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Zionist Israeli Firm Hired To Spy On Americans

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The surprise disclosure that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through its state Homeland Security Agency, along with a number of local police departments in the state, have been employing a private Israeli security company with strong links to Mossad and the Israeli Defense Force grows increasingly disturbing when the website of the company, called the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response, is examined.

ITRR's slick site at www.terrorresponse.org features a homepage image of an armor-clad soldier or riot policeman preparing to fire an automatic pistol, while the company boasts of being "the preeminent Israel/American security firm, providing training, intelligence and education for clients across the globe."

The firm, which offers courses locally at the University of Philadelphia, notes that all its course offerings, some of which are taught in Israel, are "approved by the Israeli Ministry of Defense." The course titles include such compelling topics as: "Tactical Advantage in Combat," "Civilian Battlefield," "Undercover/Plainclothes Tactical Operations," "Israeli Shooting Techniques," "Arena Combat," "Hard Entry (Arrest)" and "Principles of Night Operations." While a number of the titles link to course descriptions, the links to the undercover class and the civilian battlefield class were disabled when this reporter visited the site, which was two days after the company's role as a state security contractor was exposed.

The description for the Tactical Advantage course, which the website says was designed for military, law enforcement and security personnel, describes the program as "intense, dirty, aggressive and based on Israeli Counter-Terror Schools policy." It says "This course pushes trainees to the physical and mental edge." American organizations which engage in protests and rallies, hearing that reference to the Israeli Counter-Terror Schools policy, might recall the IDF's handling of the aid flotilla that was boarded on the high seas by IDF troops as they read these lines. That assault, in which the Israelis used 9mm semi-automatic weapons against defenders armed at most with sticks and light chains, left nine flotilla participants, including a young Turkish American, dead.

The Institute of Terrorism Research and Response, which only lists a post-box address in Philadelphia (though in its report on the scandal the Philadelphia Inquirer referred to ITRR as a "Philadelphia-based company with offices in Philadelphia and Jerusalem"), also advertises a subsidiary operation it calls a Targeted Action Monitoring Center (TAM-C), which it claims is "world renowned" and which it says supplies "factual, actionable intelligence to subscribers." All information gathered by the firm's staff of "former law enforcement, military and intelligence professionals" is sent to the Israeli headquarters of the TAM-C for processing--a move which effectively insulates it from discovery by any surveillance victims who might seek disclosure under federal or state Freedom of Information laws, or who might sue in court for violation of their civil liberties...

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