

# Evict ELTA!

ELTA North America is producing military technology for the Israeli Occupation Forces and Homeland Security in Maryland.

*What can we do about it?*

Presented by : Al-Aqsa Swim Club  
Sunday , March 29  
4:30 - 6:00pm



# Welcome! Key Reminders:

- Please respect the privacy of fellow attendees
- This is a public event
- Absolutely no photos or videos



# Who are we?

**We are the Al-Aqsa Swim Club, a Palestinian liberation org based in Baltimore, MD.**

We organize in the form of direct actions, fundraising, and community building events.

Our motto? *“Revolution through recreation”.*



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# Who are you? *(Think-Pair-Share - 5 min)*

- What brought you here?
- What keeps you going? What's your North Star?



# Part 1: What is ELTA North America?



# What is ELTA North America?



- ELTA North America is the North American subsidiary of ELTA Systems.
- ELTA NA is a “wholly-owned” subsidiary of Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI), which is state owned by the government of Israel.
- ELTA primarily manufactures radar and surveillance for **The United States Military, The Israeli Military and Homeland Security.**



# ELTA Comes to Maryland

- ELTA set up their North American headquarters in Maryland in 2012
- The deal to relocate their HQ was facilitated by the **Maryland Israel Development Center**.
- In 2017, they moved to a larger facility in the Henkels business center at **8955 Henkels Lane, Annapolis Junction**.
- The location is leased to them by **Merritt Properties** and includes their Cyber Innovation Center.
  - This expansion took them from 20 employees to 100+



# What is the Maryland Israel Development Center (MIDC)?



- The Maryland Israel Development center is a **non-profit public-private trade partnership** between The Maryland Department of Commerce, The Associated Jewish Federation of Baltimore and Israel's Ministry of Economy and Trade
- Purpose: Entice Israeli businesses to come to MD and encourage Maryland businesses to set up in Israel, through their “instant infrastructure” program.

The “grand opening” of ELTA North America’s new headquarters in Annapolis Junction, MD, in 2017 under Gov. Larry Hogan.



# The Iron Dome: Made in Maryland

- ELTA North America has a **30 million dollar contract** with the US Dept of Defense to build Iron Dome radars for Israel
- The United States Government has spent **over \$1 Billion on the Iron Dome** since 2011
- In 2025 ELTA North America built and delivered **2 Iron Dome radars** to Israel

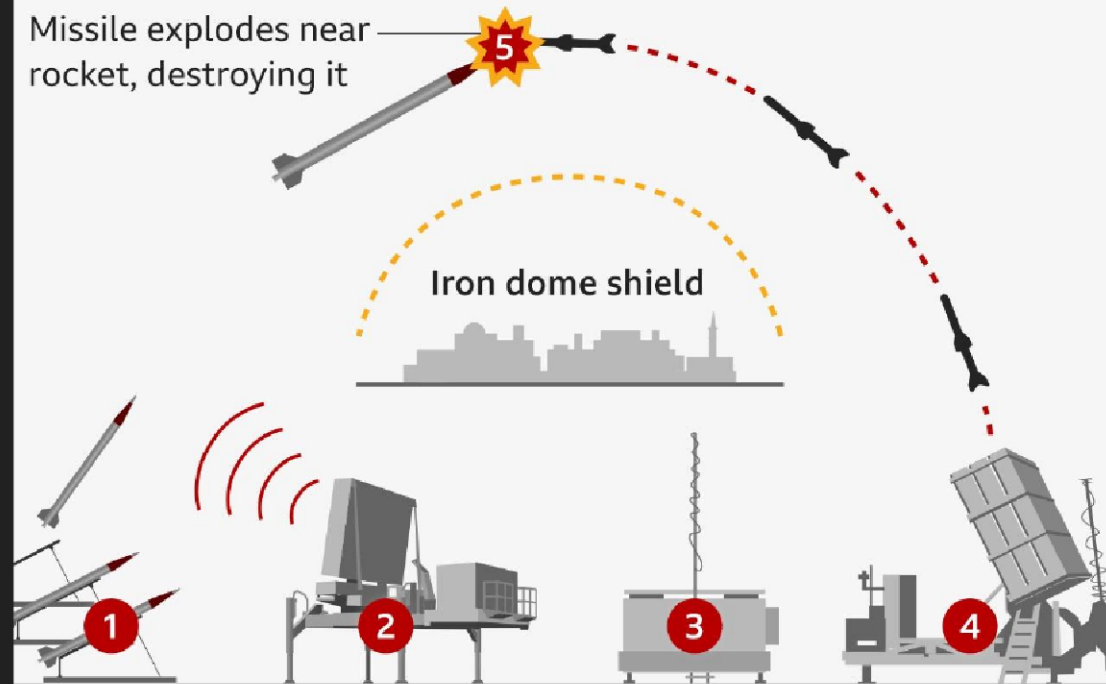


Iron Dome radar inside ELTA's Maryland facility (MIDC website, 2025)

# What is the Iron Dome?

## How Israel's Iron Dome defence system works

Missile explodes near rocket, destroying it



1  
Enemy rockets fired

2  
Radar system detects rocket and tracks

3  
Control system estimates impact point

4  
Launcher fires missile to intercept

Iron Dome system ignores incoming threats it determines will land in uninhabited areas

Source: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems

BBC



# Radar as a Weapon



Stormguard, a radar for tanks and other land vehicles that performs surveillance and coordinates “counter-fire”



ComDart, a geolocation system that tracks cell phones and other communication devices using radiofrequency waves



The Persistent Perimeter Detection Radar, which can “see” and track moving humans and vehicles

# ELTA North America, DOW, DHS

“From border and facility protection, secure network communication to emergency response, **we offer a range of solutions to accurately and swiftly detect, locate and target threats to public safety.** Our solutions include real-time situational awareness, 24/7 surveillance, 360° coverage, and active and passive sensors.” - ELTA North America website



OTM version 4 for the Department of War



OTM Version 4 for Homeland Security

# Merritt Properties Welcomes ELTA!

- Merritt Companies consists of Merritt Properties, Merritt Construction and Merritt Gyms
- All Merritt employees have equity in Merritt Properties



Merritt Properties, LLC

6,828 followers

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We're proud to welcome Elta North America, a global leader in the design, manufacture and support of innovative electronic systems for the United States government, to their new headquarters in Annapolis Junction.

<https://lnkd.in/d6jyFHX>



**ELTA North America opens new national headquarters in Howard County - Baltimore Business Journal**

[bizjournals.com](http://bizjournals.com)

# Merritt Properties Leadership



## Scott Dorsey - CEO

- Chairman of right-wing think tank “Maryland Free”
- Chairman of Maryland Economic Development Corporation, an organization with ties to the MIDC



## Robb Merritt - President

- On the board of right-wing pro-police foundation “Signal 13”
- On the board of multiple venture capitalist funds



# Merritt's Leasing Team



Delfina Kelly



Vince Bagli Jr.



Elizabeth Allison



Jamie Campbell



# Part 2: What can we do about ELTA North America?



# What Can We Do?

*Follow effective campaigns*

- **Eject Elbit** shuts down Elbit in Cambridge
- **Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty** brings Huntingdon Life Sciences to brink of collapse
- **Forest Protectors** in Weelaunee





# What works?

- Secondary and tertiary targeting
  - Find the connections
  - Isolating the main target



# What Works?

- **What is the message?**
  - Who is your audience?
  - How does that change the format and language of your message?



# What Works?

- Shutting things down
- It's worth it to slow operations and make doing business with Israel BAD

*“Wherever you are, whatever sand you can throw on the gears of genocide, do it now. If it's a handful, throw it. If it's a fingernail full, scrape it out and throw. Get in the way however you can.”*

*- Rasha Abdulhadi, Palestinian Poet*



# Evict ELTA *AASC's Campaign*

- What is Evict ELTA?
- Why do we want to Evict ELTA from Maryland? What is the end goal?
- What has been done already as part of the campaign?

**WANTED**

**FOR LEASING TO THE WAR MACHINE**



**SCOTT DORSEY**

**CEO of Merritt Properties:  
Landlord of Israeli weapons firm ELTA**



# ASC

"Hello, I'm calling to voice concern about Merritt Properties - your affiliates - leasing space to Israeli weapons firm ELTA North America in Annapolis Junction.

It is unacceptable to work with or provide space for the Israeli military and those who make their genocide possible. Merritt Clubs must urge Merritt Properties to stop providing office space for ELTA North America.

All affiliated Merritt companies are complicit, and I will not be using any Merritt Companies service until this changes."

**PHONE  
ZAP**

**(410) 298-8705  
MERRITT CLUBS**

## Support Palestine? Cancel your Merritt membership



Merritt Properties **profits off apartheid**. They lease a 44,000 sq. ft. building in Annapolis Junction to **ELTA North America**, the largest Israeli weapons tech company in Maryland.

Call Merritt's leasing office at **(410) 298-2600** to tell them you're ashamed to have companies like ELTA in your community.

Are you a Merritt member? Scan to contact your location's manager or email [customercare@merrittclubs.com](mailto:customercare@merrittclubs.com).

**#evictELTA**



# Resources & Ideas

- What would we like to do?
  - Sustainability
- We have a lot of resources for you!!



# Similar Campaigns

- Eject Elbit DC / Capital One
- Jewish Voice for Peace – Maryland Break the Bonds & Apartheid Free Baltimore



# Group Activity

In groups, share your thoughts on...

- How do you see yourself **getting involved** with the Evict ELTA campaign?
- What **skillsets can you bring** to the Evict ELTA campaign?
- What communities or spaces are you **plugged into** that might be able to support the campaign?
- Can you think of **any connections** between ELTA and other elements of the global military industrial complex that **we may have missed**?

*Use the post-its and markers  
to draw/write out your thoughts!*



# Walk Around, Share Back

- Once you're done, put your post-it up on the wall
- Feel free to look around and browse everyone else's post-its
- *AASC will synthesize everyone's ideas and report back in a group chat to follow-up on this event*



# Stay Connected!

- Scan this QR code to join our Signal chat “**ELTA Teach-In Follow-Up**”
  - You’ll receive regular announcements and can share ideas for follow-up actions!
  - Slides will be posted to our website, and the link will be shared in the Signal chat

