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There's a historic dimension to some content in this CAAT News – and, on page 10, looking at 50 years of arms promotion, a historical one too. Pages 12 and 13 feature perhaps the most ground-breaking story – the court case that will see arms sales to Saudi Arabia put on trial. Also significant is the acquittal for actions against the DSEI arms fair (page 9), important not just for

the defendants but as a comment on the arms fair itself.

Against the background of the historic vote on membership of the EU, page 11 introduces a European network campaigning against the arms trade. A London public meeting on 7 July with speakers from France, Germany and Italy will explore this further: for details see page 11.

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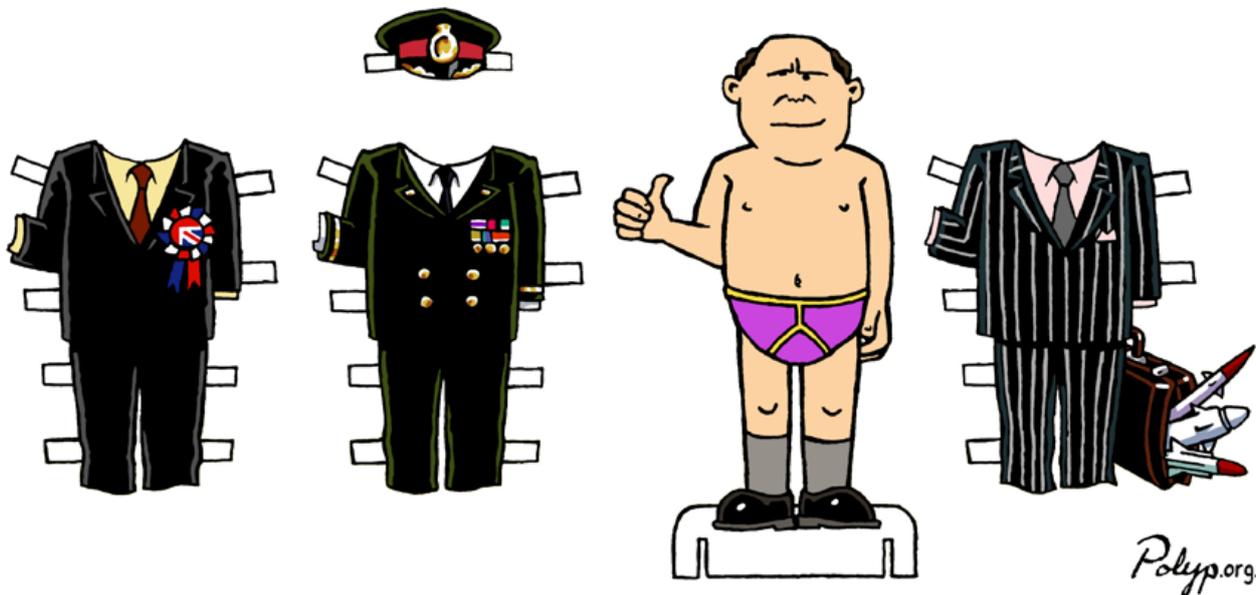
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EXPOSING THE ARMS TRADE LOBBY

Arms companies have long enjoyed a cosy relationship with the Government, gaining access to corridors of power and influence over the decision-making process. This relationship relies on a secrecy that CAAT is now cracking open.

CAAT is launching a new online Political Influence Browser revealing which government ministers, civil servants and military chiefs are meeting with arms companies and the security industry.

BAE Systems alone has enjoyed hundreds of meetings with government officials

The picture it paints is one of cosy meetings, lobbying and collusion. Public servants, including government ministers, have amassed thousands of hours of meetings with arms company executives. For example, BAE Systems alone has enjoyed over 600 meetings with government officials over recent years. Many involved Susanna Mason, Director General Commercial at the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Some of these took place at the same time as Mason and BAE lobbied the UAE regime to buy Eurofighter jets.

This access exacerbates a government policy that prioritises arms sales and promotion over human rights, and may explain why priority is given to a narrow, militaristic view of security.

The revolving door

One feature of the relationship is the revolving door between government and the arms trade, with many high ranking officials moving into employment with arms companies.

One example is Dick Applegate, a former Chief of Material at the MoD who joined Israeli arms company Elbit Systems, where he is now Head of Strategy. In 2012, the *Sunday Times* exposed Applegate boasting of how he lobbied to secure £500m for Elbit. Applegate was filmed admitting he'd applied pressure by "infecting" the system at "every level".

This goes deeper than a few individuals. Research from the *Guardian* found that over the last 20 years, 3500 senior military officers and MoD officials were approved for arms company jobs.

The open door

Arms companies enjoy access to a web of high-level government advisory bodies. One of these, the Defence Suppliers' Forum, brings arms company chief executives together with MoD heads,

including the Defence Secretary.

The arms trade has its own department in Whitehall: the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation (UKTI DSO) employs 130 civil servants to sell arms.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. For every meeting agenda and document published on the Political Influence Browser, there are many that weren't released.

CAAT is calling for:

- tough controls on the revolving door between public and private sector
- greater transparency regarding access and potential influence in government
- a statutory register of lobbyists, including in-house lobbyists and consultants

Visit caat.org.uk/influence.

Join us in contacting Prime Minister David Cameron to call for greater transparency, restrictions and regulations on arms companies.

ARMS TRADE SHORTS

ARMS FAIRS



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This spring, the UK government promoted weapon sales at arms fairs including India's DEFEXPO, where the UK's Minister for Defence Procurement led the delegation.

Gov.uk, 7/4/16

While in Qatar to announce UK leadership of a Gulf joint maritime force, the UK Defence Secretary attended the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX) in support of UK exhibitors. The Head of the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation (UKTI DSO) also attended.

Gov.uk, 29/3/16

A UK delegation attended Chile's FIDAE arms fair in April, including representatives of UKTI DSO alongside arms companies such as BAE Systems, MBDA and Thales.

MercoPress, 1/4/16

In May, UKTI DSO's Senior Military Adviser participated in a visit to Egypt to reaffirm the UK's commitment to Egypt as a military partner, including through arms sales.

Gov.uk, 15/5/16

PROBES

India is investigating Italian company Fincantieri over the purchase of two fleet tankers in 2009. The probe is based on an allegation that the tender was manipulated to create a single vendor situation in favour of Fincantieri.

Defense News, 16/5/16

Croatian military police are looking into the Defence Ministry's acquisition of Mikoyan fighter jets from Ukraine. Allegations of bribery have been made around the deal, alongside claims that the jets don't comply with technical documentation.

Defense News, 29/3/16

CORRUPTION

An Italian court has reversed the acquittal on corruption charges of a former Finmeccanica chief executive, giving him a 4.5 year sentence for his role in alleged bribery over a deal to sell AgustaWestland helicopters to India.

Defense News, 7/4/16



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TRAINING

The Ministry of Defence may set up a training facility in Oman to provide training for the Omani infantry. Human rights campaigners described such UK military support as an obstacle to campaigns for political reform in Oman.

Middle East Eye, 20/5/16

SALES

UN security council members say they are ready to supply Libya with weapons to counter ISIS as well as to train the presidential guard and the coastguard. This is intended to increase the legitimacy of the government of Fayeze al-Sarraj.

Guardian, 16/5/16



Dassault's exports have been significantly boosted – from €693m in 2014 to €8.3bn in 2015 – due to sales of the Rafale combat aircraft, including orders from Egypt and Qatar.

Flightglobal.com, 14/3/16

Stevenage-based missile maker MBDA has reported record orders, helped by deals with Egypt and Qatar.

Telegraph, 18/3/16

BAE Systems is working with Emirates Defense Technology to develop self-propelled M777 howitzers for sale to the United Arab Emirates.

HIS Jane's 360, 12/5/16

Indonesia has received its first batch of German-made battle tanks upgraded for urban warfare. This is part of a larger deal that created controversy in Germany due to Indonesia's poor record on human rights.

The Diplomat, 24/5/16

Saudi Arabia and Oman have both announced they are setting up arms factories.

Jane's Defence Weekly, 29/3/16

Sweden is in talks with Botswana over selling Saab Gripen fighter jets to the African country.

Defense News, 19/5/16

SURVEILLANCE

Italy has stripped cyber security company Hacking Team of its licence to export outside the EU amid scrutiny of sales of its surveillance software to repressive regimes such as Egypt.

Financial Times, 19/4/16

SOUTH AFRICA

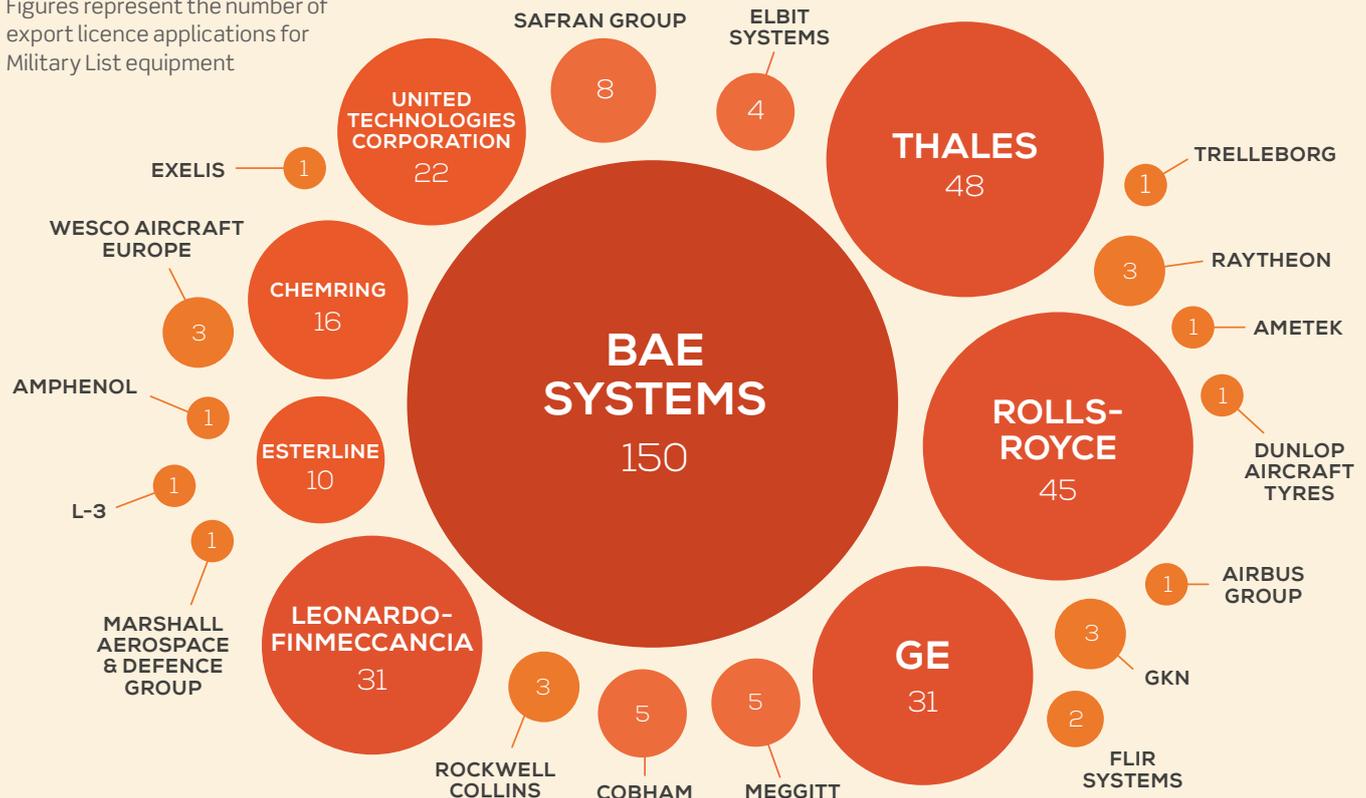
Budget cuts in South Africa mean that a choice may have to be made between grounding the air force's 26 Gripen combat aircraft

or its Hawk jets. Half of the Gripens are already in storage, and there are only five pilots who can fly them.

DefenceWeb, 29/3/16

COMPANIES EXHIBITING AT FARNBOROUGH 2016 THAT APPLIED FOR ARMS EXPORT LICENCES TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING 2013-2015

Figures represent the number of export licence applications for Military List equipment



LOCAL AC

As CAAT mounts a legal challenge over arms sales to Saudi Arabia (see pages 12 and 13), people have taken to the streets to demand an end to the arms trade. Find your local arms dealers using the CAAT map at caat.org.uk/map and join the growing wave of action!

Birmingham Palestine Action

This new group has kept pressure on the UAV Engines arms factory in Shenstone, owned by Israeli arms company Elbit Systems. The factory has been the target of multiple protests from rooftop occupations to national days of action and there's now a weekly Friday picket. For more see facebook.com/BirminghamPalestineAction or email Chris at chrisiegroves@hotmail.co.uk.

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Anti-Arms Fair comes to Edinburgh

The Edinburgh CAAT group (caatedinburgh@live.com) held an anti-arms trade fair in April, bringing people together to discuss military spending, how the arms trade fuels conflict and contributes to the refugee crisis,

UK involvement in bombing Syria and Yemen – and how we can change this!

Glasgow may soon have a new CAAT group – for info contact outreach@caat.org.uk.

Sussex Stop Arming Israel target Thales

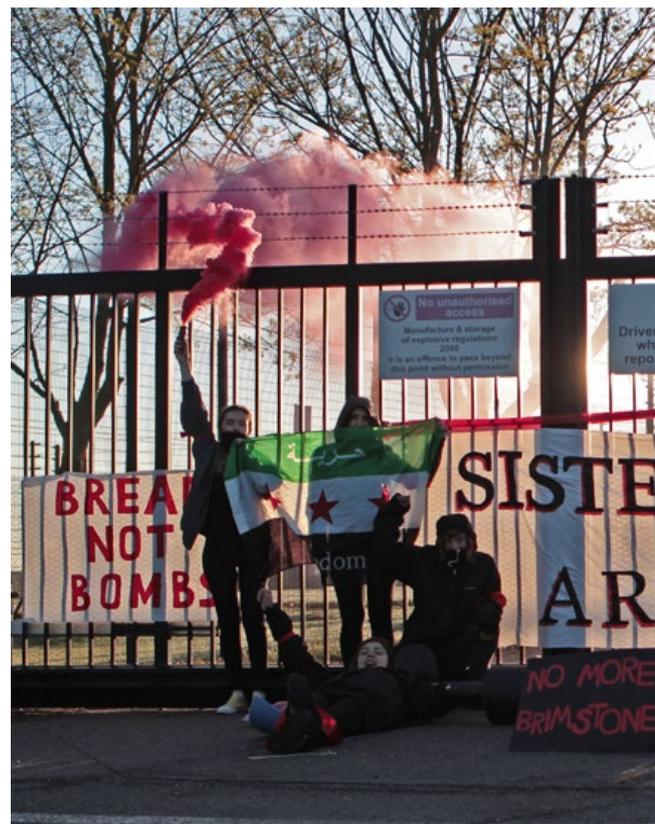
The Sussex Stop Arming Israel coalition held a lively demonstration at the huge Thales site in Crawley in April, with singing, chanting and a giant banner-painting session! Thales make drones, and has a partnership with Israeli arms company Elbit Systems. A full report on the day, including a great short film, is at ssai2016.wordpress.com.

Brighton joins the #Stop Arming Saudi campaign

A new group in Brighton is planning a summer of action to call for an end to the UK's arms trade with Saudi Arabia. The first public action is on 2 July, and there'll be a talk on sales to Saudi on 5 July. Email outreach@caat.org.uk for info.



The Edinburgh CAAT group gets leafletting



CTION

London says “No arms dealers in our Museums!”

London CAAT has kept up the campaign to kick the arms trade out of museums and galleries, with a creative action at the Science Museum to protest Airbus sponsorship. The group released paper helicopters inside the museum and leafleted visitors. See facebook.com/LondonCaat or email londoncaat@riseup.net and you could join them next time!

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Sisters Against the Arms Trade shut down MBDA

A new feminist group called Sisters Against the Arms Trade has formed. Their first action was

a shutdown and 10-hour blockade of the MBDA missile factory in Henlow, Bedfordshire. MBDA makes the Brimstone missile system, which has been used in

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Iraq and Syria, and sold to Saudi Arabia. The action was organised in conjunction with a London Syrian women’s group to mark six months since the Government’s decision to bomb Syria and to echo the call for the UK to drop aid and food, not bombs. On Twitter see [#Women4Syria](https://twitter.com/Women4Syria).

Find out about the network of CAAT groups at caat.org.uk/get-involved/local/groups.

See upcoming events at caat.org.uk/events.



Sisters Against the Arms Trade shut down a missile factory

BAE SYSTEMS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

“There are some of the questions I wish I hadn’t heard.” These were BAE Chair Roger Carr’s closing words as he ended the AGM early after the meeting was dominated by questions and interventions on the company’s role in arming Saudi Arabia.

By the end of the meeting the board had endured persistent questioning on Yemen (BAE’s fighter jets have been central to the Saudi-led bombardment of the country); shareholders had to walk over “dead” bodies; and Carr himself had been covered in red glitter.



Doing our job

Carr said: “We are not here to judge the way that other governments work, we are here to do a job under the rules and regulations we are given.” He refused to condemn Saudi Arabia and described it as “a very important customer with which we have a very strong relationship.”

Confronting BAE

Despite such a dispassionate response, CAAT supporters made sure that BAE’s board and shareholders were confronted with the humanitarian catastrophe to which they have contributed.



THE DSEI ARMS

The DSEI arms fair is due to return to London in September 2017, but not if we can stop it!

About DSEI

DSEI (Defence & Security Equipment International) is one of the world's largest weapons fairs. It takes place every two years in London's Docklands and is promoted and supported by the UK government. DSEI 2015 featured 1500 exhibitors from around the world, displaying arms ranging from sniper rifles to tanks to combat aircraft to warships. Exhibitors were joined by 30,000 trade visitors and military delegations, including a number from human rights-abusing regimes and countries involved in conflict.

Shutting it down

2015 saw the biggest ever protests against DSEI with hundreds of people – academics, environmentalists, Palestine solidarity activists, faith groups – disrupting the set-up of the fair the week before it opened. Deliveries to DSEI venue the Excel Centre were stopped for several hours with creative road occupations. The London transport system was subverted and over 15,000 people signed a petition telling David Cameron to

welcome refugees, not arms dealers.

In 2017 the protests will be even bigger and, with your help, we plan to shut it down for good!

One year to #StopDSEI

In September we will be launching our "One year to Stop DSEI" call to action. Over 500 people have already pledged to take action against DSEI in 2017 and we hope many more will join them.

Make your pledge to act!

Take action:

- Make your pledge to help Stop DSEI at caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge
- Organise an action against your local DSEI exhibitor: find out where your nearest arms company is using our online map: caat.org.uk/map
- Organise a direct action workshop for your local group: contact action@caat.org.uk
- Hold a "One year to StopDSEI" awareness raising event. Contact outreach@caat.org.uk to arrange a speaker.



S FAIR

All our actions count

The DSEI defendants (see box on right) put their bodies in the way of the arms trade, but all kinds of action are needed to tackle the arms fair. In fact, it was important to the defendants' case to have shown that other means of protest had been pursued too. Whether you want to lobby your MP, support petitions, share news stories, bring creative ideas or block a road, DSEI won't shut down without you!



INTERNATIONAL MONTH OF ACTION AGAINST ARMS FAIRS

People have also taken action against arms fairs in South Korea, New Zealand, Wales, Israel, Belgium, Germany and France. The movement against these events, which are so crucial for

the functioning of the global arms trade, is growing. September 2016 will be the first international month of action against arms fairs, and an opportunity to feel connected to a global movement.



ACQUITTALS FOR ACTION AGAINST DSEI

Eight people arrested for blocking the road during the week of action against DSEI in 2015 were found not guilty on the grounds of trying to prevent greater crimes from taking place. After a week-long trial, the judge ruled the court had been presented with "clear, credible and largely unchallenged evidence from the expert witnesses of wrongdoing at DSEI and compelling evidence that it took place in 2015."

The Crown Prosecution Service tried to appeal the acquittal to the High Court, but it was rejected by the judge, who described it as "frivolous" and "misconceived".

The defendants justified their actions on the grounds of trying to stop crimes committed by countries like Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Israel. The defendants included Isa Al-Aali, who was arrested and tortured in Bahrain during the uprising in 2011 and sought asylum in the UK. He took action to stop the UK's complicity in repression by arming Bahrain.

After the trial the defendants said: "Over the week, we have put DSEI and the arms trade on trial and we have proven them to be illegitimate. Our only regret is that we didn't succeed in shutting down DSEI. Our thoughts are with the people who suffer as a result of the arms trade and the survivors of repressive regimes, torture, war and conflict. We call on more people to join us in our efforts to shut down DSEI 2017 and take collective action to end the arms trade."



Anti-DSEI protesters celebrate acquittal © Andrew Dey

50 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT ARMS PROMOTION

The Government is not an observer in the global arms trade, it is an active participant. 2016 marks 50 years since the founding of a Government unit for promoting arms sales.

The Defence Sales Organisation was established in 1966 with the sole purpose of maximising arms exports. This represented a fundamental shift in the role of the Government regarding arms sales: it meant that civil servants would now be actively promoting arms sales. This is clear from the report that recommended the creation of the unit. The report cautioned that “the more often an arms sale is ruled out for reasons of strategic export policy the more pointless it will be to employ valuable staff to sell arms.”

Heads of the department were briefed on the importance of maximising exports and told “we must exploit markets wherever this is possible... we should be clear in our own minds that where no positive reason exists for not selling arms the directive requires that we do all we can to sell them.”



Algerian delegates by BAE stand at Farnborough in 2014

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The arms trade comes to Farnborough

50 years later and little has changed. The Defence Sales Organisation has been replaced with the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation (UKTI DSO) but the outcomes are the same.

For example, this July civil servants from UKTI DSO and military officials will join arms dealers and military buyers as they descend on Farnborough for the biennial Farnborough Airshow. The airshow is presented as a family day out, but the public events are preceded by an international arms

fair that brings arms companies together with some of the most oppressive regimes.

If 2014 is anything to go by, the guest list is likely to include military delegations from Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Pakistan and almost definitely from the biggest buyer of UK arms, Saudi Arabia.

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UKTI DSO is responsible for inviting delegations and will help to organise exclusive hospitality events, as well as enjoying private meetings with buyers.

Arms dealers not welcome

On 10 July, the day before Farnborough begins, there will be an international anti-arms trade gathering in London, bringing together opponents to the arms trade from all over Europe.

On 11 July all are welcome to join us in London for a day of action against the arms fair and call for the Government to end its role in promoting arms sales. Join CAAT in sending the message that arms dealers will never be welcome here.

For more information about the International anti-arms trade gathering on 10 July or the day of action against the Farnborough arms fair on 11 July visit caat.org.uk/events or email outreach@caat.org.uk.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BRUSSELS?

The European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT) helps anti-arms trade groups from across the continent to liaise and sometimes to work on joint projects. Laetitia Sédou joined ENAAT as EU Programme Officer in January and writes here about her work.

Although military-related policies are still mostly decided at national level, the EU's role is increasing through policy initiatives, such as the Common Security and Defence Policy, and also through European Commission initiatives to boost the arms trade within the EU and to boost arms industry competitiveness.

This is why ENAAT created the role of EU Programme Officer and hired a member of staff to work in Brussels. My work has started with a focus on achieving some concrete results, including on topics that are not always covered by peace organisations.

Having an influence

Our member organisations (such as CAAT in the UK) and their supporters have already made a vital contribution. For example, the anti-arms trade movement across Europe put pressure on EU parliamentarians in February over the vote on a resolution that called on Member States to adopt an arms embargo against Saudi Arabia. Although not legally binding, it is the first call of this

kind against an ally of the US and western countries that could be adopted against the will of the dominant centre-right political group EPP.

EU budget

ENAAT is now focussing on stopping the EU budget, which is public money, being used to finance military research. The EU budget should be used to promote peace and development rather than being used for the never-ending technological race for ever more sophisticated weapons that will then be sold to those fuelling conflicts.

Lobbying

We also want to shed light on and raise public awareness of the arms companies' web of influence. The industry's intense lobbying feeds into EU internal and external policies at the very early stages of formulation, helping drive – and increase – militarisation in the EU.

People power

To be successful at challenging the arms industry, ENAAT's main source of strength is EU citizens and mobilisation right across the continent, letting national governments and Members of the European Parliament know that opposition to the arms trade extends across national borders.

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A demonstration outside an arms traders' dinner at the Louvre, Paris. © Philippe Leroyer / Flickr

STOPPING THE EUROPEAN ARMS TRADE

**Thursday 7 July,
6.30–8pm**

**Friends House,
173–177 Euston Road,
London,
NW1 2BJ**

(Wheelchair accessible)

European countries export billions of pounds worth of weaponry and other military hardware every year...but where there are arms sales, there are people trying to stop them!

Hear about the movement to end the arms trade and meet campaigners from across Europe including:

- **Tony Fortin**, L'observatoire des armements, France
- **Christine Hoffmann**, Aktion Aufschrei, Germany (video)
- **Francesco Vignarca**, Rete Italiana per il Disarmo, Italy
- **Laetitia Sédou**, European Network Against Arms Trade

SAUDI ARMS SALES ON TRIAL

On 30 June, CAAT's lawyers will be in court arguing for a judicial review of the Government's decision to keep arming Saudi Arabia. Sales to the country represent the UK's biggest export deals so this is a hugely significant event in the campaign to end the arms trade.

In what the *Observer* has described as "the most high-profile legal challenge to the military export regime since 1997," we'll be seeking permission to proceed to a full High Court hearing on why the sale of UK arms to Saudi Arabia is unlawful.

Yemen

Arms sales to authoritarian Saudi Arabia – which represses its own population and has previously intervened in both Yemen and Bahrain – should never have been allowed in the first place. But the UK's continued supply of arms to Saudi Arabia during its bombing campaign in Yemen is a flagrant breach of UK arms export regulations.

Right at the beginning of the Saudi-led bombing in March 2015 Amnesty International reported

that at least six children under the age of 10 were among a total of 25 killed in Coalition air strikes on a residential neighbourhood. Since then, leading human rights organisations have documented a pattern of the Coalition committing violations against international law.

The case is "the most high-profile legal challenge to the military export regime since 1997"

UK arms sales continue

Yet rather than ending the arms sales, the UK government's response has been to **actually accelerate the delivery of bombs** for use in Yemen. UK government arms export licences issued since the attacks include a £1.7 billion licence for fighter jets and more than £1 billion of missiles and bombs.

The Government's approach

Despite the overwhelming evidence and repeated calls for an embargo from the European Parliament, the UN, Save the Children, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the House of Commons' International Development Committee, the Labour Party, the Scottish National Party, the Liberal Democrats, as well as MPs from the Green Party, Plaid Cymru and the SDLP, the Government's response has been denial, excuses and delays.

If the Government had any interest in arms control and human rights it would end the arms sales. However, as CAAT's new research illustrates (see page 3), arms companies have captured government and warped its



priorities. Saudi Arabia's contracts with the UK government and BAE Systems are the UK's biggest ever export deals and successive governments have stopped at nothing to protect them. In 2007 Tony Blair personally intervened to stop a Serious Fraud Office investigation into bribery in the deals, worried about the possible "offence caused to the Saudi royal family" and the impact on negotiations over a contract for Eurofighter Typhoons. Nine months later, the deal for the warplanes was agreed; now they are being used in combat missions in Yemen.

The tremendous influence of both BAE Systems and the Saudi rulers over UK government policy continues today

The tremendous influence of both BAE Systems and the Saudi rulers over UK government policy continues today, and the Government's failure to act shows the enormous lengths it will go to to protect these relationships.

That's why this struggle needs everything we have.

- **Join us** in London for a protest on 1 July, the day after the court hearing: caat.org.uk/events
- **Use our FAQ** to challenge the Government's rhetoric with your MP: caat.org.uk/saudi-lobby
- **Support us** to do more: see [page 14](#)



GOVERNMENT DENIAL AND EXCUSES

UK arms export guidelines require the Government to deny export licences where there is a "clear risk" that equipment "might" be used in serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Yet the Government still insists that "it is satisfied that export licences for Saudi Arabia are compliant with the UK's export licensing criteria." It has maintained this position by denying and ignoring evidence and failing to support proper investigations.

Despite detailed reports by human rights organisations the Government has repeatedly ignored evidence of violations of international law

Supplying and supporting the conflict

The Government admits that Saudi Arabia has used UK weapons in its attacks on Yemen:

"UK-built and licensed Typhoon and Tornado aircraft from the Royal Saudi Air Force have been deployed on combat missions in the Yemen campaign."

Paveway bombs and Brimstone and Storm Shadow missiles have also been used. The Government said it "accelerated delivery of Paveway precision-guided bombs" in response to Saudi requests. And at the start of the conflict Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said, "we have a significant infrastructure supporting the Saudi air force generally and if we are requested to provide them with enhanced support – spare parts, maintenance, technical advice, resupply – we will seek to do so. We'll support the Saudis in every practical way short of engaging in combat."

Ignoring the evidence

Despite detailed reports and investigations by human rights organisations, the Government has repeatedly ignored evidence that international law has been violated.

In October 2015, Foreign Office Minister Tobias Ellwood simply denied the evidence documented up to that point. "If there are human rights violation," he said, "they must absolutely be looked into, but I am not aware of any such evidence at the moment. We need to be careful about hearsay. If NGOs have evidence, they must bring it forward."

Human Rights Watch's UK Director accused ministers and officials of "shamelessly and disingenuously" adopting the pretence that there was an absence of evidence.

Even after a UN report in January 2016 confirmed a pattern of "widespread and systematic" attacks on civilian targets, the Government insisted "there has not been a breach of international humanitarian law by the coalition."

Perpetrators investigating themselves

Instead of supporting calls for an independent investigation into the evidence the Government has assurances from Saudi Arabia that it has not breached humanitarian law and appears satisfied for Saudi Arabia itself to conduct investigations. In May, Defence Minister Philip Dunne said:

"What we are talking about are alleged violations of international humanitarian law. The correct procedure when an incident has been brought to the attention of members of the coalition is for them to undertake the investigation itself."

PUTTING THE ARMS TRADE ON TRIAL: WILL YOU JOIN US?

On 30 June a judge will hear CAAT's arguments on why the sale of UK arms to Saudi Arabia is unlawful. If granted permission for a full High Court hearing, CAAT will have a unique opportunity to put the arms trade on trial and to challenge sales to human rights abusers.

Winning the case could mean an end to the sale of UK-made arms that could be used in Yemen

Winning the case – and we believe it can be won – could mean an end to the sale of UK-made arms that could be used in Yemen. It would set an incredible precedent for challenging arms sales. **However, the financial risks of the legal action are much higher for CAAT than for the Government: we need your support to go ahead.**

Help put the arms trade on trial: go to caat.org.uk/donate or see the enclosed letter and use the Freepost envelope to send a one-off donation today.



CAAT's work to end the arms trade doesn't end with the legal action and none of our work would be possible without the support of people like you. From new research (page 3) to direct action against arms companies (page 6-7) we're doing all we can to end UK complicity in war and repression.

If you possibly can and haven't already, please consider setting up a direct debit to CAAT. Direct debits are the most cost effective way for us to receive your regular support and help us to plan CAAT's long-term work. You can use the back cover of this magazine or go to caat.org.uk/donate/regular.

WHAT WILL YOU DO TO SUPPORT CAAT?

We understand that not everyone is in a position to donate to CAAT. See below for more ways you can help support our work, or go to page 15 for other ways to get involved with the campaign

Fundraise for action through sponsored events

Taking part in a sponsored event is an excellent way to raise money for CAAT. For example, in May, Sarah Reader completed the Hackney Half Marathon raising a fantastic £1,500! A very big thank you goes to Sarah and all those who sponsored her.

If you would like to take part in a sponsored event for CAAT, or have any other fundraising ideas, contact fundraising@caat.org.uk. You can also sponsor CAAT supporter Beth Smith to take on the Bristol Half Marathon on September 25th by visiting: bit.ly/bethsrun2016

Leave a gift in your Will

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. However large or small, remembering CAAT with a legacy gift can make a real difference, with no cost to you now.

Whether you have already made a Will, or are currently thinking about it, we can give you all the information you need to make a gift to CAAT. See caat.org.uk/legacies or get in touch: tom@caat.org.uk or 0207 281 0297.

TAKING ACTION

STOP ARMING SAUDI

Sign the petition, order campaign materials, including CAAT's new report, *A shameful relationship: UK complicity in Saudi state violence*, and organise a local action to get the Government to stop arms sales to Saudi Arabia. See caat.org.uk/saudi-petition.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

International anti-arms trade gathering (Sunday 10 July), St Hilda's East Community Centre, London, E2 7EY. Join an international anti-arms trade gathering with workshops and skillsharing in preparation for the day of action against the Farnborough arms fair (Monday 11 July). See page 10.

STOP DSEI 2017

Shut it down: Stop DSEI 2017. Eight activists from Bahrain, Belgium, Chile, Peru and the UK have been found not guilty for taking action against the DSEI arms fair in 2015 on the grounds of acting to prevent a greater crime. DSEI is due to return in 2017. Sign the pledge to take action to stop it at caat.org.uk/get-involved/act-now/petition/stop-dsei. See pages 8-9.

WORKSHOPS

Organise a direction action workshop to plan actions against the arms trade and plan ahead for DSEI 2017. Contact action@caat.org.uk.



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Roger Carr, Chair of BAE Systems.
Guardian, 4/5/16

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District Judge Angus Hamilton explains why he rejected an application to overturn the acquittal of anti-DSEI protesters. *Independent*, 24/5/16

“The Queen attends the Royal Windsor Horse Show in a private capacity so we are not able to say who her majesty might meet in the coming days”

A Buckingham Palace spokesperson avoids the question of whether or not the Queen would meet with Prince of Bahrain at the Horse Show. *Middle East Eye*, 13/5/16

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Tweet from Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond on the day the Bahraini regime doubled the prison sentence of an opposition leader. Twitter, 30/5/16



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