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By the time this issue of CAAT News arrives on doorsteps and on the CAAT website the new year will be well underway. However, it's not too late yet to add some of the campaign ideas to your 2016 resolutions!

The page opposite outlines key priorities for the year, but there are lots of other articles suggesting ways to

get involved, for example, by contacting a local group (page 10) to see what's going on near where you live or, if you're a student or staff at a university, then the Universities Network (page 11) would be a great way to get involved.

Whatever you choose, all best wishes to you for a successful year of campaigning in 2016.

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A military delegation from Oman inspect BAE's Typhoon fighter jets at Farnborough International in 2014. Join the protests this year!



# 2016 PRIORITIES

More military intervention in Syria, UK weapons used by Saudi Arabia in possible war crimes in Yemen (see cover picture), and a National Security Strategy that prioritises arms sales and military expenditure (see pages 8-9), creating rather than tackling insecurity: 2016 is full of challenges.

## Real 'security'

Those who oppose Trident, militarism or UK support for authoritarian Saudi Arabia are accused of undermining national security. But the Government's approach to achieving 'security' - more military spending and intervention - makes nobody safer. In fact, it fuels the threats it purports to tackle, while neglecting root causes of insecurity such as climate change and inequality.

Labour's planned defence review and a parliamentary vote on Trident renewal this year are opportunities to highlight both the devastating impact of UK military spending and the alternatives. Imagine what else could be paid for with the estimated £100 billion it will cost to replace Trident?

A key challenge is concern about jobs in the arms industry: an argument used by advocates of Trident replacement and to justify arms sales to authoritarian regimes such as Saudi Arabia. Yet CAAT research (see [www.a2r.org.uk](http://www.a2r.org.uk)) shows

that investment in renewable energy could create more and better jobs for skilled engineers. For example, thousands of jobs could be created in wave and tidal industries in the Clyde, where the Faslane nuclear base is located.

For more see pages 8-9.

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## Saudi Arabia

The continued supply of weapons to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen is a clear case of the Government's disregard of its own rules on arms sales; but the UK should never have been arming repressive Saudi Arabia in the first place.

This year CAAT will pursue all avenues, from legal action to direct action, to put an end to this shameful relationship once and for all.

For more see page 6.

## Disrupting arms fairs

Sometimes it can be hard to know where to start, to feel like you're having an impact, and to visualise an end to the arms trade. But arms fairs bring us face to face with the industry and provide a tangible target, often on our doorstep. The depravity of the industry is laid bare as dictators are courted and human rights-abusing regimes are brought together with companies supplying weapons. In 2016 you can take action against the Security and Policing fair in March (see page 13), and at the Farnborough International Airshow in July.

**It is up to us to build alternatives and the year ahead offers plenty of opportunities to do so.**

### 2016 checklist

Re-think security

Stop sales to

Saudi Arabia

Take action at arms fairs

And more...!

# ARMS TRADE SHORTS

## STOP ARMING SAUDI



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Prime Minister David Cameron has put off plans to visit Saudi Arabia after pressure over human rights concerns. The visit was part of a diplomatic effort to seal military contracts worth billions of pounds.

**Financial Times, 4/1/16**

Germany said it would review its arms exports to Saudi after the kingdom began 2016 with the biggest mass execution for decades.

**Reuters, 4/1/16**

In November the US government approved the sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia as part of a deal worth about \$1.29bn.

**Jane's Defence Weekly, 25/11/15**

Heckler & Koch is suing the German government for failing to approve the export of parts needed to produce its G36 gun in Saudi Arabia.

**ArabianBusiness.com, 30/10/15**

## CAEC

MPs have raised concerns about the fate of the committee on arms export controls, which was not re-established at the beginning of this

Dozens of foreign mercenaries, said to have been employed by the United Arab Emirates-based contractor R2 Reflex Resources, have been killed in Yemen while allegedly working with the Saudi Arabian-led coalition.

The *New York Times* said the significant numbers of foreign mercenaries in this conflict, which includes hundreds of Latin American troops, gives a glimpse into the future of war, whereby countries enter into conflicts but use mercenaries because their militaries may be unused to sustained warfare and their populations may have little interest in military service.

**Times, 26/12/15;**

**New York Times, 25/11/15**

parliament last May and has meant UK arms sales have not been subject to independent scrutiny in the interim. **Guardian, 3/1/16**

## EGYPT

Egypt has restarted production of US tanks: transfer of the General Dynamics tank kits was frozen after the military coup in July 2013.

**Jane's Defence Weekly, 4/11/15**

Egypt is to buy two Mistral helicopter carrier ships from France: the ships were originally destined for Russia but France halted delivery after Russian operations in Crimea.

**Egypt Independent, 11/10/15**

## UAE FAIR

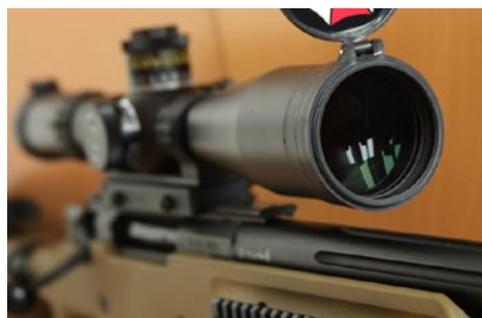
A UK government minister led a delegation to an arms fair in the United Arab Emirates last November, describing such visits as important for strengthening partnerships.

**Arabian Aerospace, 9/11/15**

## UK RIFLES IN SYRIA

British sniper rifles have been used to attack opponents of Syrian President al-Assad. Experts believe the rifles, made by Accuracy International in Plymouth, were sent on to Syria by Russia.

**Sunday Times, 11/10/15**



An interpretation of an Accuracy International L115A3 sniper rifle © Gregor Gruber / Flickr

## KAZAKHSTAN

South Africa-based Paramount is to produce armoured vehicles in Kazakhstan, the first armoured vehicle factory in the country.

[iol.co.za](#), 4/12/15

## ROLLS-ROYCE

The UK government may consider nationalising Rolls-Royce's nuclear submarine business, which powers Trident submarines, in response to the crisis at Rolls-Royce, which has seen five profit warnings in less than two years. Other options include a merger with BAE Systems.

[Financial Times](#), 13/12/15

## INVESTIGATIONS

Prosecutors have brought new charges over the Greek purchase of Apache helicopters more than a decade ago. The helicopter deal cost the Greek state €594m as well as offset agreements.

[Ekathimerini.com](#), 11/12/15

Czech prosecutors have charged a former Defence Minister over a deal involving four transport aircraft.

[Defense News](#), 16/12/15

## BAE SYSTEMS

BAE Systems has won a contract to develop an electronic warfare suite for US Special Operations' fleet of Lockheed Martin C-130J aircraft, including the AC-130J Ghost rider gunship.

The company has also been chosen to assist with the design of Turkey's next generation fighter jet.

[Defense News](#), 4/1/16;  
[Flight Global](#), 3/12/15



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## MERGER

European armoured vehicles producers Nexter and KMW have completed their merger, forming a new entity, KANT.

[Jane's Defence Weekly](#), 16/12/15

## DRONES

Turkey has tested an armed drone for the first time, making it only one of six countries that produce their own armed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

[Jane's Defence Weekly](#), 6/1/16

## WHO DID UKTI DSO MEET WITH AT SECURITY & POLICING 2015?

Following last year's Security & Policing exhibition (see page 13), CAAT asked the UK government's arms sales organisation (UKTI DSO) which delegations its senior staff had met with at the event. The info provided ([bit.ly/1PNDR38](http://bit.ly/1PNDR38)) showed a focus on sales to the Middle East. Number of country delegation meetings with UKTI DSO:



# WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR THE UK TO STOP ARMING SAUDI ARABIA?

It appears that the UK government won't stop arming Saudi Arabia of its own accord: it's up to us to hold the Government to account.

Saudi Arabia began 2016 by killing 47 people in a single day. These included prominent government critic and Shia cleric Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr and a prisoner arrested when he was just 13. Despite the absence of fair trials and allegations of confessions extracted under torture, the UK government has been reluctant to condemn the killings, with the organisation Reprieve warning that Defence Secretary Philip Hammond's response came "dangerously close to condoning Saudi Arabia's approach."

## Yemen

Meanwhile, UK weapons – including Paveway Missiles and Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft – continue to play a central role in Saudi Arabia's bombing of Yemen, a conflict that has unleashed a humanitarian catastrophe. Over 5,000 people have been killed, and the UN reports that 80 per cent of the population now require

humanitarian assistance. The UK government has continued to support the air strikes and provide arms despite strong evidence of war crimes being committed.

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### UK support

It seems there is nothing Saudi Arabia could do that would persuade the UK to stop its unquestioning support. David Cameron's government has licensed more than £5.6 billion of arms sales to the regime. With those sales we are facilitating human rights abuses both directly and indirectly, through

the support they give to the country's authoritarian rulers.

### Campaign

The UK should never have been arming repressive Saudi Arabia in the first place, but the war in Yemen is one of the clearest cases of the Government disregarding its own rules on arms sales. That's why CAAT has told the UK government that it will face legal action unless it suspends all licences for arms sales to Saudi Arabia which may be used in Yemen.

We'll also be taking the campaign to the companies arming Saudi Arabia (see [caat.org.uk/mapping](http://caat.org.uk/mapping)), to the parts of government facilitating arms sales, to the arms fairs where the UK will attempt to secure more deals, and to the Saudis themselves.

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### Public pressure

We know that speaking out can make a difference. Last year, the Government was warned that further orders from Saudi Arabia for the BAE warplanes being used in Yemen were in jeopardy after public criticism of Saudi Arabia's human rights record. And already, in 2016, public pressure has forced David Cameron to postpone plans to visit Saudi Arabia to secure those deals.

**Please join the campaign to highlight Saudi Arabia's ongoing abuses and end UK complicity. Visit [caat.org.uk/stop-arming-saudi](http://caat.org.uk/stop-arming-saudi) or contact the office to find out more.**



Aftermath of Saudi airstrike in Yemen © Ibrahim Qasim

# DISARMING THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

CAAT's Edinburgh group is setting out to end the Scottish Parliament's investment in arms companies

War and conflict on the other side of the world can often seem distant and remote, but there are things we can do on our doorstep to contribute towards change. Edinburgh CAAT is taking this on board, highlighting a difference that the Scottish Parliament pension fund could make: the group is calling on Scottish parliamentarians to end the fund's investments in the arms trade.

## Investments

In 2015 the pension fund invested £587,000 in three leading arms companies: Rolls-Royce, Ultra Electronics and Meggit.

## Rolls-Royce

The Scottish government opposes the £167 billion renewal of Trident, and has campaigned against it. However, Rolls-Royce, one of the companies in which the Scottish Parliament invests, has a £1.1bn contract to produce new reactor cores for the next generation of Trident missiles.

**Public money should be invested for the public good. That is why the campaign is calling on the Scottish Parliament to put its money where its mouth is**

## Arming Israel

The Scottish Government has also called for an end to UK arms sales to Israel. Yet over the last few years two of the companies in which the Scottish Parliament invests, Ultra Electronics and



CAAT's Local Outreach Co-ordinator Kat Hobbs, Mark Bitel (Edinburgh CAAT), John Finnie MSP, Alison Johnson MSP and Brian Larkin (Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre) at the Edinburgh conference

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Meggit, have applied for military export licences to Israel.

## Precedent

An end to these investments would send a strong statement about the attitudes of Scottish politicians – and it would also set a precedent for public bodies and authorities. It would provide a powerful contrast to the UK government, which is in the early stages of trying to bring in legislation to ban local councils from disinvesting in Israel or individual companies.

Public money should be invested for the public good. That is why the campaign is calling on the Scottish

Parliament to put its money where its mouth is and end investment in companies that profit from war, conflict and environmental destruction.

## Campaign launch

The pension fund campaign was launched at a conference last October, as Edinburgh CAAT celebrated its 20th anniversary. Speakers included Alison Johnstone MSP, John Finnie MSP, and Brian Larkin of the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre. At the conference there were powerful presentations on the need to shift the economy from developing weapons to fighting climate change.

**Edinburgh CAAT has exciting plans for 2016 and is really keen to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved. Get in touch via [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk).**

Flooding in York this winter. The UK's Committee on Climate Change has said that climate change is "likely to increase the frequency and magnitude of severe flooding events" © Allan Harris / Flickr



# SHIFT THE DEBATE ON SECURITY

The National Security Strategy (see box opposite) prioritises arms sales and wasteful military expenditure, creating insecurity rather than tackling it. Meanwhile, risks such as climate change are still neglected, despite their impact on the lives of people in the UK (pictured) and around the world. 2016 presents some major opportunities to expose flaws in the current approach and to start building a new approach to security.

## TRIDENT

Restraints on public spending on health care, education and other services clearly do not apply to replacing the Trident nuclear weapons system. The projected cost of the proposed four nuclear submarines is now £31 billion, up from £20 billion in 2006; a contingency of £10 billion suggests actual costs will be even greater. Over its lifetime, the Trident replacement may cost taxpayers more than £100 billion.

Besides the obscene amount of money – and the talents of scientists and engineers – being squandered, the morality of producing weapons that threaten millions of people is questionable. The UK is also failing to comply with its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

A parliamentary vote on Trident renewal is due soon. The build up to this offers opportunities to put pressure on MPs and expose financial and human costs of the UK's wasteful military expenditure.

## LABOUR REVIEW

At the time of writing, we know that the Labour Party will be reviewing its defence policy, but, we do not know exactly how. It's likely that Labour Party members will be encouraged to make their views known and that a report will be discussed at the Party Conference in September.

This is a huge opportunity to change the debate on security. If you're a Labour Party member or have a Labour MP, your voice will be vital.

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## TAKE ACTION

- CAAT is supporting the Stop Trident – Decision Time 2016 national demonstration on Saturday 27 February in London

- We also have resources to support you in lobbying MPs and spreading the word.

Find out more at: [caat.org.uk/real-security](http://caat.org.uk/real-security) or contact the office to receive



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## A NEW APPROACH TO SECURITY

A real security policy should be adopted. The term 'security' needs to be disassociated from a military approach, which has, misleadingly, become known as 'defence'. Vested interests need to be set to one side and resources reallocated to address the problems that underlie insecurity. As well as ending support for the arms trade, UK military spending should be reduced and overseas military interventions removed as a policy option.

### Resources need to be reallocated to address the problems that underlie insecurity

The dire consequences for human rights, conflict and development of supporting the arms trade should be acknowledged. Government promotion of arms exports should cease, including closing the arms sales unit, the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation.

A choice should be made in favour of real security and jobs. Public funds that currently support the arms industry and trade should be redirected towards renewable energy and low-carbon technologies. Since energy security and climate change are acknowledged threats to security, surely it makes sense to use arms industry workers' skills to address them?

- If you're a Labour Party member or have a Labour MP, you can take part in the Party's defence policy review and ask them to support a new approach to security.

materials by post.

## NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY AND STRATEGIC DEFENCE & SECURITY REVIEW

The National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review (NSS&SDSR), published last November, did occasionally acknowledge that threats to security might not be military – climate change, for instance, received a mention. But the document is rooted in a military tradition with priorities that did not come as a surprise from the current Government. The world view suggested by the review seems grounded in the 19th century, rather than the 21st.

### Money has been found to pay for vanity projects such as aircraft carriers and Trident replacement

Arms industry trade body ADS was pleased, describing the NSS&SDSR as "well-conceived" and "marked by a significant level of engagement between the Government and industry." This "engagement" no doubt led to its predominant theme, a commitment to extra spending on military equipment. At a time when Government says there's no money for social care and flood defence spending is cut, money is found not only to address cyber attacks, which might be justified, but also to pay for vanity projects such as aircraft carriers and Trident replacement. Overall, military spending during the next ten years is due to increase by £12 billion to a colossal £178 billion.

### Arms exports

The NSS&SDSR announced extra support for arms exports, on top of already disproportionate backing compared to other industries. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) will have support for arms exports as a core task and there will be more government-to-government arms deals. A unit within the UK Trade and Investment Defence & Security Organisation will oversee the latter.

Also mentioned is a new Export Controls Unit in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). While BIS has long been responsible for such controls, it seems Foreign Office and MoD civil servants will be located within the Unit, rather than participating in the decision-making from their own departments. It remains to be seen whether this will make any substantive difference.

### Thank you

Many CAAT supporters made thoughtful and personalised submissions to the Review's online consultation. If you were one of them, thank you.

# CAAT AROUND THE UK

2015 was a busy year for CAAT supporters, with local groups all over the country taking action and winning campaigns. There's lots more planned for 2016 and our groups are always keen to hear from new members, so if you're based near a group and want to take part then get in touch.

**Liverpool CAAT** supporters have been campaigning to end Liverpool University's ties with the arms trade (see page 11), and taking action to #StopArmsToSaudi. They've also found time to hold film screenings and talks, and to march against arms sales to Turkey.



**Edinburgh CAAT** not only celebrated their 20th birthday in 2015, but won a campaign to get the Edinburgh Science Festival to ditch arms company Selex as a sponsor! They've now launched an ambitious divestment campaign (see page 7).



**Newcastle CAAT** has begun a quarterly letter writing campaign with local faith activists to target MPs over their support for the arms trade.

**Norwich CAAT** has relaunched with a strong presence at the Stop DSEI protests and has targetted local arms dealers.

**London CAAT** has continued to pressure the London Transport Museum to drop arms company Thales as a sponsor. The group was a core part of action against the DSEI arms fair last September.



**Bristol Against Arms Trade** held a tour of local arms companies and run regular film screenings with Truthout Cinema Bristol. Plans are afoot to target their local arms fair, DPRTE, in Cardiff this March.



**Guildford district CAAT** held popular talks around Remembrance Day with Veterans for Peace founder Ben Griffiths and a talk on arms companies' dodgy dealings during WW1.



**Southampton CAAT** has been touring local arms factories by bike. The group does regular creative actions and stalls.

**East Kent CAAT** has won some big victories, with not one but three occupations of their local arms factory. The group also won a campaign to stop Israeli arms company Elbit systems expanding in their area (see page 13).

Can't spot a CAAT group near you? If you're part of a local group and want help with anti-arms trade action or if you've got ambitions to start a group in your area, contact [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) for info on CAAT support, resources and training.

# UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

Students and staff in the CAAT Universities Network are increasing the pressure on universities to end their support for the arms trade.

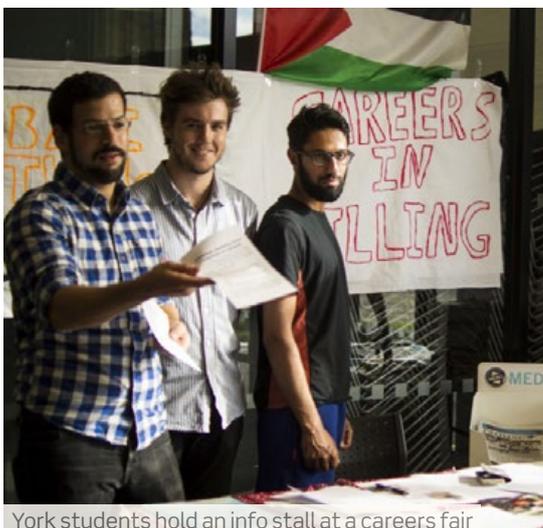
UK universities invest in arms companies, carry out research for them, and help them to recruit graduates. But many students aren't happy about arms companies having influence over their education and being propped up by their tuition fees.

**Many students aren't happy about arms companies having influence over their education**

## Counter-recruitment

Arms companies visited dozens of UK universities in the autumn term to try and recruit students to design, build and market the next generation of killing equipment. They were met with fierce opposition from students who believe that universities should not be hosting arms companies and giving them a platform for self-promotion. Protests and direct action took place all over the UK, including in York, Warwick, Southampton, Bristol, Lancaster, and Cambridge.

In York, Thales left a careers fair early after a protest by students,



York students hold an info stall at a careers fair



A 'die-in' at a Southampton recruitment fair

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despite having paid hundreds of pounds for a stall. In Warwick, a BAE Systems presentation and networking recruitment event was called off completely after protest from students. More actions to counter arms company recruitment are already planned for this term.

## Clean investment and research

Campaigns all over the UK are pushing for universities to divest from arms companies and to stop carrying out research and development on their behalf. Students at universities in Lancaster, York, West Scotland, Southampton, and Exeter, among others, are calling on their institutions to invest ethically, and

to stop using university resources to aid arms companies.

For example, outraged by Israel's violent assaults on Palestinian civilians, students in Liverpool successfully campaigned for a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) motion through their students' union. The union now has a mandate to pressure the University of Liverpool to divest from and end research ties with companies involved with arming Israel.

## Get involved

For more information about the Universities Network or about arms trade involvement at your university and what you can do about it, get in touch!

- Check out our website: [universities.caat.org.uk](http://universities.caat.org.uk)
- e-mail [universities@caat.org.uk](mailto:universities@caat.org.uk)
- Like us on Facebook: search 'Campaign Against Arms Trade | Universities Network'.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

Together we're taking on the arms trade and having a real impact. Here is a rundown of some of the best things from 2015. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible!

## FEBRUARY

### An uninvited guest shines a light on the arms trade

As 40 MPs, 60 senior civil servants, and representatives from arms companies sat down for a £246/head dinner organised by arms industry trade body ADS, they were surprised by a CAAT supporter taking to the stage and highlighting the real impact of their work.

**Dinner guests were surprised by a CAAT supporter taking to the stage and highlighting the real impact of their work**

## JULY

### Stop Elbit activists target Israeli drone factories

2015 saw a number of protests against Israeli arms company Elbit Systems. In July CAAT activists joined hundreds of others for Block The Factory, a day of action that saw three of Elbit's four UK factories shut down. There was further trouble for Elbit when a High Court injunction intended to suppress protests was thrown out by the court.

## SEPTEMBER

### DSEI arms fair disrupted by daily direct action

2015 saw the biggest-ever protests against the DSEI arms fair. The set-up was disrupted by six days of direct action, with different groups blockading military equipment and deliveries. Protests continued during the event itself and Stop the Arms Fair activists are already planning action for the next DSEI in 2017!



## OCTOBER

### Global action against arms fairs

Less than a month after DSEI, activists from five continents gathered in Seoul, South Korea, to share skills and tactics and take action against Korea's ADEX arms fair. After three days of workshops, activists descended on the Marriott Hotel and disrupted the arms fair.

**Activists from five continents gathered in Seoul, to share skills and tactics and take action against Korea's ADEX arms fair**

## VARIOUS

### Arms Trade Out campaigners win victories

The Arms Trade Out! campaign has gone from strength to strength, with the Edinburgh Science Festival ditching arms company Selex ES as a sponsor after ethical concerns were raised. There was more good news when the Public and Commercial Sector Union (PCS), which represents 5,000 public museum and gallery workers, passed annual conference motions rejecting arms trade sponsorship of the cultural sector.

**Edinburgh Science Festival ditched Selex ES as a sponsor after ethical concerns were raised**

# STOP ELBIT: NO ARMS COMPANY EXPANSION IN KENT

2015 was a tough year for Israeli arms company Elbit Systems, with its four UK factories the target of repeated protests. Then the company suffered a new blow.

In October, the former Manston Airport in Kent was invaded and occupied in broad daylight.

**After a sustained local campaign, Thanet District Council voted overwhelmingly against granting Elbit's planning application**

## Elbit interest

Instro Precision, a wholly owned subsidiary of Israeli arms company Elbit Systems, rented the site and had been seeking to expand its business by moving there.

## Opposition

The occupiers – who had already occupied Elbit's facilities in Broadstairs in February and July – were determined to stop the expansion.



Campaigners occupy an Elbit factory roof

The site was occupied for the rest of the day, with no arrests. The action received sympathetic coverage in the local press and, that evening, after a sustained local campaign, Thanet District Council voted overwhelmingly against granting Elbit's planning application to expand in Kent.

## Elbit 19: charges dropped

Stop Elbit activists had further cause for celebration this winter when a High Court injunction banning protest at Elbit's Staffordshire factory was overturned. Nineteen people faced charges after arrest at a July 2015 protest outside the factory. All charges have now been dropped.

# SECURITY AND POLICING FAIR

Arms industry trade body ADS and the Home Office are organising an event in March titled Security and Policing, a "discreet environment" for companies that supply police, prisons and the Ministry of Defence to exhibit "the latest developments in the UK security market." In a similar event last year, visitors browsed the stands of major weapons manufacturers such as BAE Systems and Heckler & Koch, and surveillance companies such as Gamma Group and The Hacking Team. The Government's arms sales unit, UKTIDSO, is responsible for inviting

international delegations. In 2015 these included repressive regimes such as Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

## Counter-terrorism

Counter-terrorism is increasingly used to give more power to security services and the police and to suppress dissent. For example, after the terrorist attacks in Paris, David Cameron announced that 10,000 troops were ready to be sent onto the streets should an attack take place in London and that the Government planned to increase

investment in counter-terrorism policing. Lines between policing, security and the military are becoming blurred and militarisation is becoming the default response to humanitarian and environmental disasters.

The heavy policing of borders, militarisation of police and increased military spending do not improve security; they make the world a more dangerous place.

**Take action:** Several groups are planning to challenge the Security and Policing event. Email [action@caat.org.uk](mailto:action@caat.org.uk) to find out more or see [stopthearmsfair.org.uk](http://stopthearmsfair.org.uk).

## SUPPORT CAAT WITH NO COST NOW

CAAT's work challenging the arms trade is all part of a broader vision. We want to help create a world that is genuinely secure and holds a brighter future for all. Over our forty years of effective campaigning, CAAT has only been able to remain strong and independent thanks to donations from supporters like you. One of the main ways in which the campaign is funded is through gifts left in Wills. By leaving a gift in your Will, you could help us to end the arms trade and make our vision a reality, before another forty years has passed.

When it comes to your Will, it's only right that providing for your loved ones comes first, but, if the time is ever right for you to remember a cause you care about, please do consider CAAT. Whether you have not made a Will yet, or already have but would now like to leave a gift, then including CAAT is a really quick and simple process, with no cost to you now. For a grassroots campaign like CAAT, every gift in every Will can have a big impact on our work, however large or small.

If you have already included CAAT in your Will, we would really appreciate it if you let us know – we will never ask for any more detail than that. If you would like further information please contact us using the details on page 2 or visit [caat.org.uk/legacies](http://caat.org.uk/legacies).

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## THEY SAID IT

"With the ISIS threat growing, there are more countries interested in buying Oshkosh-made M-ATV armored vehicles."

The president of the Oshkosh arms company explains upturn, [alternet.org](http://alternet.org), 07/12/15

"It's business as usual... You do not get an audience with the king of Saudi Arabians if the Saudi Arabians are cross with you."

The UK Foreign Secretary on UK relations with Saudi, [arabianbusiness.com](http://arabianbusiness.com), 2/11/15



A Saudi airstrike in Sana'a © Ibrahim Qasim

"The Government considers all invitations from foreign governments to attend defence exhibitions very carefully, and respect for human rights is a key consideration."

A UKTI spokesperson explains why civil servants attended a United Arab Emirates arms fair, [Independent](http://Independent), 27/10/15

# LILIAN STUDDERT, 1923–2015

Lilian, who died in October, was a wonderful woman and a great supporter of CAAT. Together with her husband Hal, who died in 2009, Lilian had joined the protests during the Falklands War in 1982. The UK had been arming Argentina until just before war broke out.

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Already involved in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Lilian came to represent them on the CAAT Steering Committee. She served on the committee for many years, bringing calm and wisdom to its deliberations in quite a fraught period. In the early 1990s, Lilian spent many days attending sessions of Lord Justice Scott's inquiry into the arms to Iraq affair and reporting back to the CAAT office.



Lilian and Hal provided hospitality in their beautiful flat for those attending national and international meetings in which CAAT was involved. A great friendship with CAAT's then Liverpool Local Contact Mike Williams

resulted. Once Hal had retired, both he and Lilian would help in the CAAT office, putting our magazine and appeals into envelopes for despatch to supporters. Lilian continued to help with this even after Hal's death. She is much missed.

## TAKING ACTION

**Stop Arms to Saudi:** sign the petition, order campaign materials and organise a local action to get the Government to stop arms sales to Saudi Arabia at [caat.org.uk/saudi-petition](http://caat.org.uk/saudi-petition). See page 6.

**Get involved with actions** against the Security and Policing arms trade event from 8–10 March. See page 13.

**Organise a direct action workshop** to plan actions against the arms trade in 2016. Contact [action@caat.org.uk](mailto:action@caat.org.uk).

**Tackle Trident** and help change Labour's defence policy for the better. See pages 8–9.

**Join action against the DPRTE arms fair** in Cardiff on 16 March. Email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) for more details.





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