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This issue has extensive coverage on sales to Saudi Arabia, a situation that clearly demonstrates much that is wrong with the arms trade. As you'll see on page 9, it's not just CAAT and similar groups that are calling for a change in direction: an influential parliamentary committee has also said those sales should pause.

And speaking of a change in direction, see page 12 for an event

to mark 40 years of the Lucas Plan, a ground-breaking process and plan for the production of socially useful products rather than weapons. That's still relevant today, given the job creation potential of renewable energy and the huge contribution that engineering skills could make if directed towards that, rather than, say, towards the weapons destroying Yemen.

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# ARMS SALES IN THE HIGH COURT

Success! In a landmark ruling, the High Court has said that CAAT can take the Government's decision to keep arming Saudi Arabia to a Judicial Review.

Since January 2016 CAAT has been threatening the Government with legal action unless it stopped the sale of all arms that could be used in Yemen. The Government said there had not been breaches of international law, despite clear evidence to the contrary. However, on 30 June, the High Court granted permission for legal action to proceed: a hearing will take place before February 2017.

## The rules

CAAT's claim challenges the Government's decision to continue allowing arms exports to Saudi Arabia, despite compelling evidence that international humanitarian law is being violated in the ongoing bombardment of Yemen.

UK arms sales rules say if there is "clear risk" that weapons "might" be used in such violations then they should not be supplied. The Government itself admits that UK-made combat aircraft, missiles and bombs have been used in Saudi-led attacks on Yemen – attacks that have killed thousands of people and precipitated a humanitarian disaster. Yet, as evidence of violations mounted, the Government continued to approve arms sales, licensing an astonishing £3.3 billion of weapons sales in the first 12 months of the conflict.

## Relationship

The Government's refusal to act in the face of evidence illustrates the enormous power of the arms lobby and the pernicious nature of the UK-Saudi relationship. Successive governments have stopped at nothing to keep weapons flowing to Saudi Arabia.



At the High Court

## Challenge

We know that the resistance to our challenge will be huge, but that is why it is so important. If successful, it could mean an end to the flow of arms fuelling the Yemen crisis. Whatever happens, it's a chance to put the UK's toxic relationship with Saudi Arabia under the spotlight and to challenge the entire approach to arms sales.

**The Government continued to approve arms sales, licensing an astonishing £3.3 billion of weapons sales in the first 12 months**

CAAT is up against institutions with huge power and resources compared to our own – and there's a lot at stake. We need to keep the pressure up on every front.

- Read more about political developments on pages 8–9 and how you can take action on page 10.
- CAAT is a small grassroots organisation that runs entirely on donations and the financial risk of the court case is so much higher for us than it is for the Government. If you can, please support our legal action by donating today. You can use the enclosed letter or the back page of this magazine or visit [caat.org.uk/donate](http://caat.org.uk/donate).
- For the latest on the case see [caat.org.uk/saudi-jr](http://caat.org.uk/saudi-jr).

# ARMS TRADE SHORTS

## HOT SHIPS

The Royal Navy's fleet of six £1bn destroyers is breaking down because the ships' engines cannot cope with the warm waters of the Gulf. The ships' Rolls-Royce gas turbines are unable to operate in extreme temperatures and will be fitted with diesel generators.

[Guardian, 7/6/16](#)



Navy destroyer HMS Dragon © Crown copyright 2016

## SURVEILLANCE

A BAE subsidiary in Denmark is selling an internet surveillance product to UAE, despite allegations of human rights abuses including spying on, imprisonment and torture of dissidents.

Since 2015 over a dozen UK companies have been granted licences to export telecoms interception technology to countries with poor records on human rights, some of which have a history of abusing surveillance technology.

[Intercept, 26/8/16;](#)

[Motherboard, 26/8/16](#)

## EXPORT FIGURES

UK arms exports declined in 2015: at £7.7bn they were down from £8.5bn in 2014. The Middle East accounted for an estimated 63% of orders.

[Jane's Defence Weekly, 3/8/16](#)

Spanish arms exports increased by 16% in 2015 to €3.72bn. This was a marked recovery from an 18% fall in 2014. Saudi Arabia was the biggest non-European customer.

[Jane's Defence Weekly, 10/8/16](#)

## SAUDI

In September members of the US Congress attempted to delay a planned sale of \$1.15bn of arms and military equipment to Saudi Arabia, citing attacks on Yemen. Saudi Arabia was the top recipient of US-made arms from 2011-15.

[CNN, 6/9/16](#)

## UK EXPORTS

In an unusual move, the Secretary of State in the new Department for International Trade will personally lead on "helping the defence and security industries to export."

[Gov.uk, 4/8/16](#)

## CHEMRING

Shares in Chemring fell as much as 35% in June after the group said its underlying losses had more than tripled in the first half of the year and warned that full-year results would be below expectations.

[Financial Times, 21/6/16](#)

## VIETNAM

In May the US announced that it would fully lift its long-standing military embargo on Vietnam in order to support deepening relations between the two countries.

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

# DEALS



An Airbus Caracal military transport helicopter © U.S. Naval Forces Central Cmd/Flickr

In Italy's largest ever naval export deal, Qatar has signed a contract worth €3.8bn to buy naval vessels from Italy's Fincantieri shipyard. Qatar also signed a deal worth more than €1bn with MBDA for missiles to equip the vessels. **Defense News, 16/6/16 & 29/6/16**

Kuwait has ordered 30 Airbus Helicopters Caracal helicopters from France in a deal worth more than €1bn. **Defense News, 9/8/16**

The Botswana Defence Force said negotiations are underway with Sweden's FMV for JAS Gripen jets to replace its ageing fleet of US-made F-5 fighter jets. **Defense News, 15/6/16**

Morocco has taken delivery of the first of 200 M1A1SA tanks while regional rival Algeria has received T-90 tanks from Russia.

**Jane's Defence Weekly, 3/8/16**

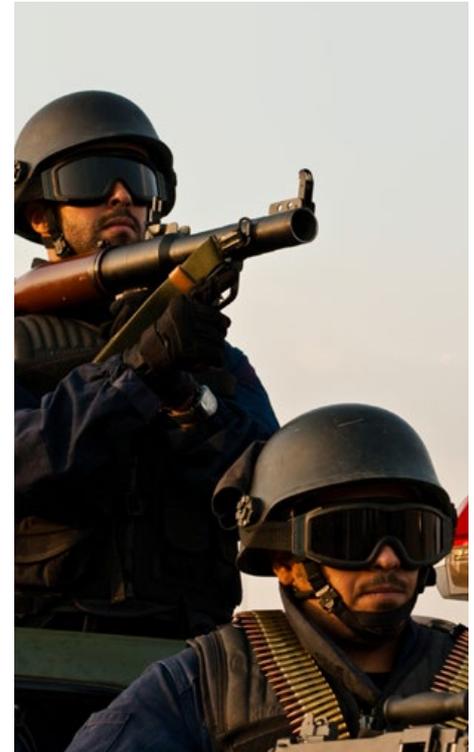
The Angolan Air Force is a new customer for AgustaWestland, buying six of its helicopters as part of a €90m deal last year with Italy. **defenceWeb, 24/6/26**

In its biggest ever arms purchase, Lithuania has signed a deal for German-made armoured vehicles, seeking to allay concerns of a military resurgence of Russia on its doorstep. **AFP, 22/8/16**

# UK SALES

Shotgun shells from Lincolnshire-based arms company Primetake were allegedly used by security forces in Saudi Arabia in the assassination of a Shia dissident. Primetake was granted an export licence by the UK government in 2013.

**Times, 19/7/16**

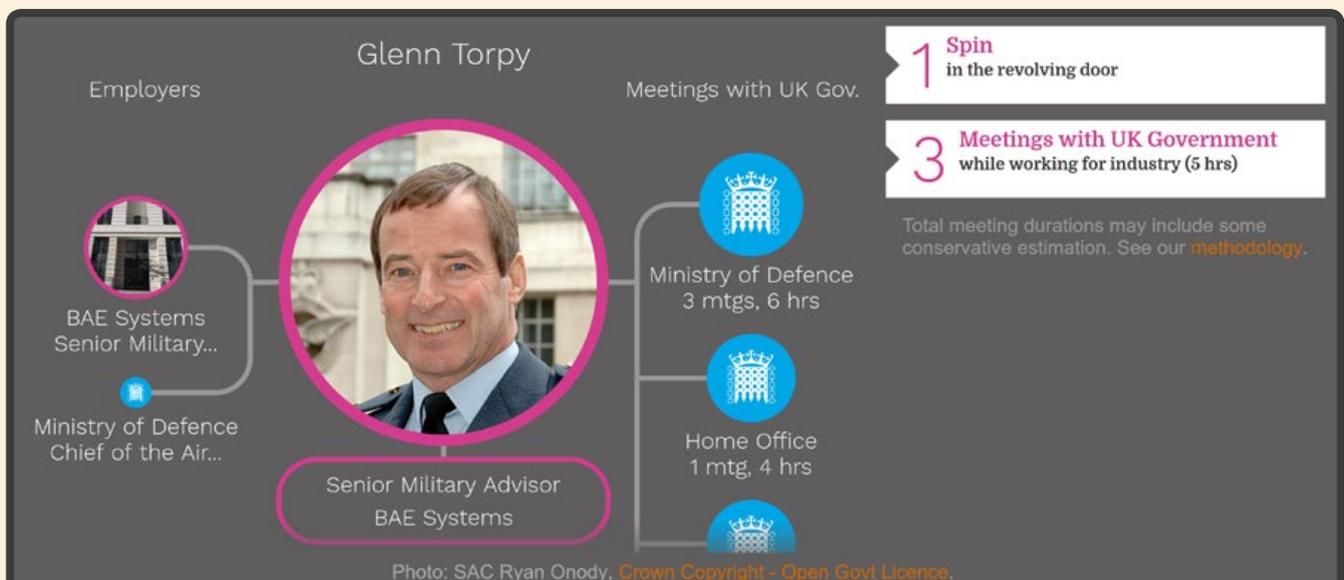


Armed Saudi personnel © Omar Chatriwala

## NEW POLITICAL INFLUENCE BROWSER

Visit [caat.org.uk/influence](http://caat.org.uk/influence):

- see who's passed through the revolving door alongside Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy
- find out which government ministers, civil servants and military chiefs are meeting with arms and security companies.





# ARMS DEALERS TURNED AWAY



**1** At Waterloo station and aboard the trains to Farnborough, grim reapers disrupted any illusion that the business of the day was legitimate and informed passengers that the arms fair was taking place.

**2** As arms dealers queued for the shuttle bus at Farnborough station, protesters drew attention to what was going on, whilst body bags again drove home the end results of the dealers' trade.

**3** Back in London, Kim Sharif of Human Rights for Yemen and Sayed Ahmed AlWadaei of Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy joined CAAT to deliver nearly 8000 signatures to Downing Street, calling on the Government to Stop Arming Saudi.

**4** Next we threw a surprise 'unhappy birthday party' for the Government's arms sales promotion unit, Defence & Security Organisation (DSO). DSO helps organise the arms fair and is responsible for

inviting military buyers. In its 50 years it's made the world a more dangerous place and our birthday party shared messages from those affected by its work.

**5** The key networking event of the arms fair was held at the London Science Museum. People occupied the museum after closing hours and ten catering staff walked off the job when they found out they were going to be serving arms dealers. Upon seeing the protest, many arms dealers



Despite the horror and devastation of the Saudi-led bombing campaign in Yemen (see pages 8-9), the UK government courted Saudi Arabia and other murderous regimes at an international arms fair in Farnborough from 11-15 July. Arms fairs are where the deals that fuel conflict and repression across the world begin: war starts here. But when Farnborough took place, hundreds of people took action to stop it here.



simply turned away. Police told others that the doors had been closed. It is understood that some of arms company BAE's delegation didn't make it inside to network at all.

6 Back at the arms fair, three women took over the BAE Systems Eurofighter Typhoon display with a banner highlighting its use in the Saudi-led attacks on Yemen.

7 One Year to Stop DSEI! One of the world's largest arms fairs is due to take place again in London in September 2017. But we're already training and mobilising to stop it – see page 10.

# ARREST SOLIDARITY

Bahrain's repressive rulers were invited to Farnborough while Bahraini Isa Alaali was arrested when he protested at the Science Museum against the abuse that he, and many others, suffered at the hands of the Bahraini regime.

Isa's life was transformed in 2013 when he attended a protest that was broken up by the police, who forced him into a car and held a gun to his head. By the time he was taken to the police station he was beaten, bloodied and unable to stand.

**Isa Alaali was arrested when he protested at the Science Museum against the abuse that he, and many others, suffered at the hands of the Bahraini regime**

Isa was released three months later but even then he was not free. He was contacted with death threats and knew that as long as the regime stayed in place he had no future in Bahrain. Isa travelled to the UK in 2014. The Home Office refused his claim for asylum but, thankfully, the High Court intervened to stop his deportation.

Isa is next due in court on 4 November. Please contact [action@caat.org.uk](mailto:action@caat.org.uk) for details of the solidarity demonstration.



Isa Alaali



# MOMENTUM & RESISTANCE

For too long the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen has been a forgotten war. Now it is finally getting the media and parliamentary attention it deserves; and now is the time for us to push for government action and an end to the arms sales.

While MPs were away for the summer the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen intensified, targeting schools and hospitals and forcing the health organisation MSF to withdraw from services in northern Yemen.

In September the UN published a revised death toll, estimating that more than 10,000 people have now been killed in the conflict, with the majority of the deaths as a result of the Saudi-led attacks.

New evidence also emerged of the use of UK-made weapons in attacks on civilian targets – including bombs made and sold after the conflict began – and CAAT revealed that the UK government had allowed more than £3.3 billion of arms sales in the first 12 months of the conflict.

### **Evidence emerged of the use of UK-made weapons**

### **Refusal to act**

When Parliament resumed in September Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson insisted that the sales would continue. He said that Saudi Arabia is conducting its own investigations into allegations of violations of international humanitarian law: “They have the best insight into their own procedures and will be able to conduct the most thorough and conclusive investigations.” But it is clearly

not adequate to rely on the perpetrators to investigate themselves, especially in the face of overwhelming evidence from independent sources of the devastation that the bombing has caused.

### **Questions**

Serious questions have also been raised about the UK government’s own procedures, following revelations that it had misled Parliament. In the last hours of the most recent parliamentary session, the Foreign Office published a series of written corrections that revealed a number of its key claims in Parliament had been inaccurate. Where the parliamentary record had quoted ministers in saying that “The [Ministry of Defence (MOD)] assessment is that the Saudi-led coalition is not targeting civilians” this was corrected to “The MOD has not assessed that the Saudi-led coalition is targeting civilians.”



Destruction in Yemen



# CE ON SAUDI ARMS SALES

## Will MPs call for a ban?

In September the influential cross-party Committees on Arms Export Controls (made up of representatives from the Business, Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development committees) seemed poised to call for a ban on the arms sales. A draft leaked to BBC's Newsnight said, "The weight of evidence of violations of International Humanitarian Law by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen is now so great that it is very difficult to continue to support Saudi Arabia while maintaining the credibility of our arms licensing regime" and that it "seems inevitable that any violations of International Law by the Saudi-led coalition would involve arms supplied by the UK."

However, Newsnight subsequently reported on "industrial attempts" by some MPs to water down the report and remove any calls for a ban. Eventually two reports were published. The Business and International Development Committee called for an immediate ban on the arms sales,

but a rival report from the Foreign Affairs Committee stressed the importance of the Saudi relationship and, rather than calling for an end to arms sales now, said the courts – through CAAT's Judicial Review (see page 3) - should decide.

Newsnight asked the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Crispin Blunt, what would happen if the Court ruled against the Government and said the sales were against the law. Crispin Blunt said if that happened the law might need to be changed.

In the past, we've seen the Government block corruption investigations to protect arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Now we have politicians arguing that if the rules stop us selling arms to Saudi Arabia then, rather than stopping the sales, we should rewrite the rules.

**The Government's position is indefensible, but it has shown that it will pull out all the stops – even ignoring its own legislation – to ensure it can continue arming and supporting its most toxic ally. We must make it impossible for it to maintain this position.**

## DOES ARMING SAUDI KEEP US SAFE?

Theresa May defended UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia, arguing, "Actually, what matters is the strength of our relationship with Saudi Arabia. When it comes to counter-terrorism and dealing with terrorism, it is that relationship that has helped to keep people on the streets of Britain safe."

This is not the first time that the UK's national security has been used to justify our dangerous relationship with Saudi Arabia. This was the same argument used in 2006 when the Government forced the Serious Fraud Office to drop its investigation into corruption in the Al Yamamah deal with Saudi Arabia – compromising our own democracy to maintain dealings with the autocratic Saudi regime. As CAAT's court case approaches, we are sure to hear more of it.

In fact, Saudi Arabia's repressive rule and reckless foreign policies both serve to inflame the sort of violent extremism that threatens the UK. Saudi Arabia's bombing of Yemen and backing for armed groups in Syria and elsewhere leads to further instability, while the UK's support for a violent oppressor fuels resentment against the UK.

Successive governments have claimed that Saudi Arabia provides vital intelligence to the UK and implied this would be lost if we did not provide it with weapons. Even if this is true, it is a two-way relationship and Saudi Arabia is unlikely to cut itself off from cooperation with the UK.

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Lastly, none of this justifies helping Saudi Arabia bomb hospitals, food factories and schools in Yemen. As journalist Iona Craig, reporting from the ground in Yemen, said, "Perhaps we should ask what the Government's exchange rate is for British lives saved to Yemeni civilians, thousands of whom are already dead?"

# ACTION TO STOP ARMING SAUDI ARABIA

CAAT's court case (see page 3) contributes to pressure for an end to arms sales to Saudi Arabia but the challenge to this relationship needs action on many fronts.

## Lobby your MP

The Government is facing almost unprecedented parliamentary scrutiny over arms sales (see pages 8–9) but we need to ensure that MPs resist lobbying from the Saudi regime and the arms companies profiting from the destruction of Yemen, and continue to hold the Government to account.

It takes just two minutes to email your MP at [caat.org.uk/saudi-mp](mailto:caat.org.uk/saudi-mp) but if you have time to write a personal letter, or to lobby your MP in person, then we can have even more impact. There are lots of resources to support you at [caat.org.uk/stop-arming-saudi](http://caat.org.uk/stop-arming-saudi) (or contact the office if you're not online). The next few months are crucial!

## Shadow World – film tour

We're thrilled that the film of Andrew Feinstein's globally acclaimed book *The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade* is finished, and is coming our way!

The powerful film exposes relationships between governments and arms companies, and how they foster corruption, warp priorities, undermine democracy and create widespread suffering. The film includes the shaming story of UK-Saudi relations.

We're delighted that the film will be going on tour in the UK early next year and will promote the campaign to Stop Arming Saudi. Email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) if you would be interested in arranging a screening in your local area.

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## Stop DSEI 2017

Saudi Arabia is always invited to send an official military delegation to attend arms fairs in the UK, where many of its weapons suppliers also

exhibit. We challenged the Saudi presence at the Farnborough arms fair in July (see pages 6–7) and at the DSEI arms fair in London in September 2015.

2015 saw the biggest ever protests against DSEI, with the set-up of the fair disrupted by six consecutive days of creative blockades. Now we're planning for DSEI's return in September 2017 – and we plan to shut it down for good. We're mobilising for a 24/7 blockade of the set-up of the arms fair so need to start planning now! Email [action@caat.org.uk](mailto:action@caat.org.uk) to book a workshop in your local area and pledge to get involved at [caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge](http://caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge).



Eurofighter Typhoon, as used in Saudi Arabia's bombing of Yemen, on display at DSEI 2015

## HELLO FROM SARAH

Hello, I'm Sarah Robinson. As a Peacemaker for Quaker Peace and Social Witness I will spend the coming year working at CAAT supporting groups from around the country to mobilise to #StopDSEI in 2017. After

the biggest ever protests against the DSEI arms fair in London's Docklands in 2015, if we all join together in 2017 we can #StopDSEI for good. One year to #StopDSEI begins now! Get in touch at [sarah.robinson@caat.org.uk](mailto:sarah.robinson@caat.org.uk).



# UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

For the academic year 2016/17 the Universities Network is building up relationships and ensuring that arms trade messaging is relevant to liberation groups.

## Stop Arming Israel

Students across the country are developing stronger movements for social change, making links between the arms trade, human rights issues and environmentalism and connecting the dots between what can seem, from the outside, to be single issues. For example, due to UCLU Friends of Palestine Society's campaigning, their student union passed a BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) motion that includes cutting ties with companies that supply arms to Israel or work with Israeli arms companies.

## Divestment

Arms companies continue to wrap their destructive tentacles around universities by paying for or collaborating on research projects, promoting themselves as safe investments and recruiters. However, the success of the divestment movement Fossil Free is a strong example of the power of students to shine a light on the hypocrisy of university support for unethical companies. Clear links were made by the Edinburgh People and Planet group earlier this year in their "Divest - Invest" action to divest from unethical companies and invest in companies that benefit society.



Students take action against the arms trade

## New campaign materials

Thanks to students at Reading University, CAAT Universities Network has a new redesign – look out for the new campaign materials.

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## Arms trade film

A new film has been released about the arms trade (see page 10). Shadow World reveals the close relationships between governments and arms companies. It offers a fantastic opportunity to bring debates around the arms trade to campus and will be

available to screen early next year – see [caatunis.net](http://caatunis.net) for more info.

## Stop DSEI arms fair

Last year the Universities Network had a strong presence in action against the DSEI arms fair. Get in touch to help plan actions to stop DSEI in 2017 (see page 10) and sign the action pledge online at [caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge](http://caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge).

We'll be establishing more regional relationships, with training and action events in November to share ideas. All of our work this year is linked through one campaign message: **Study War No More**. Contact [universities@caat.org.uk](mailto:universities@caat.org.uk) to find out more.

## HELLO FROM JESS

I'm Jess and I'm the new Universities Coordinator for CAAT. I've just graduated from Newcastle University where I was involved in various campaigns around campus, from Fossil Free to anti-racist actions. I'm really excited to put all the skills (and notes about

what to avoid!) into action in my time at CAAT. This year I'll be working hard to expand the amount of collaborative work we do with groups like Fossil Free. Together we can build stronger, larger coalitions to push universities to become ethical centres for learning.



# COMMEMORATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUCAS PLAN

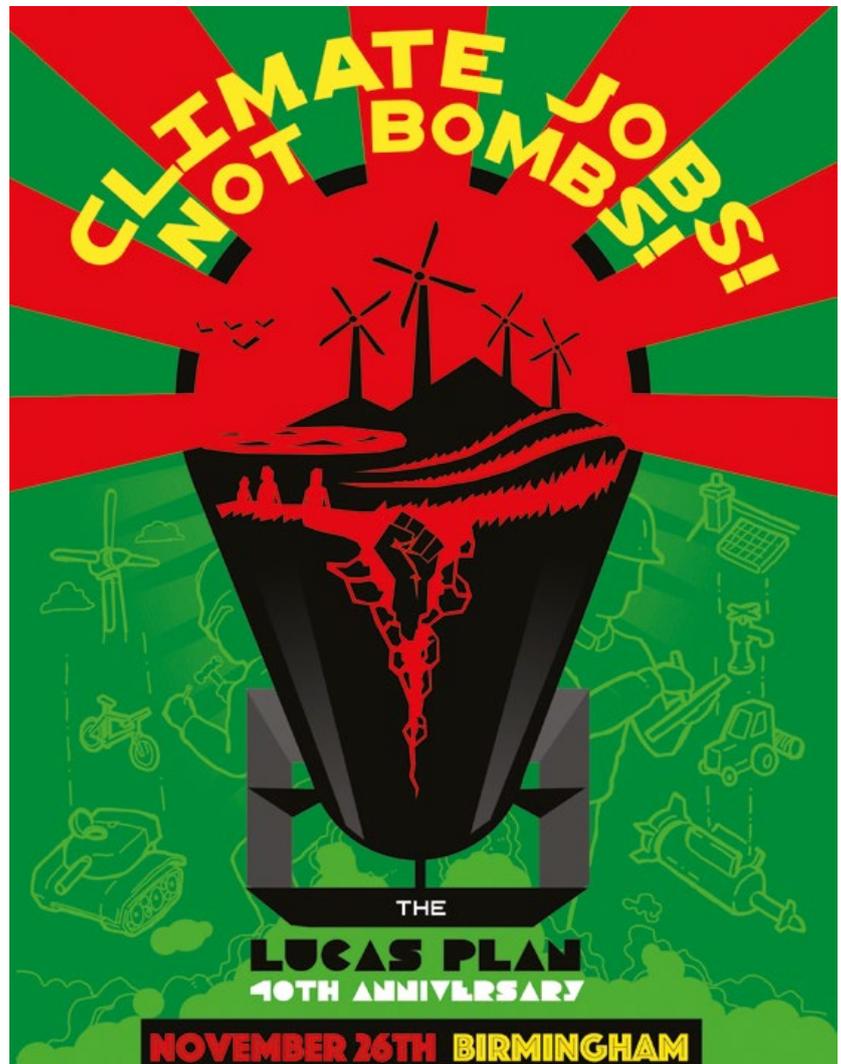
In 1976, in response to forthcoming job losses, the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee produced an Alternative Corporate Plan which advocated the production of socially useful products rather than weapons. The Committee was a representative body of staff and manual worker unions from all the fifteen Lucas sites in the UK.

## Inspiration

While the Plan was never implemented, it was hugely influential. It showed that, with political will and support, disarmament did not have to mean thousands of workers losing their jobs. Over the years the Lucas Plan has prompted other initiatives suggesting alternative employment for arms industry workers from trade unions, local authorities and academics, while peace campaigners have consistently given their strong backing. Some have looked at the issue on a plant-by-plant basis, others have investigated the situation regionally or across the economy. The Lucas Plan has prompted plans overseas too.

## The real choice

Today, many people trying to justify Trident renewal, spending on vanity projects such as aircraft carriers which even the military question, or arms exports to some of the world's most repressive regimes, fall back on the argument that they are necessary because they support jobs. However, the real choice is not between weapons production and unemployment, it is between Government support for arms companies and projects, such as renewable energy, that meet real needs.



CAAT is joining with former Lucas workers and other organisations on Saturday 26 November in Birmingham to look back at the Lucas Plan and to discuss how ideas can be taken forward. For more information see [lucasplan.org.uk](http://lucasplan.org.uk) or contact the CAAT office.

## GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES CLEAR

It seems almost impossible that a Government could give even greater priority to arms exports than has been the case to date. However, International Trade Secretary Liam Fox MP has announced he is taking a personal lead for the military and security sectors. The UK government's arms sales unit, the Defence and Security Organisation,

is now in his department. Minister of State Greg Hands MP is in charge of export credit – insurance that in some years is dominated by cover for arms sales – while export controls are left to the most junior member of the ministerial team, Mark Garnier MP. This may illustrate the relative importance accorded to each.

In other departments Harriet Baldwin MP is now the Defence Procurement Minister, responsible for arms export matters within the Ministry of Defence. Boris Johnson MP has taken over as Foreign Secretary but Tobias Ellwood MP remains in post covering the Middle East and, currently of huge importance, arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

# CAAT AROUND THE UK



## THE BIG RIDE TARGETS ELBIT IN THE MIDLANDS...

Hundreds of cyclists joined The Big Ride for Palestine in August, cycling from across the UK to converge at the factory gates of UAV engines in Shenstone. UAV is part of Elbit Systems and has been the target of repeated protests after Elbit's drones were used against Palestinian civilians.

**Gaza has been reduced to rubble in places with the support of arms manufacturers like Elbit**

During a rally in which pictures of those killed in attacks in 2014 were pinned to the factory gates, people heard from a Palestinian doctor who works with children in Gaza. Dr Mona El Farra said: "With your support and solidarity, we are helping some of the thousands of

children who are traumatised by the loss of the families, their homes, their schools. Even though Gaza has been reduced to rubble in places with the support of arms manufacturers like Elbit, who own UAV, we are doing everything we can to rebuild lives."

CAAT supporter Kate Byrne cycled 130 miles as part of The Big Ride, raising £345 towards CAAT's campaign against arms sales to Israel. Kate said: "By trading arms with Israel, the UK is complicit in Israel's continuing violations of international law and in the horrific human rights abuses experienced everyday by Palestinians." There is still time to add to Kate's sponsorship total at [bit.ly/katesride2016](http://bit.ly/katesride2016). For more on CAAT's fundraising see page 14.



## ...AND EAST KENT FIGHT TO STOP ELBIT IN SANDWICH

In conjunction with The Big Ride, supporters of East Kent Against Arms Trade cycled across their county to target the arms industry in East Kent. They stopped in town centres to rally support and visited arms companies in Ashford, Whitstable and Broadstairs. The ride ended with a protest rally at the Discovery Science Park in Sandwich, where a site is under consideration for new premises for Instro Precision, another of Elbit's four UK subsidiaries. Hundreds of people have added their signatures to a petition urging Discovery Park's chief executive not to give the arms company a new home.

Cyclist Roberta O'Hare said,

"This is an export industry that we as Kent residents are deeply ashamed of. These military engineering companies could retool, use their expertise to make renewable energy technology and even employ more in the process."

**This is an export industry that we as Kent residents are deeply ashamed of**

You can sign East Kent Against Arms Trade's petition at [bit.ly/instro-sandwich](http://bit.ly/instro-sandwich).

For updates on further ideas for stopping Elbit's expansion see [facebook.com/eastkentcaat](https://facebook.com/eastkentcaat) or twitter [@caatek](https://twitter.com/caatek).

## HELP US TO PUT THE ARMS TRADE ON TRIAL

This is an unprecedented opportunity to end the flow of arms fuelling Saudi Arabia's brutal attacks on Yemen.

On 30 June, the High Court ruled that CAAT can take the Government's decision to keep arming Saudi Arabia to a Judicial Review (see page 3). The judge was very clear that we have an arguable case.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to end the flow of arms fuelling Saudi Arabia's brutal attacks on Yemen. It's also a chance to push the toxic UK-Saudi relationship into the spotlight and ultimately challenge the UK's whole approach

to arms sales. **But the financial risks of the court case are much higher for us than the Government. Please donate today to help us move ahead confidently with the case.**

CAAT is keeping up the pressure on every front: from the legal action to taking action against arms fairs (page 6-7) to challenging the arms trade's role in universities (page 11). **None of it would be possible without the support of people like you.**

Help to put the arms trade on trial: you can use the enclosed letter or back page of this magazine or visit [caat.org.uk/donate](http://caat.org.uk/donate) to send a one-off donation today.

If you possibly can, and haven't already, please do also consider setting up a direct debit to CAAT to support our long-term work. Go to [caat.org.uk/donate/regular](http://caat.org.uk/donate/regular) or call us on **020 7281 0297**.

## JOIN CAAT'S STEERING COMMITTEE

We are looking for individuals with an interest in our campaign work and time for attending meetings to join our Steering Committee. You must have been involved with CAAT for at least a year (either by taking actions, donating or organising events).

The CAAT Steering Committee comprises 14 directors and all staff. It has overall responsibility for CAAT, making decisions on policy, long-term planning and general guidance. More information about the committee and how to join can be found at [caat.org.uk/about/steering-committee](http://caat.org.uk/about/steering-committee).

Please contact Claire on **0207 281 0297** or [office@caat.org.uk](mailto:office@caat.org.uk) if you're interested. The closing date for nominations is **9 December**.

## RUNNING AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE

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



On 11 September, CAAT supporter David Watson (pictured) completed the Great North Run for CAAT. David has raised thousands of pounds for CAAT over the years – this is the third sponsored run he has done for CAAT since 2014!

A very big thank you goes to David and to all of you who sponsored him. **There is still time to add to David's sponsorship total or share his sponsorship page at: [bit.ly/davidrun2016](http://bit.ly/davidrun2016).**

Thanks also to Beth Smith who completed the Bristol Half Marathon for CAAT on 25 September. Beth has been involved in lots of CAAT action over the years, such as campaigns against arms fairs and at arms company headquarters and challenging the arms trade's role in universities.

Last year Beth raised over £1,800 in a sponsored run for CAAT. **Will you help Beth beat her total this year? Share her page or sponsor her at: [bit.ly/bethsrun2016](http://bit.ly/bethsrun2016).**

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# THEY SAID IT

“I will be delighted to welcome Sheikh Fawaz bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, the Bahraini ambassador, to the House of Commons”

MP Jack Lopresti defends decision to issue invitation to the Bahraini ambassador. *Buzzfeed*, 8/7/16.

“The UK Government takes its arms export responsibilities very seriously and operates one of the most robust arms export control regimes in the world”

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson comments on arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Written statement, 5/9/16.

“We treated this event as we would a booking from any other legitimate organisation”

Science Museum Director defends decision to host reception for Farnborough arms fair. *Get Hampshire*, 12/7/16.

# TAKING ACTION

## ONE YEAR TO STOP DSEI ARMS FAIR!

- Contact [sarah.robinson@caat.org.uk](mailto:sarah.robinson@caat.org.uk) to book a talk or workshop
- Sign the pledge to take action at DSEI 2017: [caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge](http://caat.org.uk/dsei-pledge)

**CONTACT YOUR MP** to call for an urgent end to weapons sales to Saudi Arabia (pages 3, 8, 9 and 10)

**HOST A SCREENING** of *Shadow World*, the powerful new film about the arms trade (page 10)

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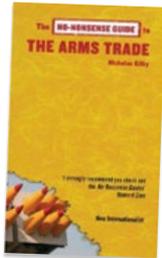
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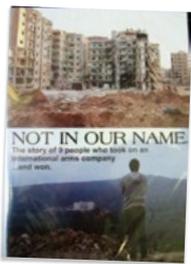
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