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## A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

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## IN THIS ISSUE...

### Welcome to this issue of CAATnews

We're hoping that some sunshine will finally turn up in the weeks following this issue of CAATnews, and that will encourage us all to get out networking, publicising and preparing for the September month of action against local arms companies.

With sites across the UK, chances are there's a part of the arms trade just miles from where you live. For instance, Chemring,

one of the companies that manufactured CS gas used against protesters in Egypt, has sites in Wiltshire, Ayrshire, Hampshire, Derby and London.

CAAT's new interactive map (see opposite) is a tool to find out what's where: we hope you find it useful.

To get hold of a pack for the month of action see details at the end of the article opposite.

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**Campaign Against Arms Trade works to end the international arms trade. The arms business has a devastating impact on human rights and security, and damages economic development. Large scale military procurement and arms exports only reinforce a militaristic approach to international problems.**



# Make it local: Our new map of the arms trade in the UK

**Anne-Marie O'Reilly introduces a fantastic new campaigning tool.**

## What's on your doorstep?

CAAT's amazing technical whizz and research volunteers have trawled databases and dug deep for info on arms companies to produce an interactive map of the arms trade in the UK. To see the online map go to [www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map](http://www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map).

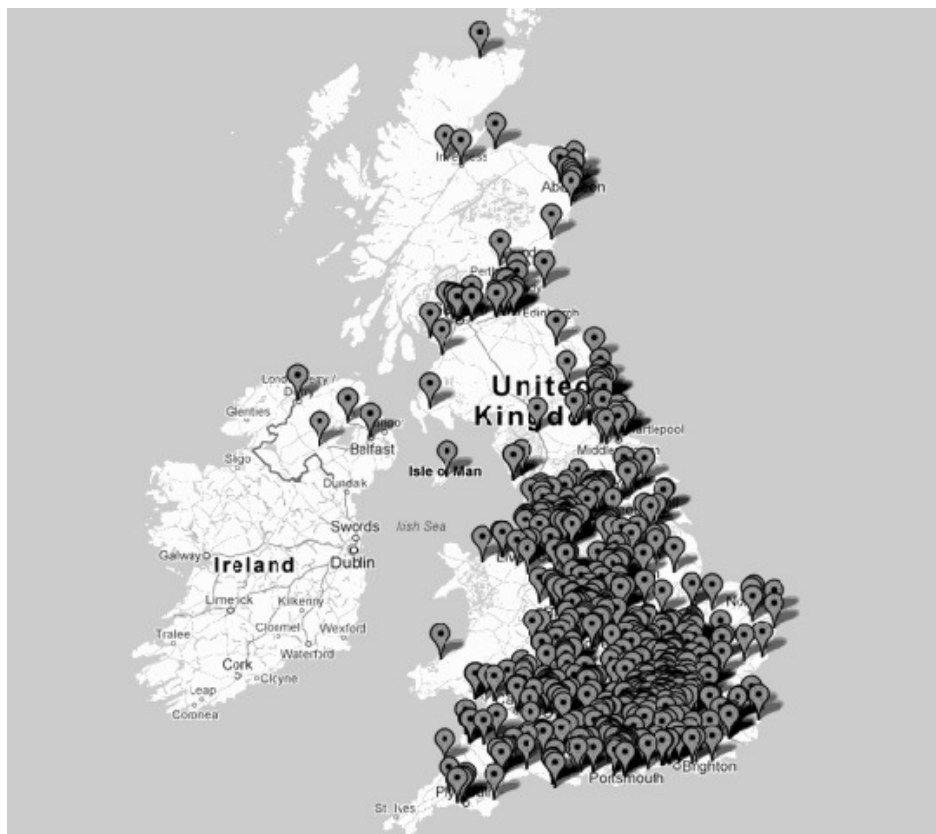
## Then take action

Sometimes the death and devastation wreaked by the arms trade seem too far away to be relevant to our daily lives. In fact, conflict, repression and destruction around the world are fuelled by weapons and components made all across the UK. By highlighting the arms companies on our doorsteps the map can bring campaigners together to raise awareness with the public and encourage local debate.

## What to do about it

You could:

- Find your local arms company sites and simply publicise that they exist by pointing them out to your local paper, radio station, on Facebook, Twitter, your blog, or any way you can think of!
- Get more people involved with a film showing of *Not in Our Name*, a documentary about how nine people in Derry shut down the arms company on their doorsteps.
- Use the map to publicise any action you've taken, to share your photos, stories and any research you do.
- Take a picture of yourself at your local site with an arrow pointing to the "arms trade at work" and upload it to the map. Contact CAAT for resources – and if you have a few more people, order a giant arrow to do a photo stunt for your local paper.



## September is the Month of Action against your local arms company!

One year before the world's largest arms fair is due to return to London, we want to build the strength of our movement so that arms companies know that wherever they operate there is opposition.

Use the ideas on this page to plan what you'll do during the month!

[www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map](http://www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map)

- Get creative: perform outside, "die in," blockade or "flash mob" your site!
- Complete the Arms Companies Challenge: raise money as well as awareness with a sponsored cycle/run/triathlon between as many arms trade sites as you can in your target time.

## Doing more digging

We've listed some of the arms fairs that companies have attended so that you can get a feel for their target

customers. We've also added some examples of where weapons made in the UK have been used, but there's more digging to do! See our top tips online or request an action pack.

## What next?

Visit [www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map](http://www.caat.org.uk/arms-trade-map) or contact Anne-Marie on [annemarie@caat.org.uk](mailto:annemarie@caat.org.uk) or 020 7281 0297 for an action pack to get you started. Let us know if you'd like to be put in touch with others in your local area.

### UK arms marketing

UK Prime Minister David Cameron visited Japan this spring, leading to an agreement between the two countries to jointly develop and build military equipment.

This is the first time since World War II that Japan has concluded a weapons-building deal with a country other than the US.

As the Asia trip continued to Indonesia, Cameron announced that it was time to sell "some of the best defence equipment in the world" to an important democracy (for more on Indonesia see page 11).

Both Japan and Indonesia appeared on the list of priority markets for 2012/13 for the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation.

Others on the list included Libya, Qatar, Oman, South Korea and Saudi Arabia (described in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office's recent Human Rights and Democracy report as a "country of concern" (see page 13)).

REUTERS, 10/4/12; GUARDIAN, 11/4/12; HANSARD, 14/6/12

### Dictators' Jubilee dinners

Human rights activists criticised the monarchy for inviting dictators to Diamond Jubilee banquets at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace in May.

On the guest list was the king of Bahrain, who has overseen a brutal crackdown and repression of pro-democracy activists.

CAAT's Sarah Waldron said: "This invitation, alongside the UK's continuing promotion and supply of military equipment to Bahrain, sends

### Syria

Moscow-based thinktank CAST has said that Russia is expected to deliver air defence systems, reconditioned helicopters and fighter jets to Syria this year worth nearly half a billion dollars. For the five-year period beginning in 2007, Russia accounted for the vast majority of Syria's imports of major conventional weapons, which increased five-fold compared to the previous five-year period.

CAST's forecast comes despite international pressure to halt arms sales to Damascus. The organisation Human Rights Watch has stated that, by continuing to deal with Syria, Russian state-owned arms company Rosoboronexport – which has a virtual monopoly on arms exports from Russia – is at risk of complicity in crimes against the Syrian people.

Human Rights Watch said further that companies and governments should consider suspending any current dealings with Rosoboronexport until they conduct



FreedomHouse/Flickr

a full review of its role in providing support to the Syrian army and its risk of complicity, and should evaluate any commercial contracts with the company such as for advertising in industry publications or planned appearance in arms trade shows. Despite this alert, Rosoboronexport was still allowed to exhibit in the UK at the Farnborough fair in July (see pages 8–9).

REUTERS, 26/6/12; HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, 6/4/12 & 3/6/12

completely the wrong message – one of approval rather than condemnation of human rights abuses."

HUFFINGTON POST, 15/6/12

### Revolving door

Sir Andrew Cahn, former Chief Executive of UK Trade & Investment, has been appointed a non-executive director of military firm General Dynamics.

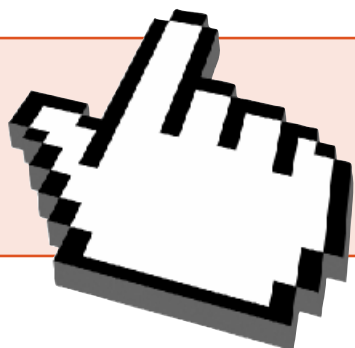
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS, 15/6/12

### Odious debts

The Jubilee Debt Campaign (JDC) has uncovered documents showing that Argentina still owes the UK money due to arms sales to the Argentine junta in the years leading up to the Falklands War.

A JDC spokesperson noted that this wasn't the only occasion in which debt had been run up supplying arms to a regime that UK soldiers would soon be fighting. JDC called for loans given to known dictators to be declared invalid.

JUBILEE DEBT CAMPAIGN, 9/4/12



### Arms export app

CAAT's new web app has been further improved to provide day by day details of UK arms exports. Access the app and the wealth of information it provides on the CAAT website: [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk)

## Guardian investigation

The Crown Prosecution Service has said that it is not in the public interest to prosecute *Guardian* journalist David Leigh for hacking a voicemail as part of an investigation into corrupt arms deals.

Leigh discussed the public interest defence of the action when he appeared at the Leveson inquiry and suggested a difference between "legitimate investigative journalism, and the wholesale criminal industry apparently taking place at News International."

GUARDIAN, 14/6/12

## BAE

BAE has struck a deal with Saudi Arabia to sell 22 Hawk aircraft and 55 Pilatus PC-21 aircraft. BAE's Brough site will manufacture and assemble parts for the Hawk, meaning a part-reversal of the decision to end manufacturing at the site as approximately 200 jobs will be kept until 2015.

Beyond Brough, another 620 BAE jobs are still due to go with the Armstrong plant in Newcastle due to close and further redundancies due to take place at sites in Radway Green near Crewe, Washington near Sunderland and Glascoed in south Wales. Up to another 10 jobs will go at BAE's head office in Farnborough.

TELEGRAPH, 23/5/12; GUARDIAN, 31/5/12

## Turkey

Turkey is to buy \$5.5bn of weapons: a long-range air and missile defence system worth more than \$4bn and an indigenous programme for building corvettes, totalling \$1.5bn.

DEFENSE NEWS, 11/6/12



## Military spending

SIPRI – Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 17 April 2012

Rank	Country	\$ billion	as a share of GDP, %
1	US	711	4.7
2	China	143	2.0
3	Russia	72	3.9
4	UK	63	2.6
5	France	63	2.3
6	Japan	59	1.0
7	India	49	2.6
8	Saudi Arabia	49	8.7
9	Germany	47	1.3
10	Brazil	35	1.5

### Selected UK departmental spending, 2010/11, £ billion

The *Guardian* datablog (<http://bit.ly/MIF0xD>)

Department	£ billion
Department of Health	106
Department of Education	58
Ministry of Defence	39
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	24
Department for Transport	12
Home Office	10
Department of Energy and Climate Change	8
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	2

### Forecast cost of selected major arms projects (as at Nov 2011)

National Audit Office, Major Projects Report 2011

Project (number to be procured)	£ million
Aircraft carriers (2)	5,131
Astute-class attack submarines (6)	5,723
Eurofighter Typhoon fighter aircraft (160)	18,159
Lynx Wildcat light helicopter (66)	1,644
Watchkeeper drone (54)	839

## Spending

Global military spending remained flat in 2011 at \$1.73tr, failing to show any real increase for the first time since 1998. Stockholm-based thinktank SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) speculated that this could signify a trend as governments reduce the size of military budgets.

DEFENSE NEWS, 11/6/12

## Rolls-Royce

Defence secretary Philip Hammond has confirmed a £1bn contract to refurbish the Rolls-Royce plant in Derby. The plant will build two reactors for the next generation of nuclear submarines – one to power the replacement for the Vanguard submarines, which carry the Trident deterrent, and a second to power the Astute-class attack submarines.

GUARDIAN, 17/6/12



Protest outside Bath Abbey against Clarion Events' drone conference

## Drone event withdrawn

### Monica Pearce of Bath Stop the War Coalition writes:

"We were appalled to learn earlier this year that the local council had accepted a booking at Bath's prestigious Assembly Rooms from arms sales promoters Clarion Events for a June conference on drones.

But, after our campaigning, the booking was withdrawn. Clarion Events relocated to a more suitable

venue: the Defence Academy of the UK at Cranfield University. Sadly the drones promotion will continue elsewhere, protected from democratic protest by military style security.

Nevertheless, the loud and visible protest, well-publicised by a steady flow of letters in the local paper, sustained lobbying of the Council and National Trust, and the threat of direct demonstrations outside the event, did have an effect."

## Penarth prayer service

### Hundreds of Christians took part in the CAAT Christian Network Day of Prayer on 3 June. Paul Westmacott explains what his group did:

"Penarth Christian Network of the Campaign Against the Arms Trade held their annual Day of Prayer at All Saints Church on Sunday 27 May.

The service was to remember and pray for children as victims of war. It was held a week and a day before Monday 4 June, International Day for Children as Victims of War. The UK is one of the world's largest arms sellers, exporting pain and misery around the world. The death and destruction this causes in the world especially affects children. All



### Penarth Christian Network prayed for children as victims of war.

were invited to pray for a safer world, a more just world and more loving and caring world, and for an end to the sale of arms."

## Edinburgh group targets BAE

We had an extremely successful stall outside the Edinburgh University Graduate Careers Fair and a whole range of different peace groups joined in. Some students went inside and relieved BAE Systems of their propaganda materials, using BAE post-it notes to write 'Ban BAE' on the pavement by the entrance (see page 10 for a picture of the Edinburgh group in action). We'll be back in the autumn for the next careers fair if arms companies are invited back again!

IMOGEN MICHEL, EDINBURGH CAAT

## Training for action

There is a strong tradition of disrupting and impeding the arms trade with non-violent action, which CAAT wants to support and grow. That's why we worked with the Stop the Arms Fair coalition on a Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) training on 19 May in London. Just four days later arms dealers saw the results at the Annual Defence Dinner (see opposite)!

### Coming up

Can you join us for a NVDA training day in Leeds in the next few months? Get in touch if you'd like to take part. Interested in direct action? Tell us and we'll be in touch when there are opportunities near where you live.

Get in touch if you would like more information or to send us your group's news or pictures. Contact Anne-Marie O'Reilly on 020 7281 0297 or [annemarie@caat.org.uk](mailto:annemarie@caat.org.uk)



# Interrupting Vince

**On 26 April, Sam Walton took the stage to disrupt Vince Cable's speech at a Government arms sales conference. Here's his story:**

"We didn't think we'd get in. The UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation (UKTI DSO) Symposium is one of the biggest events of the year for the industry – so you'd think they'd have better security.

Vince Cable was on second. As Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, he is responsible for UKTI and now merrily hawks British weaponry to all comers. So I decide I am going to interrupt Vince. Then Vince stands up, says about two words, and I run across and take the stage.

I wanted to say I was here for everyone in Libya, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, Palestine and

everywhere else who had had British-made weapons used on them. For everyone in Britain who thinks the arms trade is morally abhorrent and wrong, and that everyone at the event should get down the job centre and do something useful with their lives.

What came out was slightly different, partly because of nerves and partly because I was swiftly grabbed by two burly fellows who dragged me out. I wanted to be accountable for my actions so walked up to police officers to tell them what I'd done. I was searched and banned from Park Plaza Hotels, but not before I explained to the hotel that next year the protests would certainly be bigger and might damage their reputation, so they should not host the symposium again."

**Read more and see footage from these actions on [blog.caat.org.uk](http://blog.caat.org.uk)**



**Masked up and ready for action**

## Constituents pile up the pressure

**On 28 April, constituents of MP Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, made it clear that they thought the Government department for which Cable is responsible should not be pushing weapons sales to repressive regimes.**

Constituents took to the streets for some street theatre, gaining coverage in the local paper, including an entire page dedicated to letters on the subject!

With a Youtube video of their action, 600 petition signatures from local people so far and a public meeting planned in the autumn, it is clear that Cable is being held to account by his constituents over the issue of arms sales.

# Making arms dealers tread over "dead" bodies

A group of us found out that the Annual Defence Dinner was taking place at the Imperial War Museum on 23 May. At £210–£300 a ticket and billed as "one of the most prominent events in the defence and security calendar", this wasn't an opportunity we could miss.

We met dressed to the nines and made our way up the grand steps of the museum, went into the lobby and "died" in each of the three doorways. This stopped the flow of people trying to get in the building for quite a while, until they decided it was ok to step on/over us.

It was a fitting depiction of the impact of these people's business dealings on people around the world: treading on their human rights, welfare and social provision



in order to make profit from selling weapons.

With only six people and a bit of tenacity we made sure that the evening's business of weapons, fine wines and food did not go undisturbed by its consequences. Showing even more audacity, one of our group made it into the galleries and announced to those present that they needed to find a new job!

**SARAH READER, LONDON CAAT**

**Campaigners in Brighton have stepped up the pressure on their local arms factory with a Summer of Resistance. Read more about it on their website: [smashedo.org.uk](http://smashedo.org.uk)**

# A NIGHT AT THE



In the last issue we reported good news! The National Gallery said it would not host a reception for Finmeccanica during Farnborough International...



...so we were really sad to learn that the Natural History Museum was to host another event for Farnborough: the official welcome reception on 9 July.



Farnborough is a civil aerospace exhibition featuring the world's top ten exhibiting companies.



Rosoboronexport, arms supplier to Syria, was at the show, despite calls for those supporting the Assad regime to be isolated. The UK government refused to stop them exhibiting.



Instead, the Government's efforts were focused on courting their own invite list of human rights abusers, including Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Libya (above).



The day before arms dealers enjoy their drinks under the famous diplodocus, campaigners display a banner-demonstration.

Hundreds of CAAT supporters have written to the Natural History Museum, asking it to not to support an event where weapons sales are promoted to human rights abusers. The Museum's initial response was to say the event was just a routine commercial transaction.

But accepting a booking for this event is not a morally neutral act by

the Museum. It is providing a venue for what Farnborough's organisers describe as "THE most important event during the Farnborough week ... a must attend event and an unparalleled networking opportunity."

With persistence, we've made progress. The Museum recently told us that, when reviewing its venue

hiring policies and procedures, it will consider the feedback it has received from the public. So now we need to keep the pressure on!

- Write to Dr Michael Dixon, Director, Natural History Museum, London, SW7 5BD, or email [m.dixon@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:m.dixon@nhm.ac.uk).
- Visit [www.caat.org.uk/nhm](http://www.caat.org.uk/nhm) for tips on replying to the Museum.



# THE MUSEUM



Combined arms fair and exhibition. Nine of the arms companies were taking part this year.



David Cameron was there to help the arms sales effort.



Protesters were due to enter the Museum's reception area for the reception.



Campaigners were there on the day of the reception - with dinosaurs - to talk to Museum visitors and staff.



CAAT delivered a letter from eminent scientists condemning the decision to host the reception and urging that the museum sever all links with the arms trade.



Protesters were also there to greet arms dealers as they arrived for the reception.

## Disarm the Gallery

The National Gallery is still supporting the arms trade through sponsorship arrangements with arms company Finmeccanica. Help us disarm the Gallery!

### Get artistic

Love art but not arms? Help build an online gallery of art with a message. Inspired by Gallery pieces, why not find a creative way to show why art and arms don't mix? Please send high resolution versions of your pieces to [campaign@caat.org.uk](mailto:campaign@caat.org.uk), or by post to the CAAT office.



### At the gallery...

Help keep up the pressure with pop-up creative actions around the gallery - such as these "artists" who sat down in front of the masterpieces to sketch out the same message. The office can help with leaflets, props, media and promotion.

### Elsewhere...

- Order copies of the campaign postcard to leave in local galleries or other places art-lovers might see them.
- Engage with local artists: You could put together an open letter signed by local artists to send to your local paper and the Gallery or invite art with a message for a local exhibition, which can also contribute to CAAT's online gallery.

# Universities Network

The summer term is always a quiet one for campaigning at universities, with students caught up with revision and exams. However, students have been keeping up campaigns where they can. For instance, as reported on page 6, Edinburgh students were active at their university's Graduate Recruitment Fair (pictured).

## A great year of student activism

As students finish with their exams and look forward to the summer and beyond, it seems like an appropriate time to reflect on what has happened this year. It's been a really active year for the Universities Network:

- Students protested the presence of arms companies at their careers fairs in Edinburgh, Sheffield, Durham, Lancaster, Nottingham, Warwick, London and Bristol.
- The CAAT Universities Gathering brought together students from across the UK to share skills and to plan for the future.
- Bristol held a successful Ethical and Environmental Careers Fair after a Student Union motion was passed in support of such an event.



Edinburgh students tell it with post-its – see page 6 for story.

Imogen Michel/Edinburgh CAAT

- A new group, 'Fund Education, Not War', was set up in Sheffield. A big thank you goes out to all the students and staff in the Universities Network for their hard work this year, and good luck to those graduating this summer.

For those leaving university, contact Anne-Marie on [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) for information

on local CAAT groups. For those staying at university, let's make next year the year we kick arms companies off campus for good!

BETH SMITH

**For more on the Universities Network see [universities.caat.org.uk](http://universities.caat.org.uk) or email [universities@caat.org.uk](mailto:universities@caat.org.uk)**

## Would you like to be part of the CAAT Steering Committee?

CAAT's Steering Committee takes the final decisions on campaigns and policy, as well as making sure that the organisation's internal workings are legal and efficient.

The committee has ten elected members and four co-opted members selected to fill gaps in skills, experience and diversity, plus the paid staff.

The elected members are in post for four years, with five of them standing down every two years

though they may seek re-election. There will be elections this winter with the new members taking office in March 2013.

### Would you consider standing or know someone you think should?

- You can **vote** in these elections if you've given at least £12 to CAAT since 1 January 2011.
- You can **stand** for election if you qualify as a voter and,

additionally, have been a CAAT supporter for at least 12 months.

- You can **nominate** someone if you yourself would be eligible to stand for election.

The nominations deadline is 1 December.

**For an information pack or further details contact Claire on 020 7281 0297 or [office@caat.org.uk](mailto:office@caat.org.uk).**

# Rage against the BAE machine

**It was even livelier than usual at this year's BAE Systems AGM says Kaye Stearman.**

Outside, there was a mass protest by workers facing redundancy at BAE Brough in Humberside. Inside, workers expressed their disgust: "I notice you give thanks to the people who are standing down from the board. Will you be giving thanks to me?" said one.

## Remuneration

Other shareholders questioned board remuneration. It was revealed that Chief Executive Officer Ian King will have a pension pot of over £11 million when he retires from the arduous business of flogging weapons worldwide.

## CAAT questions

CAAT continued its quest to get straight answers from BAE on its activities in the UK and overseas. Supporters asked over twenty questions – and had more in reserve

had time been made available. Areas covered included arms sales to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Libya, BAE's increased emphasis on security and cyber intelligence, the company's refusal to consider a move to renewables or to acknowledge or apologise for corrupt or unethical behaviour.

## BAE responses

Amid the usual dissembling, we heard that "BAE was incredibly proud to support Saudi Arabia", including maintaining the Tactical armoured vehicles used in the Bahrain crackdown, and that BAE staff in Saudi Arabia had been given no guidance on any limits to support they should give in the event of Saudi forces crushing protests in Saudi Arabia or elsewhere. There was fulsome praise for the Government's support for arms sales. And as usual, BAE maintained the highest corporate standards and saw no reason to apologise for its activities – ever!

## Caught out 1

Questioned whether BAE accompanied David Cameron on his arms sales trip to Indonesia, Chairman Dick Olver said 'no'. However, an answer to a Parliamentary Question of 12 June by Caroline Lucas MP revealed that Alan Garwood, BAE Group Business Development Director, did indeed go to Indonesia as well as Malaysia.

## Caught out 2

Austrian prosecutors filed a criminal complaint on 22 June against BAE lobbyist "Count" Alfons Mensdorff-Pouilly, charging him with bribery, money laundering and giving false testimony to a parliamentary committee. Mensdorff-Pouilly was briefly remanded in custody in the UK in early 2010 – all charges were later dropped.

# Keeping bad company

**Kaye Stearman reports on David Cameron's promotion of arms to Indonesia.**

After his seminal arms trade tour of the Middle East, in April David Cameron made a similar trip to Asia. He was accompanied by executives from six arms companies, including BAE Systems and AgustaWestland. First stop Japan, where Cameron talked of the immense value of the newly opened Japanese "defence" market. Then onwards to the emerging markets of Malaysia and Indonesia.

Speaking to Indonesian newspaper *Kompas*, Cameron stated: "Britain makes some of the

best defence equipment in the world and it is right that it is available to Indonesia... That is why some of our leading defence companies are with me on this visit."

## THE EU BANNED WEAPONS SALES TO INDONESIA – IT LASTED A MERE FOUR MONTHS

From the 1980s when Indonesia was under the dictatorship of General Suharto, the UK sold BAE Hawk fighter jets to the Indonesian Airforce. The Hawks bombed and intimidated civilians in West Papua and East Timor. A popular uprising forced Suharto from office in 1998

but repression continued. In September 1999 the European Union banned weapons sales to Indonesia – it lasted a mere four months.

Arms exports to Indonesia soon resumed. In the four years from 2008 to 2011, the UK government licensed over £68 million worth of military exports, of which £51 million were for "aircraft, helicopters and drones."

There is a sting in the tail. The Hawk purchases were underwritten by the UK Government's Export Credits Guarantee Department – i.e. the UK taxpayer. The Indonesian people are still paying off the £400 million debt to the UK (see page 12) and will be for years to come.



# UK Export Finance investigated

**Ann Feltham summarises Government financial support for the arms trade.**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Corporate Responsibility is conducting an investigation into the workings of UK Export Finance (UKEF), formerly the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD). CAAT, which is working on export credits along with other groups including Amnesty International UK and the Jubilee Debt Campaign (JDC), has made a submission.

## UKEF's role

UKEF guarantees that companies and banks involved in an export deal will not lose out if the overseas buyer does not pay, or makes late payments. Companies are charged a premium and UKEF aims to break even, but any shortfall comes from the UK taxpayer. It is very difficult to track where money is still outstanding as, when a government defaults on payment, all the monies it owes are lumped together under what is known as the Paris Club.

## Debts

We do know, however, that monies from military projects in Egypt and Argentina are outstanding. Indonesia is another interesting case. CAAT and others campaigned against aircraft and armoured vehicle sales to dictator Suharto in the 1990's, but the then Conservative government still granted export licences and Tony Blair's Labour government refused to revoke them. The ECGD underwrote the sales. Then in 1998 Indonesia succumbed to the Asian debt crisis. The weaponry was not paid for and became part of a Paris Club package. The companies concerned, now part of BAE Systems, got paid as did their bank which had the ECGD cover. The people of Indonesia still owe the money for the debts incurred by the dictator.

## BAE

Even though arms account for just 1.5 per cent of total UK exports, in 2006–7, 42 per cent of all export credits were for military goods and, in 2007–8, the figure was even higher at 57 per cent. Arms manufacturer BAE Systems topped the list of companies receiving export credit guarantees. This support was given for very few deals. In 2006–7 the entire 42 per cent – a liability of £750 million – was accounted for by BAE's arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

## Recent figures

However, all changed in 2008–9 when just 1 per cent of ECGD support was for military deals. In September 2008, just before the publication of a highly critical report by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's anti-bribery watchdog, BAE had stopped the cover on its Saudi deals. The ECGD's support for military deals remained at 1 per cent in 2009–10, but rose to 4 per cent in 2010–11 after cover was given to Airbus for a multi-role tanker transport plane sold to the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates.

## Looking ahead

So what of the future? By the time you read this UKEF should have released its 2011/12 figures and we shall know whether further arms deals have been underwritten. Even if they have not, there is nothing to prevent the companies applying for cover at any time. As BAE's Head of Government Relations told a Commons Committee in February 2011: "ECGD support is absolutely essential to BAE Systems in a number of markets." That is why CAAT and the other campaigning organisations are asking the All-Party Group to recommend that UK Export Finance has an "exclusion list" of categories of goods it will not cover. Military equipment should be foremost among these.

## They said it



"It is absolutely right that a British prime minister takes defence companies with him on a trade mission like this."

PM DAVID CAMERON, TOKYO, 10 APRIL

"Well, thank you very much for that nice and friendly question. Always get that from journalists. Very helpful."

WILLIAM HAGUE, FOREIGN SECRETARY, REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON UK ARMS SALES IN ASIA, SINGAPORE, 26 APRIL

"The safety of our people and those using our products is critical."

IAN KING, BAE CEO, BAE AGM, 2 MAY

"BAE is one of the leading companies in the anti-bribery area."

DICK OLVER, BAE CHAIRMAN (BELOW)

"I don't think I need to do that."

DICK OLVER, BAE CHAIRMAN, WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD APOLOGISE TO THE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA

"All members of BAE Board sleep very well."

DICK OLVER, BAE CHAIRMAN, ASKED WHETHER SELLING ARMS DISTURBED HIS SLEEP



# Exports belie Arab Spring optimism

## Kaye Stearman highlights UK Government inconsistencies between human rights and arms export licencing.

As Foreign Secretary William Hague launched the Foreign & Commonwealth Office's annual Human Rights and Democracy report for 2011, the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills released, late and without fanfare, statistics on licences issued for military and other "strategic exports" for the final quarter of 2011.

While the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) lauded the Arab Spring as the "most important prospect for the enlargement of human dignity and freedom since the end of the Cold War," the statistics reveal that the UK continued to licence arms to many Arab countries before, during and after the Arab Spring.

These countries include Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt. While a UN arms embargo stopped UK arms exports to Libya, UK government department UK Trade & Investment organised an arms trade mission to the new Libyan government in early 2012.

Striking contrasts include:

**Saudi Arabia** – The FCO report lists Saudi Arabia as a "country of concern" and gives a detailed account of human rights violations, including an unrepresentative government, violations of the human rights of women, migrant workers and religious minorities, torture and severe restriction of personal freedoms. It did not include Saudi military intervention in neighbouring Bahrain in March 2011.

Yet the UK continued to licence huge amounts of arms for export to Saudi Arabia. In 2011, "military exports" totalled £1.735 billion with "aircraft, helicopters, drones" valued at £1.708 billion.



CAAT supporters join Bahrain democracy activists outside Downing Street on 14 February 2012. The man in the centre was injured in a protest and his sight is now permanently impaired.

**Bahrain** – The FCO report notes: "Longstanding concerns about discrimination, corruption and marginalising of Bahrain's minority Shia population" and opposition protests which continued throughout 2011. However, although some arms export licences were revoked in February 2011, licence approvals had resumed by June, reaching a total for the year of £2.25 million. Although this is lower than the £4.8 million approved in 2010, it is still lamentable, given the continuing repression in Bahrain.

**Egypt** – The FCO report states the UK government supported "an orderly transition to a democratic system ... to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Egyptian people". Despite a popular revolution, Egypt remains under tight military control. Yet the export statistics reveal that in 2011 the UK Government continued to licence arms for export to Egypt valued at over £2 million – considerably more than the 2010 total of £1.2million.

**Libya** – The FCO report states: "The desire of the Libyan people to see their basic human rights respected after 42 years of repression was one of the key factors leading to the 17 February revolution." Yet nowhere does the report state that the UK sold arms to Gaddafi until a UN embargo was imposed in March 2011. In 2010 military exports totalled £34.7million. In the final quarter of 2010, licences were approved for military equipment totalling £2.2 million, including components for combat aircraft and over £446,000 worth of small arms equipment.

## Military list exports to other MENA\* countries in 2011

Country	£ million
United Arab Emirates	76.75
Turkey	38.26
Oman	26.86
Iraq	13.26
Morocco	8.26
Israel	4.72
Kuwait	4.44
Jordan	3.44
Algeria	2.52
Egypt	2.03

\* Middle East and North Africa

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When it comes to your Will, it's only right that your family comes first in your thoughts. But you can also leave a gift to a cause close to your heart.

If the time is ever right for you to leave a gift in your Will, please consider CAAT. By remembering CAAT in your Will, you can provide support for campaigns that make a real difference. Including a gift to CAAT in your Will is a way of ensuring that the campaign remains strong with no cost to you now. You do not have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will, every gift in every Will makes a difference, however large or small.

If you have already made your Will but would now like to leave a gift to CAAT, then updating it is a simple process. Because CAAT is a small organisation, leaving a legacy to the campaign will make a really big difference.

Please let us know if you have already included CAAT in your Will – we will never ask you how much. If you would like further information please contact Henry at [henry@caat.org.uk](mailto:henry@caat.org.uk) or use the CAAT contact details on page 2.

## Suggested wording

If you are making your Will for the first time, you can use the suggested wording below:

For a share of your estate:

I give all/a share (please state fraction/percentage) of the residue of my estate absolutely to Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) of Unit 4, 5-7 Wells Terrace, London, N4 3JU, and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or any other proper officer of CAAT for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

For a specific sum:

I give to Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) of Unit 4, 5-7 Wells Terrace, London, N4 3JU, absolutely, the sum (amount in figures, amount in words), and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or any other proper officer of CAAT for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

If you would like to change your Will to include CAAT, please contact Henry McLaughlin, CAAT, Unit 4, 5-7 Wells Terrace, London N4 3JU, email [henry@caat.org.uk](mailto:henry@caat.org.uk) or call 020 7281 0297 for suggested wording.

HENRY MCLAUGHLIN



## Running... cycling... running... for CAAT

Kat Hobbs (pictured) is taking part in a sponsored event to raise funds for CAAT for the fourth successive year.

But this year has a twist as Kat is taking part in the London Duathlon held in Richmond Park in September. Kat will run 10km, then cycle 20km, then finally run a further 5km.

You can sponsor Kat's fantastic efforts by returning the flyer enclosed.

Last year CAAT supporters sponsored Kat to the tune of £750. If donations total £1,000 in 2012, Kat has pledged to run a marathon for CAAT next year. Thank you for your support.

## From GOOD to WELL

CAAT is now safely and contentedly set up in its new office. By a happy and symbolic wordplay we have moved from GOODwin Street to WELLS Terrace.

Despite its many imperfections, 11 Goodwin Street was very special to us. It was our home for a quarter of a century and in its long life housed many organisations working for peace and human rights, including *Peace News* and CND. However, our new first-floor office is larger, lighter and more logically organised, which will aid communication and enable us to better continue our mission against the manufacture, trade and promotion of arms worldwide.

All the CAAT staff would like to thank everyone who kindly donated towards the move or gave up their time to paint, pack, shift boxes or put up shelving. In particular we'd like to thank **Stephen Tully, David Rice, Richie Andrew, Tom Greenwood, Ellie Hinton** and **Shree Wood**, with a special thanks to **Paul O'Connor** who's worked so hard over the last few weeks to get the office up and running again. KAYE STEARMAN



# Participate in CAAT – here's how

## Subscribe to an email list

Sign up to receive the monthly CAAT bulletin with the latest news and events. Contact [enquiries@caat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@caat.org.uk) or visit [www.caat.org.uk/lists](http://www.caat.org.uk/lists).

## Make a donation

Our supporters' donations enable us to strive for a world without arms trading. Without your help, there would be no campaign. Support CAAT by sending us a cheque, setting up a regular payment, or by taking part in a fundraising event.

## Campaign locally

CAAT's campaigns are effective because people like you take action around the country. The "to do" list on this page gives a few ideas, but if you'd like to do that bit more for CAAT in your area why not consider one of these roles?

- **Join or start a local CAAT group** – why not start with a street stall or public meeting?
- **Become a Supporter Media Activist** – with the help of monthly briefings from CAAT.
- **Join the CAAT Speakers Network** – help spread the word!
- **Become a Local Contact** – co-ordinate local campaign activities or keep a local campaign group updated on CAAT's work.
- **Become a Key Campaigner** – receive campaigner updates from CAAT and help spread the word about CAAT in your area.

More information on how to campaign locally can be found at [www.caat.org.uk/getinvolved/local](http://www.caat.org.uk/getinvolved/local).

Order a copy of the Local Campaigns Guide or find out more



CAAT protest at the Imperial War Museum

about these campaigner roles by contacting [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk).

## Universities Network

Join our vibrant network of students and staff taking action to challenge arms company recruitment on campus, end university investment in the arms trade and expose military funding of university research.

- Visit our Universities Network website – [universities.caat.org.uk](http://universities.caat.org.uk)
- Join the Universities Network and get the monthly ebulletin: [universities.caat.org.uk/get-involved/join-us/](http://universities.caat.org.uk/get-involved/join-us/)
- Contact [universities@caat.org.uk](mailto:universities@caat.org.uk) to find out about campaigning at your university or to tell us about an action.

## CAAT Christian Network

Share CAAT issues with your Christian community. Order a Christian Network introduction pack and join our mailing list for details of our next Day of Prayer. Contact [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk).

## Bring your enthusiasm

CAAT is always looking for people to participate in sponsored events to raise much-needed funds for CAAT. So if you would like to run, walk, cycle or do any other sponsored activity which can bring in money, please email [henry@caat.org.uk](mailto:henry@caat.org.uk).

## Campaigners' "to do" list

- Find out where your local arms company is and plan for September's Month of Action. See page 3.
- Help end the National Gallery's links with the arms trade. See pages 8–9.
- Run a stall at a summer event or on a high street. Contact [claire@caat.org.uk](mailto:claire@caat.org.uk) or 020 7281 0297 for materials.
- Sponsor Kat Hobbs as she runs for CAAT. See page 14.
- Complete the Arms Companies Challenge! Raise money as well as awareness. See page 3.

# Donate today!

You can donate to CAAT by either visiting our website at [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk), or by completing the form below (in block capitals) and returning to: Freepost RSYR-UCBS-GHEE, CAAT, Unit 4, 5-7 Wells Terrace, London N4 3JU



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- ☐ I wish to set up a Direct Debit (complete form below)
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- ☐ I wish to donate towards CAAT's moving costs.

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Sort code

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Please pay Campaign Against Arms Trade Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Campaign Against Arms Trade and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

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Date

