

Bank on Princes Street targeted again on Thursday

The Princes Street branch of Barclays Bank was targeted on Thursday morning by pro-Palestine protesters.

The facade was daubed with red paint to highlight their concerns that the bank is making revenue from the war in Gaza.

This was part of a campaign by Palestine Action which spray painted ten sites connected to Barclays Bank including call centres and offices as well as bank branches.

Their main point is that the bank should stop investing in Elbit Systems which is Israel's largest weapons firm and the main target of Palestine Action.

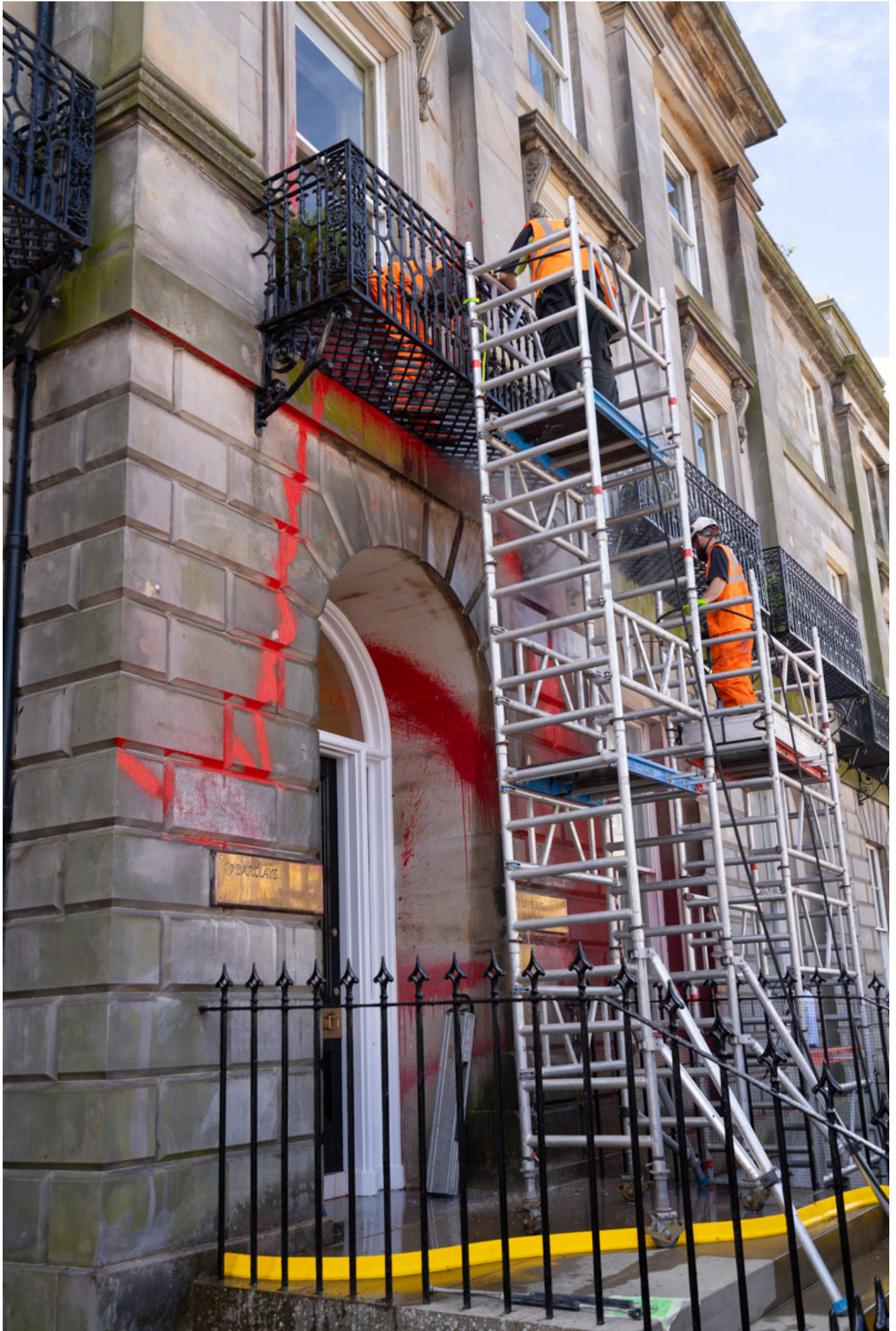
A spokesperson said: "Barclays' investments are contributing to the wholesale destruction of Gaza, the erasure of Palestinian life and property.

"These banks choose to invest in manufacturers of genocide. They have evaluated that the continued returns on investment generated by Elbit Systems and Israel's war machine are worth more than the moral or political cost of dealing in war crimes.

Palestine Action will continue to take action to re-calibrate that cost-benefit analysis: reducing the profitability of any operation doing business with Israel's arms trade."



This follows action involving red paint at the Barclays office in Melville Crescent earlier in the summer.



Damage to Barclays office on Melville Crescent © 2024 Martin McAdam

Pro Palestinian protests regularly congregate outside the Princes Street branch each weekend as shown below:



