



Microsoft worker emails thousands of colleagues about company's support for genocidal Israel

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Microsoft backs genocide

On his final day at the company, a Microsoft worker in Italy has sent out an email to thousands of colleagues informing them of how the corporation operates as the [technological backbone of the Gaza holocaust perpetrated by so-called Israel](#).

The hero, known to the *Canary* as Nour, said:

After nearly two years as a **Critical Environment Technician at a Microsoft Italy data center**, I choose to resign. This is because, right now, Microsoft is massively expanding its **European data centers (aka mass surveillance centers)** to use **Palestine** as a **laboratory** for its experimental **digital weaponry**. For the past 994 days, Microsoft has powered the genocide of our people in Palestine, and the company's European data centers are fundamental to how Microsoft abets crimes against humanity.

He later continued:

On August 6, 2025, reports [exposed](#) how Microsoft hosted 11,500 terabytes of intercepted Palestinian phone call data in the Microsoft Netherlands data center, with additional data stored in the Irish data center, amounting to 200 million hours of audio. This trove of mass surveillance data has been [described](#) as "one of the world's largest and most intrusive collections of surveillance data over a single population group."

This data is used by the Israeli military to [identify](#) targets for airstrikes, arrests, and blackmail from the entire Palestinian population. It is also used as training data to build AI-targeting

programs. These programs invent [arbitrary justifications](#) to murder non-combatants, intentionally adding civilian workers to the Israeli military's [target bank](#); the programs also facilitate massacres of entire families at once.

Nour went on to highlight [Microsoft's pseudo-investigation](#) of the above, amounting to a whitewash. He said [Microsoft colluded with the terror regime in Tel Aviv](#) to shift the data off Dutch servers and into Occupied Palestine, sometimes incorrectly referred to as "Israel".

Irish government assists Microsoft mass surveillance program

The now ex-employee of the criminal company also cited the use of Microsoft's Irish data center for the [Al-Munasseq \(the Coordinator\) mass surveillance program](#). This is an app the land thieves of the Zionist entity force Palestinians to install on their phones as part of their illegal [apartheid permit system](#). It is used to put Palestinians under constant surveillance, violating their [fundamental right to privacy](#).

It is just another way the Irish government [permits the nation's territory](#) to be used in assisting war crimes by "Israel". The [Council for Civil Liberties \(ICCL\)](#) is [challenging the mass spying programs](#). These systems are also used to keep up the communications of Irish citizens who have been in communication with Palestinians living under brutal Zionist rule.

In another sign of the increasing pressure campaigners are placing on the genocide-backing tech firm, just days ago activists from Your Tech Their Deaths [disrupted a conference Microsoft was hosting in Dublin](#).

Nour additionally focused on the climate impact of Microsoft's AI systems. Vast amounts of [our water, land, and energy](#) are ultimately being [used to power the Israeli Occupation Forces \(IOF\) war machine](#) devastating West Asia.

He went on to cite Microsoft's hypocrisy, as it preaches a commitment to "empowering" workers and a "growth mindset", yet makes them:

"non-consenting accessories to their complicity in genocide."

Nour said to his former colleagues:

"We have both the power and the responsibility to reclaim our labour."

The [No Azure for Apartheid \(NOAA\) campaign](#) has indeed shown its power. It is comprised of Microsoft workers and others telling the company to:

"live up to its own purported ethical values" by ending its direct and indirect complicity in Israeli apartheid and genocide.

[NOAA forced Microsoft to terminate a contract](#) with the criminal "Israeli" spy agency Unit 8200.

Tech workers refuse to be complicit in mass murder

There has been continuous bold disobedience from Microsoft workers not willing to tolerate being made complicit in crimes against humanity by their bosses. [They have staged numerous mass email actions](#) and workers standing up to [challenge the company's most senior figures](#) during their speeches at company events. Microsoft has attempted to [block emails containing words like "Palestine" and "Gaza"](#) but employees have found methods of circumventing the free speech-violating measures.

Nisreen Jaradat worked for the Jordanian branch of Microsoft. The company suspended her for six weeks after her own mass email asking colleagues to stand up for what's right. Microsoft ultimately fired Nisreen for her role in a [protest at the shameful corporation's headquarters in Seattle](#)

Speaking to the *Canary* about Nour's action and NOAA, Nisreen said:

Because Microsoft's complicity is global, so is our No Azure for Apartheid movement. Whether from Italy, Ireland, or Washington, Microsoft workers all over the world are rising up and refusing to be part of the Israeli genocidal machine.

As for Nour, he said he didn't fear retaliation, [he never hidden his views on Palestine](#). Nour concluded his email by asking workers to take concrete steps as part of ending Microsoft's role in mass murder, which puts blood on the hands of all workers at the company:

I am calling on you to meet the urgency of this moment by joining the [Worker Intifada](#) however you can.

1. [Learn](#) how Microsoft powers genocide in Palestine
2. Take the [pledge](#) to divest your labor from Israel
3. Sign No Azure for Apartheid's [petition](#) to demand that Microsoft cut ties with the Israeli government and military
4. [Join](#) No Azure for Apartheid

Free Palestine,

Nour

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