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Editorial

Spring is in the air bringing daffodils in the park, lambs in the fields, and Stop Week info in CAATnews! This annual event may not take place until June but CAAT groups are getting ready now – see pages 8–9 to find out how to get involved. Stop Week will also feature on the CAAT blog, so check out <http://caatblog.wordpress.com> for inspiration and don't forget to post news and pictures of your preparation and events!

In this issue we're also reminded why we oppose the arms trade: Hazel Southam of Progressio looks at East Timor more than a decade after the campaign opposing the sale of Hawk jets to Indonesia, then in occupation of the country.

CAAT works for the reduction and ultimate abolition of the international arms trade, together with progressive demilitarisation within arms producing countries. CAAT is a network of people based in the UK and was set up in 1974.

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Universities Against Arms Trade

Student activism against war and the arms trade has seen a massive resurgence

This year over 30 universities have been occupied in solidarity with Gaza and students have taken part in occupations to demand that universities stop investing in the arms trade that drives conflict.

CAAT's national Universities' Day of Action on 11 February provided one focus for action, with hundreds of students at campuses around the country taking part. On the day of action alone these were some of the inspiring actions that took place:

Occupation of Glasgow University

Students began a 55-hour occupation on the Day of Action. Many of the demands have since been won.

A rooftop protest at the University of Central Lancashire

Students held an hour-long rooftop protest while others handed out leaflets about BAE-funded research at the university and its investments in arms companies.

"Die-ins" at Birmingham and Nottingham Universities

Students in Birmingham highlighted the university's investment in the Barclays Global Investment (BGI) Fund, known to have £7.3 billion invested in the arms trade.

An alternative careers service at Warwick University

Students set up an Alternative Careers Service, handing out information on arms companies that regularly attend recruitment fairs at the university. Students also offered a series of workshops on the arms trade.



Students stage a "die-in" during the Universities' Day of Action DISARM NOTTINGHAM

'I think we can achieve even more ... helping to make a tangible difference to people across the world whose lives have been blighted by war.'
Musab Younis, politics student, University of Nottingham

A public meeting at Cardiff University

Students from Cardiff University held a week of activism under the theme of Disarm Cardiff. The week included a public meeting with representatives from CAAT and other speakers.

Student "die-in" at BAE Land Systems in Leeds

Student Rhia Lawrence explained a security guard's alarmed reaction: 'Whilst this shows BAE's fear of the damage that an informed public opinion could do to their operations it is far from the truth. We haven't made our point. We haven't made it loudly enough or to a great enough

audience but we will, and this why BAE's fear is warranted.'

An open letter to follow up on ethical investment commitments at University College London

Following the recent adoption of an ethical investment policy, over 40 students submitted an open letter to the university calling for disinvestment from arms company Cobham.

A huge petition at York University

Over 1,000 signatures were collected on the day of action, which was followed by a demonstration on 27 February, resulting in the university committing to adopt an ethical investment policy.

Many universities around the country have committed to disinvest from arms since student protests began in January. The LSE Occupation blog has links to other sites where you can read more – see lseoccupation.blogspot.com.

Get involved with CAAT Universities Network:

- ➔ Sign up for the monthly digest email by emailing universities@caat.org.uk.
- ➔ Get in touch for more details about our Universities Network Gathering – contact universities@caat.org.uk.
- ➔ Join the discussion list to share ideas and information with other student activists – see CAATunis-subscribe@lists.riseup.net.
- ➔ Keep an eye out for the new wiki to share anti-arms trade activist resources – coming soon!
- ➔ Check out CAAT's advice on Clean Investment campaigning at www.caat.org.uk/campaigns/universities/intro.php
- ➔ Find out more about universities' research links to the arms trade at www.studywarnomore.org.uk.

ANNE-MARIE O'REILLY

Revolving door

The US White House has not applied new ethics rules, intended to keep lobbyists out of top government posts, to its nominee for deputy defense secretary, William Lynn. Lynn is a former vice president of, and lobbyist for, arms company Raytheon.

DEFENSE NEWS, 26/1/09

The House of Commons public administration committee has called for stricter lobbying controls, saying that former ministers are exploiting inside knowledge of government for profit with 'impunity'. The committee criticised current rules intended to

limit the 'revolving door' between government and the private sector.

FINANCIAL TIMES, 5/1/09

Stephen Ball is the new Chief Executive at Lockheed Martin. Earlier in his career, Ball spent 21 years with the HM Government Communications Centre and played a major role in its establishment as a UK government agency.

DEFENSE NEWS, 18/2/09

Former Home Secretary John Reid is now employed by G4S, the UK's largest private security company formed from a merger of Group 4 and Securicor. G4S acquired the mercenary company ArmorGroup in

2008. Reid is also a former Defence Secretary.

OBSERVER, 11/1/09

Scotland's *Sunday Herald* has found that 23 of the 46 parliamentary questions tabled since 2008 by Labour peer Lord Moonie relate to military work connected to US-based Northrup Grumman Corporation. Moonie has been a 'non-parliamentary' consultant to Northrup Grumman IT in the US since 2007.

SUNDAY HERALD, 1/2/09



Russia

Yemen has agreed to buy more than \$1bn worth of Russian military hardware, including MiG-29 fighter aircraft. JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 11/3/09

Guatemala has said it wants to continue negotiations with Russia over a barter arrangement that would see Russian military equipment exchanged for Guatemalan coffee and sugar.

JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 11/3/09

Russia has agreed to supply Bolivia with helicopters and energy assistance following the first visit to Moscow of a Bolivian leader.

DEFENSE NEWS, 23/2/09

The Brazilian Air Force has acquired 12 attack helicopters from Russia.

JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 10/12/08

Russia has given Lebanon 10 fighter jets under an agreement on military-technical assistance. This considerably strengthens the Lebanese air force, while also strengthening Russian influence in the Middle East.

TIMES, 18/12/08

Russia has agreed a contract to supply S-300 air defence missiles to Iran but has not yet delivered the weapons. FINANCIAL TIMES, 19/3/09

BAE

BAE Systems' net profits went up by 93 per cent in 2008 to \$2.5bn. The increase was driven by the sale of armoured vehicles to the US Government for use in Iraq and Afghanistan. These sales saw BAE become the fifth largest supplier to the US Department of Defense, and the first new entrant into the top five this decade.

In 2008 the company's US sales overtook those from the rest of the world combined, reflecting its transatlantic acquisition strategy.

JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 25/2/09 AND 18/2/09;

DEFENSE NEWS, 23/2/09

Ian King, Chief Executive of BAE, has warned the Government not to axe major military programmes as an attempt to rein in spending. King said it would be difficult for BAE to continue to invest in apprentices and engineers if future projects were under threat.

TIMES, 17/1/09

BAE is looking to create a support business in Saudi Arabia for the armoured vehicles it supplies to the country's Army and National Guard. A BAE spokesperson said: 'We expect to build an indigenous capability, working off our products and technology.'

DEFENSE NEWS, 23/2/09

Shipbuilding company VT has sold out to BAE Systems, selling its share in the two groups' joint venture. This was created last year when the two merged their dockyards. VT's Chief Executive described the decision to sell as 'emotional'.

TIMES, 29/1/09

India has approved a joint venture between Mahindra & Mahindra and BAE Systems, with Mahindra & Mahindra owning 74 per cent. The two companies' previous submission was rejected because BAE had applied to own 49 per cent.

JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 14/1/09

Bell and Zuma

Bell Pottinger, the PR agency of Lord Bell, who reinvented Margaret Thatcher, has confirmed it is in talks with South Africa's Jacob Zuma about a possible PR campaign. Bell was involved in lobbying to persuade the Serious Fraud Office to drop its investigation into alleged bribery in the Al Yamamah arms deal.

Zuma is due to go to court in August to be tried once again on charges of corruption.

INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY, 1/3/09

Blackwater

Iraq's Interior Ministry has not renewed the mercenary company Blackwater's licence to operate in the country. Blackwater has held the US State Department contract to protect the US embassy and US diplomats in Iraq. In 2007 Blackwater staff were involved in an incident in which 17 Iraqi civilians were killed. The Interior Ministry's ruling in January was followed by an announcement in February that Blackwater Worldwide was changing its name to Xe, while Blackwater Lodge & Training Centre was renamed US Training Centre Inc.

TIMES, 30/1/09; GUARDIAN, 13/2/09

Missing weapons

A leaked report from the US Government Accountability Office has revealed that the US military has lost track of approximately 222,000 weapons shipped to Afghanistan since 2001.

The UN has spent more than £70m on a disarmament programme seeking to remove weapons from the hands of illegal armed groups after November 2003.

TIMES, 13/2/09

Iraq deal

The US is supplying the Iraqi Army, Navy and Air Force with weaponry in one of the biggest re-armament programmes ever seen in the region. The programme is intended to equip Iraq with the power to quell insurgency once US troops leave and to deal with any military threats from neighbours. The near-monopoly procurement arrangement also develops the strategic relationship between the two countries.

TIMES, 17/2/09

Thailand

The Thai military has set aside \$214.6m this fiscal year for military

equipment, including Russian-made helicopters, to support a push against insurgency in the south of the country.

DEFENSE NEWS, 9/2/09

India

The Indian Defence Minister has described his country's \$100m military exports in 2007 as 'woefully meagre', adding that India's reliance on foreign equipment suppliers is 'highly undesirable'. He called for domestic industries to strive for more self-reliance.

JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY, 4/2/09

Turkey-Israel

Israel's recent activity in Gaza has undermined a decade of close relations between Turkey and Israel, threatening military deals and co-operation. In recent years, Israel has been one of Turkey's top weapon suppliers, while Israeli fighter pilots have trained in central Turkey.

DEFENSE NEWS, 2/2/09

UAE

A string of large orders and announcements at the International Defense Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi signalled that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was keen to keep the military as a top spending priority. This comes despite a decline in revenues, with UAE needing the oil price to be \$45 per barrel to balance its budget.

DEFENSE NEWS, 2/3/09

Cluster bombs

Norway's state pension fund has sold \$30.8m worth of shares in US company Textron because it produces cluster weapons. In a major turnaround in US policy, US President Obama has since signed a law that makes it almost impossible for the US to sell the controversial weapons.

DEFENSE NEWS, 2/2/09; GUARDIAN, 13/3/09

UKTI sales trips

Aero India 2009

Bangalore, 11–15 February 2009
One of two major arms fairs in India.

Featuring:

- ➔ 592 companies from 35 countries including China, Israel, Russia, USA.
- ➔ 'High level delegations' from 40 countries.

UK presence:

- ➔ Sir Richard Stagg, British High Commissioner to India (delegation leader).
- ➔ Sir Glen Torpy, Chief of Air Staff RAF.
- ➔ Richard Paniguan, Head of UKTI DSO.
- ➔ Malcolm Haworth, Regional Director UKTI DSO.
- ➔ 33 UK companies.
- ➔ UK pavilion organised by the Society of British Aerospace Companies.

IDEX 2009

Abu Dhabi, 22–26 February 2009
The Middle East's largest arms fair.

Featuring:

- ➔ 897 companies.
- ➔ 150 'official delegations' from 50 countries. Delegation invitations included: Belarus, China, India, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, USA and Uzbekistan.

UK presence:

- ➔ Lt General Andrew Figures, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.
- ➔ Richard Paniguan, Head of UKTI DSO.
- ➔ Malcolm Haworth, Regional Director UKTI DSO.
- ➔ Over 90 UK companies.
- ➔ UK pavilion organised by the Defence Manufacturers Association.

Smash EDO visit Chichester CAAT

Earlier this year, Chichester CAAT and about thirty guests watched the film *On the Verge*, which was produced by SchNEWS. Martin Hill, an anti-military campaigner, came along to introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.

The film chronicled a five-year campaign against an American company called EDO, part of which is based in Brighton, Sussex. The company makes parts for F-16 bombers. These jets have been used in Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine where many civilians have been injured.

Smash EDO comprises campaigners from 17 to 80 years of age, and viewers certainly got a glimpse of the passion that they've brought to this campaign. During the interval, those attending were asked to sign CAAT's UKTI Armed and Dangerous petition. KRISTIN SUSSER

UKTI: getting the campaign message out

In trying to get the UKTI Armed and Dangerous message out, I couldn't get enough UKTI postcards. I took a stack to every meeting I went to and handed them out at coffee. People at church did not escape, nor those at my daughter's Quaker meeting. Dozens accompanied my Christmas cards and a friend asked for extra so she could do the same.

Getting the petition signed was trickier but there it was, spread on the kitchen table for all to see. How could they refuse when they'd just eaten some of my excellent carrot cake? SHAREN GREEN

Baby Show Blues



Anti-arms trade activists used music and irony when they demonstrated outside the Baby Show in February. The colourful protests enlivened the concrete monstrosity that is the ExCel Centre in Docklands, London.

On the Saturday, East London Against the Arms Fair (ELAFAF) was joined by other groups in a musical protest. This added up to around 30 campaigners from East London Against Arms Fair (ELAFAF), London Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), Disarm DSEi, Tower Hamlets CND, Croydon CND, London Catholic Worker, Trident Ploughshares, the Big Red Band and a separate jazz combo. They gathered outside the ExCel centre in London's Docklands to stage the musical protest against both the Baby Show organiser Clarion Event's plans to stage DSEi at ExCel in September,

Babes and bombs don't mix CAAT

and against ExCel itself for agreeing to host the event again. Members of the public were leafleted and serenaded with music from the Big Red Band and a jazz combo, accompanied by singing with appropriately modified lyrics by other protesters. The protest continued for three hours in total and was well received by the public.

On the Sunday, London CAAT staged their own baby show with two improbably large babies armed to the teeth. Ian Pocock of the group said: 'A particularly angry baby turned up laden with missiles, guns and a globe which he proceeded to destroy with the aforementioned items. Some passers-by and even exhibitors were drawn towards this strange sight and gladly took leaflets and signed the petition we had.'

Read more at www.caat.org.uk/events/Baby_Show_2009.php

Norfolk CAAT: a new year of campaigning



Colourful banners and striking posters add to the impact of the Norfolk CAAT stall

NORFOLK CAAT

Norfolk CAAT has done more than 10 stalls since the start of the year - an inspiring example of anti-arms trade campaigning.

Andy Street from the group said: 'On Saturday 14th February, we had our seventh weekly vigil outside the Forum in the centre of Norwich,

bringing our concerns over what is happening in Gaza to the people of Norwich.'

The vigils have been covered in the local paper, and Andy has had a letter published. Hundreds of signatures have been collected and leaflets handed out.

Please keep sending us news and pictures from your CAAT group. Send to Anne-Marie at the office - annemarie@caat.org.uk

Christian Network

The 2009 Day of Prayer (DoP) will be held on Sunday 14th June, the start of CAAT's Stop Week (see pages 8 and 9). The theme this year is 'A Farewell to Arms Fairs'. DoP packs will be available from the office from mid-May.

I had the pleasure of speaking to members of the Middlesbrough (RC) Diocese Justice and Peace Commission in the beautiful city of York in February, and also facilitating

a workshop on the UKTI Armed & Dangerous campaign at Soundcheck 09, the annual gathering of SPEAK, the network of young (18-30) Christians, in London.

On both occasions the attendance of around 35 was very encouraging. I am very happy to come and talk about the arms trade to any Christian or Church group so please feel free to contact me via the office.

ALUN MORINAN

Speak out for CAAT: 25 April

Join us in Central Birmingham on Saturday 25th April, 11am-5.30pm for our Local Campaigners Gathering/ Speak out for CAAT event. It offers a chance to:

- Catch up with the latest CAAT campaigns and research: the UKTI Armed and Dangerous campaign and info on winning the 'jobs' argument.
- Meet and network with other CAAT speakers and local contacts.
- Increase your skills and confidence to speak in public or to campaign with CAAT in your area.

The event will bring together members of the networks of speakers and local contacts, and those who are interested in joining them. We aim to provide useful and interesting training to enable you to speak about and take action on CAAT campaigns!

To book your place contact Anne-Marie O'Reilly at annemarie@caat.org.uk.

More information is at www.caat.org.uk/events/speakoutforCAAT.php

Diary dates

- **25 April** - Local Campaigners Gathering/Speak out for CAAT - 11am-5.30pm in Central Birmingham - book soon!
- **6 May** BAE Systems AGM - see page 12.
- **14-21 June** Stop Week 2009 - take action for the UKTI: Armed and Dangerous campaign - see pages 8-9.
- **8-11 September** Defence Systems and Equipment International (DSEi) - the world's largest arms fair returns to East London.

Stop UKTI's arms

CAAT is campaigning to stop government department UK Trade & Investment using taxpayers' money to help private companies sell arms. Through the UKTI Defence & Security Organisation (UKTI DSO), UKTI continues to promote the proliferation of weaponry – including shipments to conflict zones and repressive regimes.

Take it to the world

UKTI's new advertising campaign, coming to a billboard near you, says 'take it to the world'. That's exactly what its travelling bands of arms promoters have been doing over the last few months as they continue their circuit of international arms fairs.

But at Aero India in February, where the UKTI-supported UK delegation was one of the largest foreign contingents, it was clear that the world didn't always want what UKTI was offering. Indian civil society groups had organised three days of meetings, demonstrations and a conference as an alternative to the arms fair. They aimed to highlight the way in which military spending is

CAAT's UKTI: Armed and Dangerous campaign is gathering pace, and will be the focus of this year's Stop Week.

prioritised over the well-being of people. They offered strong criticism of the arms companies and Western governments hoping to drum up business at the fair.

Professor Arvind Radhakrishnan of the School of Law at Bangalore's Christ University said: 'In a country where poverty is rampant and where there is a great deal to be done in the fields of health and education, we cannot be spending so much on defence. Our battle is against starvation and deprivation, which cannot be fought with guns and missiles.'

IDEX

Next stop for UKTI was the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) in Abu Dhabi in United Arab

Emirates. UKTI DSO head Richard Paniguan again led a large delegation, accompanied by soldiers from the British Army and a Royal Navy Ship.

Visiting photographer Martin Parr reported some of the details of the fair on the Magnum blog. He noted the surreal sight of local schoolchildren brought in to sing and dance after the military demonstrations that opened the fair. He said that the slogans on IDEX advertising displays 'make you wonder if you are at an alternative health event, rather than one dedicated to military tools and technologies.' One UK exhibitor asked for his photograph not to be used in case his friends discovered what he did for a living.

Deals worth hundreds of millions of dollars were announced at the fair – and we can assume many more were initiated. The constant round of events throughout the rest of the year will offer plenty of opportunities to cement those agreements. Meanwhile UKTI DSO will also be considering its own arms fair, DSEi, due to take place in September.

Take it to UKTI

While UKTI aims to 'take it to the world', we're also taking it to UKTI, thanks to the fantastic work of CAAT supporters on the campaign.

On almost every working day since the beginning of the year, its

Looking for inspiration?

Why not request a UKTI workshop? Selina Larsen outlines what you can expect

Our UKTI workshop is the perfect place to cultivate action ideas, followed with on-going support from your facilitator (usually a member of CAAT staff).

Designed to inform campaigners about our UKTI focus, the interactive session can cover CAAT's history

and aims, current campaign arguments, and details of what we're calling for.

The workshop dedicates a significant chunk of time to exploring opportunities and action possibilities in your area. Flexible for new or established groups, planning sessions in the workshop could cover a demonstration, a stall, a community fundraiser, or any manner of event.

Call Selina in the office to arrange your workshop.

fairs



Chief Executive Sir Andrew Cahn has received an attractively wrapped package of CAAT postcards, calling on him to end UKTI's promotion of arms sales. We hope he now looks forward to his daily present. Help us keep the campaign on his mind by keeping those postcards coming!

Lord Mervyn Davies, appointed in January, is the latest person to hold the post of Minister for Trade & Investment. A number of CAAT supporters have already welcomed him to his new job by asking their MP to write to him about UKTI's support for arms companies. It's been very encouraging to know he's received so many letters so soon on

this issue; it's given us a real opportunity to help set his agenda. If you haven't yet written we have prepared some resources to support you, including suggestions for key points you might like to make in a personalised letter, and a model letter you just need to sign and send. If you've already written and received a reply, we've also suggested some arguments you can use to challenge the minister's response. Visit www.caat.org.uk/ukti for campaign materials, or phone the office for more details. SARAH WALDRON

Stop UKTI, Stop DSEi Week: 14-21 June 2009

DSEi, the world's largest arms fair, is returning to East London on 8-11 September. CAAT's Stop Week of 14-21 June aims to undermine the government support that makes DSEi possible by targeting UK Trade & Investment.

The organisers deny that arms deals take place at the fair Defence Systems & Equipment International (DSEi). But as Magnum photographer Martin Parr reported from the IDEX fair: 'Buying is a long process and rarely completed in less than a year ... for many arms deals IDEX is the starting line.'

In 2007 delegations and exhibitors included India, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa and Ukraine. Many of this year's delegations and exhibitors will be there at the invitation of UKTI DSO, which will also provide significant financial, logistical and political support. In short, without UKTI (with whom the fair is run 'in association'), DSEi would be unlikely to happen at all.

On 14-21 June, UKTI DSO staff will be busy at another arms fair: the Paris Airshow. CAAT is calling on our supporters to take action on these dates to:

- Target UKTI with local demonstrations, media work and petitioning.
- Fund the fight against the arms trade by planning some fundraising.
- Build local links by encouraging others in your area to get involved too!

If you would like to take action in Stop UKTI, Stop DSEi Week (14-21 June) please request a Stop Week Pack from Anne-Marie – annemarie@caat.org.uk or phone the office.

ANNE-MARIE O'REILLY

Clarion should say a farewell to arms sales

Why Clarion Events has a dirty record on arms sales and what they should do to clean up.

Clarion Events, organisers of the forthcoming Defence Systems and Equipment International (DSEi) at London's ExCel Centre, is an enthusiastic promoter of the trade in deadly weapons. So enthusiastic that it has now joined the Defence Manufacturers Association.

Oblivious

So why does Clarion think that arms sales sit nicely alongside consumer fairs like The Baby Show (see page 6) and The Spirit of Christmas? Probably because Clarion is oblivious to irony as well as ethics. For Clarion, business is business. It doesn't care whether it promotes baby goods to new parents or deadly weapons to abusive regimes.

Public opinion

But the company should take note: public opinion is against arms sales. Most people do not regard weapons sales as legitimate business activity and see arms companies as greedy and unethical. It was pressure from customers, clients and the public that persuaded Reed to sell arms fairs. Now it is up to us to put the same pressure on Clarion.

Get involved

Speak out

Look for opportunities in the local or specialist media next time the Clarion circus comes to your city, usually London, Birmingham and Manchester. And if you know any exhibitors or potential exhibitors, tell them what Clarion really stands for.

Stand up

Demonstrate with CAAT at one of Clarion's consumer events. It's a chance to get your message out to



Protesting against the DSEi arms fair CAAT

The unlovely ExCel Centre in London's Docklands has also played an inglorious role. The venue has now been bought by the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Company. We will try to place pressure on them as well.

DSEi is coming

The next DSEi is scheduled to be held on 8-11 September, a mere five

months from now. We are currently planning ways of getting our message across to Clarion, its exhibitors and visitors, to the ExCel Centre, to the media, and to the public at large.

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DSEi is organised in association with UKTI DSO and would not be the same event without the international delegations organised through UKTI. It is a prime venue for the UK government to show its support for arms companies, through trade promotion and export credit guarantees. This means that DSEi also brings into sharp focus our main campaign for 2009: UKTI Armed and Dangerous. Get the DSEi dates in your diary now!

KAYE STEARMAN & ANNEMARIE O'REILLY

Sit down

Write or email Clarion Chief Executive Simon Kimble. There is an email form on CAAT's website or write directly to: Simon Kimble, Clarion Events Ltd, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 9TA.

For more on CAAT's campaigning against arms fairs, including background information on the DSEi arms fair and useful links for campaigning see www.armsfairs.com

The legacy of war: East Timor

Justice and reconciliation are still needed in East Timor, even though the occupation has ended.

It's thirteen years since British protestors campaigned against the sale of 24 Hawk jets to Indonesia. The protests arose over fears that the British-made jets could be used against the people of East Timor, as part of Indonesia's 25-year-old illegal occupation of the country.

Legacy

Today, East Timor is independent but struggling to shake off the legacy of both its 450-year-long colonisation by Portugal and the brutal Indonesian regime. It has been estimated that in excess of 100,000 people were killed during the time that Indonesia occupied the island, which lies 300 miles north of Australia. James Dunn, the former Australian consul in East Timor described the loss of life as 'incredible, worse than Cambodia and Ethiopia.'

Hawk jets

However, although there are eyewitness accounts of the Hawk jets flying low over East Timor, it has been hard to quantify the number of people killed by the British-made aircraft. Catherine Scott, Regional Manager for Africa and Asia for development agency Progressio, says that, indirectly, the sale of the planes continues to affect people's lives: 'Britain's willingness to sell arms to Indonesia – knowingly, from the testimonies of many East Timorese, who during the 1980s and 90s spoke of the way in which the Indonesian army used them to intimidate local communities – showed a lack of concern for the consequences and the innocent victims of the Indonesian occupation of East Timor. Britain later supported East Timor with development assistance post 1999.'



Elsa Araujo Pinto at the makeshift family home in one of Dili's camps for internally displaced people MARCUS PERKINS

No justice

As Indonesian troops withdrew from East Timor, an estimated 1,400 people were killed in massacres and 70 per cent of the country's infrastructure was destroyed. Yet none of the Indonesians charged with responsibility for the violence have been jailed. Violence still continues to break out in post-independence East Timor. There have been killings in 2005, 2006 and 2008. Experts believe that this is due to the Indonesian and East Timorese governments' failure to bring those thought to be guilty of war crimes to justice.

Lasting impact

The failure to deal with the past adequately has had a profound impact on the present and stores up problems for the future. Elsa Araujo Pinto (pictured), aged 22, has lived her whole life in the cycle of violence that has swept through East Timor.

She reflects: 'Psychologically, there has been some trauma after the violence in 1999. I was 14 years-old. I didn't understand why people were burning houses, shooting, why the Indonesian army was destroying houses, killing people ...The memories are still fresh. Up until

2006, I experienced some direct violence when some people stoned me. There were riots on the streets. It wasn't safe. We were attacked in my house. Now I am a refugee in my own country. My family house was destroyed. There is a wound. There is a scar. People are still jumpy.'

Take action

More than a decade after people in the UK protested against the sale of UK-made Hawk jets to Indonesia, the fight for justice has to continue.

It's imperative that the UK government brings up the subject of justice and reconciliation with both the East Timorese and Indonesian governments, and expresses concern over the lack of progress in this area.

Our silence on this issue is equal to complicity. You can help by writing to David Miliband, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, asking him to ensure that when the governments meet, justice is not the elephant in the room. HAZEL SOUTHAM

Hazel works for Progressio, an international development charity working for justice and the eradication of poverty – see www.progressio.org.uk.

Israel... and Palestine

Recently, the UK has licensed arms exports to Israel worth between £10 million and £25 million a year. The latest figures for the first nine months of 2008 show that, three-quarters of the way through the year, arms worth over £27 million had been approved for export. This increase was brought about by a large deal for naval communications equipment for use by the Israeli navy. Since Gaza was shelled from the sea, anything that assists Israeli naval operations is of as much concern as air or army equipment.

Early Day Motion 400, a kind of parliamentary petition, calls for an arms embargo on Israel and an investigation of the use of equipment already supplied. Ask your MP to

sign it. You can write to her or him at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA. Links to the EDM and to a list of email addresses can be found at www.stoparmingisrael.org

Export licence confusion

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has told CAAT that goods going to the Palestinian Authority that need an export licence, such as communications equipment, are recorded in the statistics as being destined for Israel! The FCO is going to see if this picture can be made clearer in future.

ANN FELTHAM

Official – arms don't stimulate the economy

Quentin Davies MP, Minister for Defence Procurement and Support, told the Commons Defence Committee on 16th December 2008 that 'to use your money for maximum impact you need to spend it on goods and services which are labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive in their manufacture so that the benefits flow through into pay packets ... Ideally you need those wages to flow through to people who are relatively low-paid. That is not the case with defence; defence is capital-intensive rather than labour-intensive.'

BAE AGM: Ethics and Economics

Not an undiscovered Jane Austin novel, but the crucial issues for the BAE Systems AGM on 6 May.

Let's look first at Ethics. The BAE name is inextricably associated with allegations of corruption and bribery. The investigation by the UK's Serious Fraud Office may have been suppressed, but in May 2008 Mike Turner, BAE's then Chief Executive Officer, was temporarily detained at Houston airport by the US Department of Justice, while in March 2009 BAE lobbyist Count Mensdoff-Pouilly was arrested in Austria on corruption charges. BAE activities are subject to investigations in South Africa, the Czech Republic and other countries.

A tainted brand

It's not exactly good for the brand is it? And shareholders know that convictions could lead to even greater reputational damage. BAE has an answer: it's all in the past. That was then, this is now. BAE says it has reinvented itself as a company with real corporate responsibility. It has bumped up its legal compliance team and will never step over the ethical line again.

Economics

But this is a less than plausible position, as the Economics indicate. While the world economy is in meltdown, spending on military equipment for Iraq and Afghanistan has massively benefited BAE, with overall earnings climbing by a third from £1.45 billion to £1.9 billion. Wars are definitely good for BAE's business and most shareholders will be keen to see more of them.

That's why, at the AGM, CAAT won't be asking questions about corporate balance sheets but about the ethics of arms trading.

KAYE STEARMAN

Question BAE's board

The BAE Systems Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6 May at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster.

If you would like to join us in questioning the BAE board, contact Ian on 020 7281 0297 or ian@caat.org.uk.

No more UK arms for Israel

Join our campaign, Stop Arming Israel.

From 27 December to 18 January the people of Gaza were subject to almost continuous bombardment by high-tech Israeli weaponry. Over 1,300 Palestinians were killed and 5,000 were wounded.

Where do Israel's weapons come from? Israel buys weapons from around the world and also manufactures many of its own. By far the largest supplier is the USA. Unfortunately, however, there are strong links with the UK's arms industry too.

UK involvement

The UK has consistently sold arms to Israel. In recent years it has licensed arms exports worth between £10 million and £25 million per year. Figures available for the first nine months of 2008 show that arms exports worth over £27 million were approved (figures for the last quarter of 2008 have not yet been published).

According to the Foreign Office, the increase in sales in this period was brought about by a single licence that covered a large export of naval communications equipment for use by the Israeli navy. Export licences were also approved for combat aircraft components, electronic warfare equipment, helmet-mounted display equipment, military



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aero-engines, naval radars, surface-to-air missiles, weapon sights, general military aircraft, general naval vessels and military communications equipment.

Many components are not sent to directly to Israel but are incorporated into weapons 'platforms' (ships, aircraft etc) manufactured in the US. The most prominent are F-16 fighter aircraft (Lockheed Martin) and Apache combat helicopters (Boeing), which both contain UK components.

Rules made to be broken

On paper the UK has strong rules governing arms exports. The UK's own Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria are

supposed to assess the impact on regional peace, security and stability and human rights. For example, licences should not be given to countries where arms might be used to abuse human rights, threaten peace and security, or threaten the social and economic balance within the country. Most of these conditions apply to Israel. However, because government policy is to support arms sales and these rules are very narrowly drawn, very few licences are refused.

Another set of criteria relating to components to be incorporated into products for onward export is used to allow arms sales even if the main criteria are contravened. This can happen, for example, if stopping exports threatens the relationship with the country where these products are assembled. This is the case for the components supplied to the Apaches and F16s where the commercial relationship between UK and US arms companies seems judged as more important than the lives of Palestinians. KAYE STEARMAN

Take action

The worldwide condemnation of the Israeli destruction of Gaza hasn't changed the UK government stance.

Following the invasion of Lebanon in 2006, CAAT joined with War on Want, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and other organisations to campaign for an end to UK weapons sales to and from Israel.

Thousands of people have already received our factsheets and sent postcards to their MPs – and the numbers rose dramatically during Israel's aggression in Gaza. Although hostilities are over (for now) we still have to keep up the pressure.

If you haven't sent a postcard, or need more then contact CAAT today. Postcards are free of charge, although we appreciate a donation towards our costs.

Learn more about the Stop Arming Israel (SAI) campaign at:
www.StopArmingIsrael.org

Fundraising



Great South Run

CAAT is hoping to enter a team of runners in the Great South Run, a 10 mile run that takes place around Southsea, Portsmouth on 25th October. If you are already running in the race please consider getting sponsored for CAAT. We will help find sponsors for our team of runners and can help each entrant set up their own online fundraising page. Previous teams have helped us raise thousands of pounds in sponsorship over the years.

Perhaps you've been thinking about running a race but haven't yet entered one this year? Set yourself the challenge of completing the course and help CAAT raise money at the same time! Visit www.greatrun.org/events and click on the Great South Run to register.

If you're interested in running for CAAT (in this or any other race), please contact Sally on 020 7281 0297 or email sally@caat.org.uk.

Calling all artists

For several years now CAAT has been raising money through the sale of our greetings cards. Many people

use the cards to send greetings throughout the year, although the bulk of sales happen around Christmas time. This year we're inviting our supporters to help us raise funds by designing a card for us to sell alongside last year's design, the Thoughtful Dove. We're looking for designs with a seasonal feel – something that will appeal to the wide range of CAAT supporters and go beyond the usual themes of a Christmas card.

The winner will be awarded the honour of having their design reproduced by a professional publisher with their name credited on the back of the card. Of course they'll also benefit from the knowledge that they're helping raise vital funds to support CAAT's work and that their design will be seen by the thousands of people who receive the cards each year!

The closing date is 3rd July and entries should be no bigger than A4 in size. Please post in a hard-backed envelope to CAAT, 11 Goodwin Street, London, N4 3HQ including your name and address, daytime telephone number and email address

if you have one. Please tell us at the time of entry if you would like us to return your design.

Make your donation count twice!

Supporting CAAT through a standing order is the most efficient way to donate. The income we receive through standing orders means we are able to plan our future activities and make our campaigns as effective as possible.

There's never been a better time to sign up for a standing order as one of our funders, The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust, has kindly agreed to match all standing order donations we sign up before September 2009, up to a limit of £10,000. That means if you sign up today with a donation of £5 per month, it will actually result in CAAT receiving £10 per month for the first year!

We are about a third of the way to our £10,000 target, so your sign-up could really help us reach our goal. See the standing order form on the back page. SALLY CAMPBELL

Peter Kennard: To Die For

Peter Kennard is famous for political satire. Now you can buy his ambient DVD *To Die For* (a collection of his greatest works) for half price at £9.99.

The filmmakers have kindly agreed to make a £1 donation to CAAT for every DVD sold – just quote CAAT when you call 020 7569 3039 or order online at: <http://www.spiritlevelfilm.com/shop/product.php?productid=16148&cat=252&page=1>

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Our supporters' donations enable us to strive for a world without arms trading. Without your help, there would be no campaign. Support CAAT by sending us a cheque, setting up a regular standing order donation, or by taking part in a fundraising event. Contact Sally at sally@caat.org.uk

Campaign locally

CAAT's campaigns are effective because people like you take action around the country. Have a look at our campaigners' 'to do' list (see box) to find out our key campaign priorities. You might run a CAAT stall, contact your local media or invite a CAAT speaker to speak at an event. You can also get more involved in a campaign by taking on one of these campaigner roles:

Join or start a local CAAT group – visit www.caat.org.uk/getinvolved/local/groups.php to find out if there is a group near you or contact Anne-Marie annemarie@caat.org.uk to start a group in your area.

Become a Local Contact – act as a contact for CAAT supporters in your area. Co-ordinate local campaign activities or keep a local campaign group updated on CAAT's work.

Become a Local Media Contact – help build CAAT's profile by contacting your local media every month with the help of a briefing from CAAT.

Join the CAAT Speakers Network – raise awareness about CAAT and get people campaigning by committing to arrange at least three talks a year. CAAT will provide training and a speakers pack with information and presentations.

Become a Local Multiplier – help spread the word about CAAT by receiving multiple copies of our materials to distribute in your area.

More information on how to campaign locally can be found at www.caat.org.uk/getinvolved/local

Order a copy of the Local Campaigns Guide or find out more about these campaigner roles by contacting annemarie@caat.org.uk.

Universities Network

Join in with planning the next stage of our universities campaign, whether that is working towards ethical investment, stopping the arms trade's graduate recruitment or exposing the arms trade's research involvement at your university.

- We have just launched a brand new discussion and planning list. Subscribe by sending an email to caatunis-subscribe@lists.riseup.net
- Contact universities@caat.org.uk for more information about the Network.

CAAT Christian Network

The network raises arms trade issues within national church structures and local churches. Contact Alun Morinan at christian@caat.org.uk

Leave a legacy

If you are currently making or re-writing your Will, please consider leaving a gift to help fund our campaigns. Your legacy will make a real difference to CAAT's future work. Please call Sally on 020 7281 0297 to discuss the different ways you can remember CAAT.

Campaigners' 'to do' list

- Write to your MP about UKTI – see pages 8 and 9.
- Order a Stop Week pack to take action targeting UKTI on 14–21 June. Contact Anne-Marie at annemarie@caat.org.uk
- Put the dates on page 7 in your diary.
- Sign up for a standing order with CAAT before September 2009 and see your donation doubled for a year!
- Send us your old mobile phones! More details here: www.caat.org.uk/fundraising/schemes.php
- Tell us what action you've taken so we can see how we're doing and inspire others.

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- Local Campaigns Guide**, September 2008 (free) Quantity ___

UKTI: Armed & Dangerous campaign materials

- Postcard (free)** Quantity ___
- Campaign pack (free)** Quantity ___
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Other resources

- T-shirts** Black with small white logo (women's fitted: small, medium or large; unisex: medium, large or extra large) (£6.95) Quantity ___
- Mobile phone recycling envelopes** (free) Quantity ___
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