers
* No members of staff will have new products by HP forced on them and alternative products will be procured