

# Strategic Corridors of Influence: Mapping State-Directed Public Diplomacy, Counter-Terrorism Overreach, and Dual-Use Infrastructure Capture in Europe

## The Institutional Architecture of Voices of Israel and ELNET's Transnational Network

The deployment of state-directed public diplomacy operations within the European theater has increasingly relied on decentralized, semi-private corporate structures to circumvent traditional diplomatic constraints and execute highly coordinated influence campaigns. At the vanguard of this paradigm is Voices of Israel Ltd. (Public Benefit Company 51-5769212), a Tel Aviv-registered public benefit company established in 2018. The entity represents the direct continuation of the Israeli state's "mass consciousness activities" previously executed under the code names Kela Shlomo and Concert - Together for Israel. Initially managed by the Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy, the company legally migrated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in August 2022 under Deputy Minister Idan Roll, before being positioned under the joint administration of the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism in October 2023. Voices of Israel operates via a joint venture agreement with the State of Israel, utilizing a matching-funds framework. The Israeli government allocated a four-year operating budget of  $\text{\$}10^8$  (approximately  $\text{\$}27$  million to  $\text{\$}37$  million USD), designed to be matched on a 1:1 ratio by private international philanthropists and pro-Israel organizations. Under the stewardship of its Chairman Micah Avni, CEO Lior Weintraub (former vice-president of The Israel Project), and Finance Director Smadar Haviv, the company serves as a centralized clearinghouse that directs, funds, and organizes counter-strategies against BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) and delegitimization campaigns. The board and shareholder roster has historically integrated high-level security and diplomatic personnel, including Sagi Balasha, Ehud Danoch (former Consul General in Los Angeles), Dore Gold, and Yossi Kuperwasser—the former head of research in the IDF Military Intelligence Division and ex-director general of the Strategic Affairs Ministry. Kuperwasser simultaneously directed Keshet David (also known as David's Bow or Israel Cyber Shield), a subsidiary intelligence-gathering and research arm funded by Concert to map and counter activist networks.

State of Israel (Ministry of  
Diaspora Affairs & CAM) |  
Joint Venture / Matching Funds v  
Voices of Israel Ltd. (PBC  
51-5769212) | v (Europe)  
v (North/Latin America) v (MENA) |  
European Leadership | | Hasbara Fellowships / | | Leaders of | | Network (ELNET) | | Conexión

Israel | | Tomorrow | +-----+ +-----+ +-----+

To project these capabilities into the European continent, Voices of Israel utilizes the European Leadership Network (ELNET) as its primary operational

node. [span\_20] (start\_span) [span\_20] (end\_span) [span\_21] (start\_span) [span\_21] (end\_span) Established in 2007, ELNET was designed to replicate the domestic political lobbying success of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) across

Europe. [span\_22] (start\_span) [span\_22] (end\_span) [span\_28] (start\_span) [span\_28] (end\_span) The network operates six European offices in London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Rome, and Warsaw, alongside its head office in Tel Aviv and a dedicated fundraising node, Friends of ELNET, registered in the United

States. [span\_34] (start\_span) [span\_34] (end\_span) [span\_35] (start\_span) [span\_35] (end\_span) [span\_36] (start\_span) [span\_36] (end\_span) Command of ELNET's annual budget of up to \$20 million is maintained by a tight circle of American and Israeli founders, notably Larry Hochberg (former leader of the Friends of the IDF), Steve Rosen (a prominent former AIPAC lobbyist), and Raanan Eliaz (a West Bank settler with deep ties to the Israeli Prime Minister's Office).

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primary tactical modality of ELNET is the cultivation of European political, military, and diplomatic elites through highly curated delegations, closed-door briefing campaigns, and strategic dialogues. [span\_37] (start\_span) [span\_37] (end\_span) [span\_38] (start\_span) [span\_38] (end\_span) The depth and scale of this policymaker engagement can be quantified through the network's formal leadership structures and targeted events. [span\_39] (start\_span) [span\_39] (end\_span) [span\_40] (start\_span) [span\_40] (end\_span) [span\_41] (start\_span) [span\_41] (end\_span)

| Jurisdiction Node | Key Senior Network Policy / Military Members |  
Key Strategic Initiatives & Events |

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| **United Kingdom** |

[span\_42] (start\_span) [span\_42] (end\_span) [span\_44] (start\_span) [span\_44] (end\_span) | Lord Peter Mandelson, Lord Michael Howard, General Sir John McColl (former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe at NATO)

[span\_43] (start\_span) [span\_43] (end\_span) [span\_45] (start\_span) [span\_45] (end\_span) | Ninth UK-Israel Strategic Dialogue (Nov 2025); E3-NATO-Israel Strategic Dialogue (2023)

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| **European Union & NATO** |

[span\_47] (start\_span) [span\_47] (end\_span) [span\_48] (start\_span) [span\_48] (end\_span) [span\_49] (start\_span) [span\_49] (end\_span) | Guy Verhofstadt (former PM of Belgium & MEP), Willy Claes (former Sec. Gen. of NATO),

Louis Michel (former EU Commissioner) | High-Level European Ambassadors Event featuring Zohar Palti (former Mossad Intelligence Director) | **Germany** | Overlapping trustees close to the Bundestag; German-Israeli Friendship parliamentary associations | Launch of German ELNET chapter (May 2014) to coordinate political spending campaigns | **Northern Europe** | Anders Fogh Rasmussen (former Sec. Gen. of NATO & PM of Denmark), Tarja Cronberg (former MEP), Jüri Luik (former MoD of Estonia) | Baltic-NATO maritime and security coordination seminars | **Eastern & Southern Europe** | Fatmir Mediu (former MoD of Albania), Solomon Passy (former MoD of Bulgaria), Davor Božinović (MoD of Croatia) | Central & Eastern Europe strategic dialogues; Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Campaign (April 2023)

The systematic engagement of European lawmakers is illustrated by post-October 7, 2023, elite delegations organized by ELNET. One such delegation comprised 22 high-level decision-makers, including ten UK parliamentarians—such as Lord Peter Mandelson and Lord Michael Howard—alongside ten EU lawmakers and two journalists. The itinerary featured IDF military briefings along the Gaza border at Sderot and Kibbutz Kfar Aza, followed by direct, closed-door dinners with members of the Israeli war cabinet, Knesset, and President Isaac Herzog.

Similarly, ELNET hosted a private strategic retreat in Brussels bringing together European Ambassadors from Albania, Austria, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Romania, Spain, and Switzerland. To influence this diplomatic cadre, ELNET positioned Zohar Palti, the former Head of the Political-Military Bureau of Israel's Ministry of Defense and former director of the Mossad's Intelligence Directorate, to lead discussions on security cooperation and intelligence alignment.

+-----+ | The Handala Leak (2024) |  
+-----+ | Exposed Private  
Correspondence v +-----+ | Steve  
Rosen (ELNET) <---> Ron Prosor (Ambassador to Germany) |  
+-----+ || v Financial Transactions v  
Elite Access Coordinates +-----+ +-----+ |  
Speaking Fees: \$10,000 - \$15,000 || Targeted Billionaires: || Retainer Requests: \$40,000 ||  
Bloomberg, Lauren, Perlman, Tisch | +-----+  
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The internal mechanics of this lobbying network were exposed by the Handala leak in 2024, which published private correspondence from the inbox of Ron Prosor, the Israeli Ambassador to Germany. [span\_64] (start\_span) [span\_64] (end\_span) The leak revealed detailed financial transactions and strategic calculations aimed at bypassing European campaign finance restrictions. [span\_65] (start\_span) [span\_65] (end\_span) In late 2015, Steve Rosen offered Prosor speaking fees of \$10,000 (subsequently elevated to \$15,000) plus expenses to address ELNET fundraisers in Los Angeles. [span\_66] (start\_span) [span\_66] (end\_span) By early 2016, Prosor requested a \$40,000 fee, which ELNET accepted on the condition that he coordinate private meetings with prominent U.S. billionaires, including Michael Bloomberg, Ralph Lauren, Ron Perlman, and members of the Tisch family. [span\_67] (start\_span) [span\_67] (end\_span)

In these exchanges, Rosen admitted that "citizen engagement" in Europe faced cultural barriers, meaning that rather than relying on broad grassroots support, ELNET's strategy focused on connecting wealthy, pro-Israel European donors with "open checkbooks" directly to senior politicians, such as former French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Prime Minister Alain Juppé, and François Hollande, to incentivize pro-Israel policy shifts. [span\_68] (start\_span) [span\_68] (end\_span) Under subsequent directors like David Siegel, Shai Bazak, and Emmanuel Navon, ELNET has increasingly aligned with right-wing Israeli national security factions, leveraging these elite networks to secure European defense contracts and normalize West Bank settlement expansion.

## ## Tracing Financial Flows: The Combat Antisemitism Movement and EU Regulatory Capture

While ELNET targets  
hi [span\_27] (start\_span) [span\_27] (end\_span) [span\_33] (start\_span) [span\_33] (end\_span)gh-level diplomatic and defense structures, the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) operates as a parallel influence engine targeting the European Union's civil society and regulatory frameworks. [span\_69] (start\_span) [span\_69] (end\_span) [span\_71] (start\_span) [span\_71] (end\_span) Established in 2019, CAM is operated by its parent 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Combat Hate Foundation, based in Moundridge,

Kansas. CAM's founder, Adam Beren—a Republican donor and Midwest oil and gas magnate who owns Berexco LLC—was appointed by Donald Trump to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in 2019. The executive leadership consists of President Donna Stucky (CFO of Berexco) and Executive Director Mikhail Galperin, who commands a \$127,500 annual salary.

+-----+ | Beren Sea Foundation |  
+-----+ || €1.5 Million (2021) / \$2.77 Million (2024) v  
+-----+ | Combat Hate Foundation || (Donna Stucky, Pres; Moundridge, KS) | +-----+ || Operates & Funds v  
+-----+ | Combat Antisemitism Movement || (Sacha Roytman, CEO) | +-----+ || Direct Lobbying & Policy Interventions v  
+-----+ | European Union || (European Commission, MEPs, WGAS) | +-----+

An audit of the EU Transparency Register identifies CAM under registration number 313306647241-59, with an entry date of July 25, 2022. For the 2021 financial year, CAM declared an organizational budget of €2,060,000\$. The organization utilized regulatory exemptions that allowed self-declared "non-commercial organizations" to declare "zero" direct lobbying costs. However, the register reveals that CAM's primary capitalization during this critical period was a single massive injection: a €1,500,000\$ donation from the U.S.-based Beren Sea Foundation, executed on behalf of an anonymous donor. This foundation, controlled by Adam and Ellen Beren, contributed a total of \$6.6 million\$ to the Combat Hate Foundation between 2020 and 2022, representing nearly 70% of its total income during that period.

| Funding Entity              | Declared Contribution          | Operational Period | Regulatory Filing / Source     | Intended Policy Vector                                  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| :---                        | :---                           | :---               | :---                           | :---  |
| <b>Beren Sea Foundation</b> | \$€1,500,000\$ / \$2,775,000\$ | 2021 / 2024        | EU Transparency Reg. / CauseIQ | Core EU lobbying capitalization and executive expansion |
| <b>Israel Henry Beren</b>   |                                |                    |                                |   |

Foundation\*\* [span\_102] (start\_span) [span\_102] (end\_span) | \$500,000\$  
 | 2024 | CauseIQ Grant Dataset  
 [span\_103] (start\_span) [span\_103] (end\_span) | Targeted municipal  
 policymaker mobilization [span\_104] (start\_span) [span\_104] (end\_span) |  
 | \*\*Ric and Suzanne Kayne Foundation\*\*  
 [span\_105] (start\_span) [span\_105] (end\_span) | \$500,000\$ | 2024 |  
 CauseIQ Grant Dataset [span\_106] (start\_span) [span\_106] (end\_span) |  
 Discretionary civil society alignment  
 [span\_107] (start\_span) [span\_107] (end\_span) |  
 | \*\*Schwab Charitable\*\* | €175,000\$ | 2021 | EU Transparency Reg.  
 [span\_84] (start\_span) [span\_84] (end\_span) | Programmatic outreach and  
 education |  
 | [span\_85] (start\_span) [span\_85] (end\_span) \*\*Vanguard Charitable\*\*  
 [span\_108] (start\_span) [span\_108] (end\_span) [span\_111] (start\_span) [span\_111] (end\_span) | €140,000\$ / [span\_86] (start\_span) [span\_86] (end\_span)  
 \$130,000\$ | 2021 / 2022 | EU Transparency Reg. / CauseIQ  
 [span\_109] (start\_span) [span\_109] (end\_span) [span\_112] (start\_span) [span\_112] (end\_span) | Grassroots coalition building  
 [span\_110] (start\_span) [span\_110] (end\_span) [span\_113] (start\_span) [span\_113] (end\_span) |  
 | \*\*Community Foundation of Greater Memphis\*\* | €115,000\$ | 2021 |  
 EU Transparency Reg. | Regional influencer  
 c [span\_87] (start\_span) [span\_87] (end\_span) ultivation |  
 | \*\*Jewish Communal Fund of  
 NY [span\_88] (start\_span) [span\_88] (end\_span) \*\* | €80,000\$ | 2021 | EU  
 Transpa [span\_89] (start\_span) [span\_89] (end\_span) rency Reg. | Defense  
 and security l [span\_90] (start\_span) [span\_90] (end\_span) obbying |  
 | \*\*Jewish Community of  
 Oporto\*\* [span\_91] (start\_span) [span\_91] (end\_span) | €50,000\$ | 2021 |  
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The primary target of C [span\_94] (start\_span) [span\_94] (end\_span) AM's  
 lobbying within the European Union  
 i [span\_95] (start\_span) [span\_95] (end\_span) s the implementation of the  
 "European Union Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering  
 Jewish life". To execute this, CAM deployed Sacha Roytman (CEO) and  
 Shannon Seban (Executive Director of European Affairs) to target  
 regulatory and civil security  
 nodes. [span\_114] (start\_span) [span\_114] (end\_span) [span\_115] (start\_span)  
 [span\_115] (end\_span) [span\_116] (start\_span) [span\_116] (end\_span) On  
 [span\_70] (start\_span) [span\_70] (end\_span) [span\_72] (start\_span) [span\_72] (end\_span)  
 June 27, 2022, CAM secured high-level access to the Cabinet  
 of European Commissioner for Equality Helena Dalli, coordinating  
 directly with Cabinet member Silvan Agius to shape the EU's  
 anti-racism and equality agendas.

The primary mechanism of regulatory capture deployed by CAM is the institutionalization of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism as a binding regulatory and legal benchmark. To achieve this, CAM targets Katharina von Schnurbein, the European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life. Von Schnurbein regularly participates in CAM events, and during the Paris Mayors Summit in November 2025, she was decorated with the Leadership Award by CAM in recognition of her institutional coordination.

+-----+ | 16th EU-Israel High-Level Seminar | +-----+ | Lobbying Intersection (June 8, 2026) v +-----+ | Shannon Seban (CAM) <---> Magnus Brunner (Commissioner) | +-----+ || v Digital Regulation Demands v Regulatory Response +-----+ +-----+ | Mandate Stricter DSA Enforcement || Reaffirmation of IHRA Definition || Sanction YouTube, TikTok, Instagram || as Core EU Strategy Benchmark | +-----+ +-----+

This coordination was illustrated on June 8, 2026, at the 16th EU-Israel High-Level Seminar on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life in Brussels. Shannon Seban directly petitioned Magnus Brunner, the European Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, to enforce the Digital Services Act (DSA) strictly against social media platforms (specifically Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube). Seban demanded that European regulators apply the full range of DSA sanctions to hold these platforms accountable for hosting anti-Zionist and pro-Palestinian content, which CAM categorizes as contemporary antisemitism.

At the same time, CAM organized a breakfast roundtable in Brussels on March 18, 2026, titled "Combating Antisemitism in Europe by Confronting Extremism". The forum gathered dozens of MEPs—including Austrian MEP Lukas Mandl, Dutch MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen, and Spanish MEP Rosa Estaràs Ferragut—alongside Katharina von Schnurbein and Belgian Federal Police Chief Commissioner Saad Amrani. During this roundtable, CAM lobbied for the adoption of counter-terrorism measures

against domestic European organizations, specifically pushing for a ban on the Muslim Brotherhood and pro-Palestinian advocacy networks under the banner of combating "political Islamism" and "anti-Zionist extremism". [span\_129] (start\_span) [span\_129] (end\_span)

## National Security Jurisprudence: The Criminalization of Dissent and RAF Base Protests in the UK

The projection of influence operations into European regulatory frameworks is matched by the coercive power of the state to suppress domestic dissent that targets defense manufacturing supply chains. [span\_130] (start\_span) [span\_130] (end\_span) In the United Kingdom, this has culminated in the application of the Terrorism Act 2000 to proscribe and prosecute domestic direct-action protest groups. [span\_132] (start\_span) [span\_132] (end\_span) [span\_134] (start\_span) [span\_134] (end\_span)

The focus of this domestic crackdown is Palestine Action, established in July 2020 by Huda Ammori and Richard Barnard. [span\_136] (start\_span) [span\_136] (end\_span) [span\_137] (start\_span) [span\_137] (end\_span) The network's primary objective is to disrupt the UK-based operations of Elbit Systems, Israel's largest private defense contractor, which supplies unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and surveillance systems to the IDF. [span\_138] (start\_span) [span\_138] (end\_span) [span\_139] (start\_span) [span\_139] (end\_span) [span\_140] (start\_span) [span\_140] (end\_span) Between 2020 and 2025, the group executed dozens of covert actions, occupying factories and causing property damage at Elbit facilities and associated supply chain partners, contributing to multiple shutdowns and the potential cancellation of a  $\text{\pounds } 2.1 \times 10^9$  contract between Elbit UK and the Ministry of Defence. [span\_141] (start\_span) [span\_141] (end\_span) [span\_142] (start\_span) [span\_142] (end\_span)

The state's legal framework shifted on June 30, 2025, when Home Secretary Yvette Cooper announced the government's intention to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist organization under the Terrorism Act 2000. The proscription order was [span\_133] (start\_span) [span\_133] (end\_span) [span\_135] (start\_span) [span\_135] (end\_span) accepted by the House of Commons on July 2 (voted 385-26) and the House of Lords on July 3, coming into effect on July 5, 2025. [span\_143] (start\_span) [span\_143] (end\_span) [span\_144] (start\_span) [span\_144] (end\_span) This marked the first time a domestic protest network primarily engaged in property destruction had been designated as a terrorist group. [span\_145] (start\_span) [span\_145] (end\_span) [span\_146] (start\_span) [span\_146] (end\_span)

The primary catalyst for the proscription was an action on June 20, 2025, at Royal Air Force (RAF) Brize Norton. Two activists breached the base perimeter and spray-painted the engines of two RAF Airbus A330 Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) Voyager refueling aircraft, damaging them with crowbars. Activists targeted the base because Brize Norton is a departure point for transport flights to RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus, which serves as a key site of British military support for Israel. Akrotiri has served as the launch point for at least 518 surveillance flights over Gaza since December 2023, making it a critical node in the intelligence-sharing network.

The proscription sparked broader protest campaigns targeting other military installations, including RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. On April 4, 2026, the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace established a peace encampment and blockade outside the main gate of Lakenheath base. The protest was organized following reports that a U.S. F-15E fighter jet, shot down over Iran, had taken off from the Lakenheath base. On April 5, Suffolk Police arrested seven protesters under counter-terrorism laws for wearing tabards stating: "We oppose genocide. We support Palestine Action".

The legal challenge to this proscription is documented in the litigation *R (Ammori) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*.

| Legal Phase & Forum                      | Case Citation & Date     | Key Legal Holdings / Decisions  | Human Rights / ECHR Analysis | Systemic Precedent |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| High Court of Justice (Divisional Court) | <i>R (Ammori) v SSHD</i> | EWHC 292 (Admin) (Feb 20, 2026) |                              |                    |

| Ruled the proscription of Palestine Action unlawful; held that the Home Secretary failed to comply with internal policy and acted disproportionately. | Strong protection of Articles 10 & 11; ruled that treating direct-action property damage as terrorism is a disproportionate interference with protest rights. | Asserted a rigorous judicial check on executive overreach, blocking the expansion of counter-terrorism powers into political dissent. |

| **Court of Appeal** (Civil Division)

| **Home Secretary v Ammori** EWCA Civ 1721 (June 15, 2026) | Unanimously overturned the High Court ruling, declaring the proscription lawful and fully reinstating the terrorist designation. | Afforded broad executive deference on national security; ruled that property damage using weapons (sledgehammers) does not fall under peaceful protest. | Re-established the executive's unilateral authority to define and combat "terrorism" under Section 3 of the Terrorism Act 2000. |

| **Woolwich Crown Court**

| **R v Charlotte Head & Others** (The "Filton 4") (Sentenced June 12, 2026) | Convicted four activists of criminal damage and GBH; applied counter-terrorism sentencing enhancements under Section 69. | Rejected "conscientious motivation" as a mitigating factor; treated intent to influence the government as an aggravating terrorist connection. |

| Established a precedent where property destruction against defense firms is sentenced under counter-terrorism laws, carrying long-term notification requirements. |

In February 2026, the High Court initial review ruled the proscription unlawful, concluding that the Home Secretary had misapplied her own administrative

guidelines. [span\_204] (start\_span) [span\_204] (end\_span) [span\_205] (start\_span) [span\_205] (end\_span) [span\_206] (start\_span) [span\_206] (end\_span) The court noted that the proscription was heavily motivated by the "significant disruptive benefits" of triggering secondary criminal offences—such as "inviting support" or wearing symbols of a proscribed group—which effectively criminalized peaceful supporters and protesters who had committed no violent acts. The High Court ruled that this constituted an unjustified and disproportionate interference with rights protected under Articles 10 (Freedom of Expression) and 11 (Freedom of Assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

However, on June 15, 2026, the Court of Appeal unanimously overturned the High Court's ruling in *Home Secretary v Ammori* EWCA Civ 1721. The Court of Appeal's decision re-established a highly deferential approach to executive national security assessments, outlining several key legal determinations:

\* **Scope of Executive Discretion:** The court ruled that administrative policies are merely "guides, not rules," and that the Home Secretary has broad constitutional authority to consider the broader context of an organization's activities (including recruitment and radicalization) when evaluating future terrorism risks, rather than being strictly limited to past acts of statutory terrorism. [span\_207] (start\_span) [span\_207] (end\_span)

\* **Rejection of Article 17 ECHR:** While the court rejected the government's argument that Palestine Action was entirely excluded from ECHR protections under Article 17 (the abuse of rights clause), it nevertheless ruled that the interference with Articles 10 and 11 was justified and proportionate. [span\_208] (start\_span) [span\_208] (end\_span)

\* **Application of the *Bank Mellat* Test:** Applying the four-stage proportionality framework from *Bank Mellat v HM Treasury*, the court concluded that:

1. The objective of protecting national security and the rights of third-party businesses was legitimate. [span\_209] (start\_span) [span\_209] (end\_span)

2. Proscription was rationally connected to protecting national defense infrastructure. [span\_210] (start\_span) [span\_210] (end\_span)

3. Alternative, less-intrusive legal measures—such as civil injunctions or standard criminal prosecutions—were structurally insufficient to disrupt a decentralized, cell-based network that actively operates covertly to evade detection. [span\_211] (start\_span) [span\_211] (end\_span)

4. The "fair balance" stage favored the state, defining Palestine

Action's targeted property destruction as the "antithesis of civil disobedience".

This appellate ruling aligned with a parallel criminal sentencing development on June 12, 2026, at Woolwich Crown Court. In the trial of the "Filton 4" (Charlotte Head, Leona Kamio, Fatema Rajwani, and Samuel Corner), the defendants were prosecuted for an August 6, 2024, raid on an Elbit Systems factory in Filton, Gloucestershire, which caused \$€1.2 million in property damage, including the destruction of military drone assets.

Although Palestine Action was not a proscribed organization at the time of the offense, Mr. Justice Johnson applied counter-terrorism sentencing guidelines under Section 69 of the Sentencing Code. The court ruled that because the defendants' actions were designed to intimidate a section of the public and coerce the UK government into altering its foreign policy, a "terrorist connection" was legally established. This resulted in substantial custodial sentences:

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$$\text{Sentences} = \begin{cases} \text{Samuel Corner:} & 7 \text{ years, } 8 \text{ months (including GBH without intent)} \\ \text{Charlotte Head / Leona Kamio:} & 5 \text{ years} \\ \text{Fatema Rajwani:} & 4 \text{ years, } 8 \text{ months} \end{cases}$$
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All defendants were subjected to an additional year on license and 15 years of mandatory terrorist notification requirements under the counter-terrorism regime.

The systemic implications of these decisions are far-reaching. By June 2026, British police had arrested over 3,000 individuals under counter-terrorism statutes for expressing support for Palestine Action—often for holding placards or participating in peaceful assemblies. This integration of proscription powers and counter-terrorism sentencing for property damage marks a significant shift in UK

jurisprudence, placing the state alongside international regimes that utilize national security apparatuses to criminalize political dissent and protect commercial military assets.

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Geospatial and Financial Audit of the Sazan Island and Zvërnec Developments

While European states utilize counter-terrorism frameworks to protect defense supply chains, international actors leverage private capital to secure physical control over critical NATO maritime corridors. This strategy of commercial-to-military encroachment is demonstrated by the luxury resort development on Sazan Island and the adjacent Zvërnec peninsula in Albania, led by Jared Kushner's private equity firm, Affinity Partners.

Historically designated as a highly restricted military exclusion zone until its declassification in December 2024, Sazan Island is the largest island in Albania. Geographically, Sazan commands the Strait of Otranto—a 72-kilometer-wide maritime passage separating Albania from Italy that serves as the sole gateway to the Adriatic Sea. The strait represents one of Europe's most critical maritime corridors; it is the primary shipping artery for Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Albania, carrying cargo to key industrial ports like Trieste, Venice, and Rijeka. Following the disruption of land routes due to the war in Ukraine, freight traffic through this corridor increased by over 40%. Additionally, 94% of Austria's crude oil relies on pipelines originating at Trieste, linking the Strait of Otranto directly to Central European energy security.

During the Cold War, Sazan Island served as a heavily fortified Soviet submarine base (Pasha Liman) hosting Whiskey-class submarines, and was later converted by the Enver Hoxha regime into an impenetrable fortress containing 3,600 nuclear-hardened bunkers, 16 kilometers of subterranean tunnels, and chemical/biological weapons testing facilities.

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The corporate vehicle executing the resort development is Atlantic Incubation Partners LLC, a Delaware-registered entity backed by Jared Kushner and affiliated with Affinity Partners. [span\_246] (start\_span) [span\_246] (end\_span) [span\_249] (start\_span) [span\_249] (end\_span) Affinity Partners, founded in July 2021, is a private investment firm that amassed over \$6.16 billion in assets under management (AUM) by April 2026. [span\_252] (start\_span) [span\_252] (end\_span) This capital is heavily sourced from sovereign wealth funds in the Gulf; the Saudi Arabian government's Public Investment Fund (PIF) allocated \$2 billion, while an additional \$1.5 billion was secured in 2024 from the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and the United Arab Emirates-based Lunate Investment firm. [span\_253] (start\_span) [span\_253] (end\_span) Legally, Affinity Partners operates as a private family office, exempting it from the anti-money laundering and beneficial ownership reporting requirements imposed on standard financial institutions under the Investment Company Act of 1940. [span\_254] (start\_span) [span\_254] (end\_span)

| Corporate Layer        | Legal Entity                                 | Jurisdiction of Registration          | Key Personnel / Ultimate Beneficial Owners            | Functional Role in Project  |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| **Asset Manager**      | **Affinity Partners** (A Fin Management LLC) | USA (Miami, Florida)                  | Jared Kushner (100% Owner), Bret Pearlman, Asad Naqvi | Developer of private equity vehicle controlling foreign capital pools |
| **Developer Link**     | **Atlantic Incubation Partners LLC**         | USA (Delaware)                        | Jared Kushner, Richard Grenell (Strategic Envoy)      | Holder of primary "Strategic Investor" status in Albania              |
| **Operational Entity** | **Sazan Real Estate Development**            | Qatar / Netherlands (Shell Structure) | Asher Abehsera, Dutch shell nominees                  | Local operations manager; shields beneficial ownership identities     |

267] (end\_span) |  
 | **Permit Holder** | **Zvërnec South Adriatic Development**  
 [span\_268] (start\_span) [span\_268] (end\_span) [span\_269] (start\_span) [span\_269] (end\_span) [span\_270] (start\_span) [span\_270] (end\_span) | Albania |  
 Controlled by Sazan Real Estate Development  
 [span\_271] (start\_span) [span\_271] (end\_span) [span\_273] (start\_span) [span\_273] (end\_span) | Holds direct physical development and construction permits  
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 | **Joint Venture Partner** | **Assets Group** (incorporating Albania Land Development)  
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 [span\_276] (start\_span) [span\_276] (end\_span) [span\_281] (start\_span) [span\_281] (end\_span) [span\_286] (start\_span) [span\_286] (end\_span) | Prime construction and financial underwriting partner  
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The Sazan Island Resort (valued at \$€1.4 \text{ billion}\$ for Sazan Island and integrated with a \$€4.7 \text{ billion}\$ development contract on the adjacent Zvërnec coast) is funded in partnership with the Assets Group. [span\_290] (start\_span) [span\_290] (end\_span) [span\_291] (start\_span) [span\_291] (end\_span) The Assets Group is controlled by Moutaz and Ramez Al-Khayyat, Syrian-born Qatari billionaires with close ties to the Qatari royal family and Washington lobbying firms. The phy [span\_278] (start\_span) [span\_278] (end\_span) [span\_283] (start\_span) [span\_283] (end\_span) [span\_288] (start\_span) [span\_288] (end\_span) sical construction and land acquisition are executed through a local subsidiary, Albania Land Development, which holds the strategic permits for the Pishë Poro-Narta coastline.

+-----+ | The Strait of Otranto || (72km-wide passage separating Italy & Albania) | +-----+ |  
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 +-----+ | Adriatic Gateway (Sazan Island) || Ionian Sea & Southern Flank || - Controls all exit shipping || - 85km from Corfu naval base || - Pipeline routing (Trieste) || - NATO Southern Flank corridor | +-----+ +-----+ ||  
 +-----+-----+ | v +-----+  
 Strategic Dual-Use Infrastructure || - Ports adapted for maritime vessel tracking || - Restricted-access zones housing foreign operatives || - Heliports and radar-adaptable communication arrays | +-----+  
 The establishment of a massive, foreign-controlled commercial footprint on Sazan Island introduces significant maritime security and

dual-use infrastructure risks

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\* **Dual-Use Seaport Facilities:** The construction of a private deep-water marina on Sazan Island provides physical infrastructure that can be rapidly adapted for maritime surveillance, SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) interception, and vessel tracking across the Strait of Otranto. [span\_293] (start\_span) [span\_293] (end\_span)

\* **Air and Communication Vectors:** The inclusion of helicopter pads and secure communication networks built for high-end clientele can be integrated into private intelligence collection networks, monitoring NATO naval maneuvers in the Southern Flank, situated just 85 kilometers from Greek naval bases on Corfu.

\* **Geopolitical Leverage:** The project secures a permanent, non-NATO-aligned commercial footprint funded by Qatari and Saudi state-backed capital. [span\_296] (start\_span) [span\_296] (end\_span) [span\_297] (start\_span) [span\_297] (end\_span) [span\_298] (start\_span) [span\_298] (end\_span) This structure creates "institutional capture," preventing NATO command structures from enforcing [span\_228] (start\_span) [span\_228] (end\_span) [span\_231] (start\_span) [span\_231] (end\_span) security rules without provoking an internal diplomatic crisis with the family of a sitting U.S. President.

The rapid [span\_294] (start\_span) [span\_294] (end\_span) approval of the project has triggered a domestic crisis in Albania. [span\_299] (start\_span) [span\_299] (end\_span) [span\_300] (start\_span) [span\_300] (end\_span) [span\_301] (start\_span) [span\_301] (end\_span) In May and June 2026, over 200,000 citizens took to the streets of Tirana and Vlorë in the "Flamingo Revolution". [span\_302] (start\_span) [span\_302] (end\_span) [span\_303] (start\_span) [span\_303] (end\_span) This movement was sparked by Ivanka Trump's public description of the development on a podcast, which highlighted the lack of public consultation and the bypass of environmental laws. [span\_304] (start\_span) [span\_304] (end\_span) [span\_305] (start\_span) [span\_305] (end\_span) [span\_306] (start\_span) [span\_306] (end\_span) Prime Minister Edi Rama's government amended national environmental protection laws in 2024 to strip Sazan Island and the Vjosa-Narta protected area of their conservation status. [span\_307] (start\_span) [span\_307] (end\_span) [span\_308] (start\_span) [span\_308] (end\_span) [span\_309] (start\_span) [span\_309] (end\_span)

These amendments cleared the way for bulldozers to begin destroying ancient dunes and wetlands that serve as critical habitats for pink flamingos and nesting loggerhead sea turtles. [span\_310] (start\_span) [span\_310] (end\_span) [span\_311] (start\_span) [span\_311] (end\_span) [span\_312] (start\_span) [span\_312] (end\_span) [span\_313] (start\_span) [span\_313] (end\_span) In response, Albania's

independent anti-corruption body (SPAK) launched a formal investigation into property title fraud and the legislative changes involving Albania Land Development, though it has stated the probe does not target Kushner

directly. [span\_314] (start\_span) [span\_314] (end\_span) [span\_315] (start\_span) [span\_315] (end\_span) [span\_316] (start\_span) [span\_316] (end\_span) [span\_317] (start\_span) [span\_317] (end\_span) [span\_318] (start\_span) [span\_318] (end\_span)

## ## Strategic Outlook and Security Syntheses

The integration of state-directed influence networks, regulatory lobbying, and private capital investments reveals a highly coordinated and multi-dimensional methodology of foreign power projection across Europe. This strategy targets critical nodes of national security, legislative authority, and maritime infrastructure:

\* **The Integration of Lobbying and Regulatory Capture:** Voices of Israel, ELNET, and the Combat Antisemitism Movement demonstrate how private capital can be deployed to systematically capture regulatory nodes within the EU and individual member states, ensuring that foreign security paradigms are integrated directly into domestic law-enforcement and digital regulation

frameworks. [span\_319] (start\_span) [span\_319] (end\_span) [span\_320] (start\_span) [span\_320] (end\_span) [span\_321] (start\_span) [span\_321] (end\_span)

\* **Counter-Terrorism Overreach and the Chilling of Dissent:** The proscription and sentencing of Palestine Action in the United Kingdom establishes a legal precedent where domestic property destruction is prosecuted under counter-terrorism statutes, effectively transforming standard criminal damage into a national security offense to shield commercial defense assets from political

protest. [span\_322] (start\_span) [span\_322] (end\_span) [span\_323] (start\_span) [span\_323] (end\_span) [span\_324] (start\_span) [span\_324] (end\_span)

\* **Commercial-to-Military Infrastructure Encroachment:** The acquisition and development of Sazan Island by Kushner's Affinity Partners illustrates how high-end commercial tourism can serve as a vehicle for establishing permanent, dual-use strategic assets in critical NATO maritime corridors. By channeling Gulf sovereign wealth through a family office exempt from beneficial ownership reporting, this model [span\_295] (start\_span) [span\_295] (end\_span) establishes a permanent, non-NATO-aligned presence overlooking the Strait of Otranto, creating an institutional capture that limits NATO's operational

cohesion. [span\_325] (start\_span) [span\_325] (end\_span) [span\_326] (start\_span) [span\_326] (end\_span)

Ultimately, these developments illustrate how foreign influence operations and private capital are exploiting local legal and

administrative mechanisms to secure physical and ideological leverage within the European theater, demanding a highly coordinated and vigilant response from European regulatory and security institutions. [span\_327] (start\_span) [span\_327] (end\_span) [span\_328] (start\_span) [span\_328] (end\_span) [span\_329] (start\_span) [span\_329] (end\_span)

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