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The summer's here and school holidays are approaching but, with the huge DSEI arms fair in London also just around the corner, campaigners against the arms trade will stay busy over the next few months! There's plenty of info on that event and ways to get involved in the campaign on pages 8 and 9.

That's not the only focus for

action though. For example, pages 10 and 11 feature the latest on the Stop Arming Israel campaign, including an imminent "Block the Factory" action on 6 July at Shenstone.

And finally, you'll see from Sarah's "Hello" on page 13 that long-time CAAT staffer Anne-Marie O'Reilly is on maternity leave. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her all the best.

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# AFTER THE ELECTION

Given the make-up of the new Government, the next five years will be challenging for people opposed to the arms trade.

The election in May of a party that enthusiastically promoted arms exports in the last parliament, along with the daunting prospect of continued austerity, has no doubt left many CAAT supporters feeling deflated.

## Parties' common ground

While this clearly isn't the political environment CAAT hoped for, the election campaign showed how much main parties have in common when it comes to militarism and approaches to national security. In fact, Labour was the only party that explicitly committed to doing more to promote arms sales if elected.

## New factors

However, a number of new factors may present opportunities for influence. Firstly, 56 of the 59 MPs representing Scottish constituencies are from the Scottish National Party, which takes a more critical approach to arms exports. Secondly, the Labour Party will be debating which direction it should move in, following the electoral defeat. Thirdly, there will be opportunities as a result of wider mobilisation on the left and public opposition to austerity politics.

In addition, many new MPs remain an unknown quality and may be ignorant of the Government's policy and practice on arms sales.

## UK complicity

Page 12 gives examples of this policy and practice, covering UK complicity in Saudi Arabia's attacks in Yemen, and its ongoing support for repression in Bahrain. Saudi Arabia, one of the most repressive regimes in the world, has also used UK weapons to help suppress protest in Bahrain.




A new report, *Arming Apartheid*, (see page 10) describes how the UK licenses military equipment sales to Israel despite Israel's defiance of international law, its military attacks and continued occupation (see pages 10 and 11). Even after the UK government

## There will be opportunities as a result of wider mobilisation and public opposition to austerity

admitted that UK-supplied military equipment "might be used in the commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law," it did not cancel licences.

The UK government's own rules say that weapons should not be sold where they might be used for internal repression or to exacerbate conflict. Yet time and again the Government allows and promotes weapons sales in exactly these circumstances.

 **Please write to your newly elected MP** – whatever their political affiliation – to ensure that ignorance of how UK weapons are used cannot be used as an excuse for inaction.

## Coming up

- September, when the Government-supported DSEI arms fair takes place in London, will be an important opportunity to expose and challenge the promotion of arms sales. See pages 8–9.
- The autumn will also see the Government unveil a new National Security Strategy. Amid continued public spending cuts, it's important that we challenge an approach based on high military spending and projection of power. CAAT's Arms to Renewables campaign ([a2r.org.uk](http://a2r.org.uk)) offers an alternative vision, where resources are invested in addressing real threats to security, such as climate change, instead of fuelling conflict and repression. Arms to Renewables also offers an important challenge to the myth that many MPs may repeat unquestioningly – that support for the arms trade is necessary for jobs and the economy.

# ARMS TRADE SHORTS

## GERMANY

German authorities face claims that failure to investigate an arms deal to Mexico is contributing to ongoing conflict. The sale of thousands of assault rifles by Heckler & Koch has been alleged to be illegal, as the weapons may have been used in conflict zones. Despite five years of investigation into the company, Germany has yet to charge anyone.

[DW.DE, 17/4/15](#)

Germany has invested alongside Emirati partners in the local assembly of trucks in Algeria. The first of the trucks destined for the Algerian military unveiled in March.

[defenceWeb, 16/3/15](#)



A protest in Gerrero, Mexico, where students were killed by police. Germany faces scrutiny for the sale of Heckler & Koch rifles that may have been used in the region © Fernando García / Flickr

## FINMECCANICA

The first of the Turkish-made T129 helicopters manufactured under licence from AgustaWestland have been used to attack Kurds.

[Defense News, 5/5/15](#)

Italian police are investigating allegations of corruption in Finmeccanica's sale of helicopters to Algeria.

[Defense News, 23/4/15](#)



A T129 helicopter – the type used in Turkish attacks on Kurds © Eser Karadağ / Flickr

## FIFA

Allegations of corruption at football governing body FIFA include claims that support for the German bid for the 2006 World Cup was influenced by a shipment of rocket-propelled grenades. Allegedly, Germany lifted restrictions on the supply of arms to Saudi Arabia just days before the vote on bids to host the event.

[Guardian, 5/6/15](#)

## BAE

BAE is funding a post-graduate cybersecurity programme at Malaysia's National Defense University as an offset (a form of counter-trade that compensates for a purchase) for the Malaysian Navy's purchase of BAE artillery.

[C4ISR & Networks, 24/3/15](#)

## US-EGYPT

The US has lifted its arms embargo on Egypt. Human rights groups said the move sends the message that human rights are not a priority concern for the US.

[Al Jazeera, 1/4/15](#)

## MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF WEAPONS



The chart shows the top 10 exporters (covering 89% of exports) and the top 20 importers (covering 70% of imports) over the period 2010–2014. Exporters are shown in green and importers in red. Figures are taken from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), [sipri.org](http://sipri.org)

## FRANCE

Qatar has signed a \$7bn deal with France for 24 Rafale fighter jets. The deal includes MBDA missiles and training for Qatari pilots and technicians.

India has also ordered 36 Rafale jets, following claims by Indian military officials of a capability gap opening up with China and Pakistan.

[Reuters, 30/4/15, 11/4/15](#)

The sales referred to above contribute to the likelihood of high figures for French arms

exports for 2015, although whether to the level of 2014 remains to be seen. According to the French Defence Ministry, 2014 saw French arms exports rise by 18 per cent to their highest level for 15 years. The top client was Saudi Arabia.

[Agence France-Presse, 3/6/15](#)

French President Francois Hollande has admitted that arms were delivered to Syrian rebels in 2012 despite an embargo.

[Daily Star, 6/5/15](#)

## RUSSIA

Russia has lifted its self-imposed ban on the delivery to Iran of an anti-aircraft system. Delivery was halted after Russia relented to concerns from the US and Israel that the system could be used to protect nuclear facilities.

[Wall Street Journal, 13/4/15](#)

Russian missile-maker Almaz-Antey is appealing its inclusion on a list of companies facing EU sanctions. It says that no proof has been found of its products being used either during Russia's annexation of Crimea or used by pro-Russian rebels in Eastern Ukraine.

[UPI.com, 26/5/15](#)

## INFLUENCE

The EU Industry Commissioner has set up a group including executives from military companies to advise the EU on how to reverse a decline in spending on military research.

[Reuters, 30/3/15](#)

The Defence Solutions Centre has opened in Farnborough. The collaborative project between government and industry is intended to be a hub for military research, design and technology and for the development of products and services for the Ministry of Defence and international customers.

[DefenceIQ, 23/3/15](#)



Armed rebels in Syria © Freedom House / Flickr

# ARMS TRADE

The arms trade seeks to normalise its work through involvement in public life. This is one place we can, and must challenge it.

## ARMS TRADE IN SCHOOLS...

The idea of Europe's biggest arms company running a school may seem like something out of an Orwellian nightmare. However, it may be about to happen in Barrow, Cumbria, where BAE Systems is on the verge of taking over the faltering Furness Academy.

**BAE would become the school's sole sponsor, taking responsibility for its strategic direction**

The proposal will soon be open to a consultation with stakeholders, parents and staff, where it is expected to be supported. This would see BAE become the school's sole sponsor. The arms company would also take responsibility for the strategic direction of the school.

### More schools

In September, a number of other institutions with direct ties to arms companies are due to open. These include South Wiltshire University Technical College, which will teach science and engineering to 14–18 year olds “in the context of the defence industries.” The college's sponsors include Chemring, which has been linked to the use of tear gas in Hong Kong (see page 8) and in Egypt.

### Who benefits?

Arms manufacturers wouldn't commit to these programmes if they weren't profitable. They may pay lip-service to promoting

positive learning outcomes, but shareholders will always be the main beneficiaries.

### Access and legitimacy

In the meantime, this kind of involvement gives weapons companies a chance to gloss over human rights abuses and to present themselves as legitimate businesses. It also gives direct access to potential future employees and allows for influence over young people's decisions and direction.

### Education

In essence, schools exist to educate children and young people and to support the development of their ideas and understanding of the world. They should not be training grounds for arms companies and those that profit from war.

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## ... AND IN THE BBC

When the BBC announced that BAE Systems Chair Roger Carr had been appointed as Vice-Chair of the BBC Trust, CAAT wanted to send a clear message that arms companies have no place in public broadcasting. We organised a 6500-strong petition, which we handed into the BBC calling on it to end its ties with a company that has armed dictatorships and human rights abusers around the world.



Handing in the petition

# OUT!

## MUSEUM WORKERS SAY NO

In May, the Public and Commercial Sector union (PCS), which represents 5,000 workers in public galleries and museums, passed two motions at its annual conference rejecting arms trade and oil company sponsorship of the cultural sector. PCS now aims to “educate Branches about the problems of being sponsored by, and associated with, arms companies” and to develop an ethical sponsorship model for museums and galleries.

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PCS members are engaged in their own struggles, with the National Gallery planning to privatise two-thirds of its staff – a symptom of the same agenda that is behind the Government’s push for museums to derive more funds from corporate sponsorship as it cuts public funding. Meanwhile, the Government continues to support the private arms industry with huge public subsidies. It’s more important than ever that we work together to ensure our public institutions continue to serve public, not corporate, interests.

# DON'T HOST THE ARMS FAIR

This September, the DSEI arms fair (see pages 8-9) will once again descend on London. The daily business takes place behind security fences in the ExCeL Centre in East London; but in the evenings it continues at a series of extravagant events and dinners across the city.

Corporate entertaining by arms companies is used to impress potential buyers and as a vehicle for networking with decision-makers, so they like to book prestigious locations for this – including some of our best-loved cultural institutions. By allowing their spaces to be hired by arms companies, our public institutions don’t just facilitate the business that takes place at the arms fair, they also give it a veneer of respectability.

One-by-one, we’ve been shutting the arms trade out of these spaces. Please take action to help ensure that these venues do not support the arms fair this year.

### Evicting the arms trade – successes so far

- In 2011 the National Gallery hosted an evening reception to celebrate the first day of business at DSEI, an event organised as part of the gallery’s £30,000 a year sponsorship deal with arms company Finmeccanica. CAAT’s subsequent Disarm the Gallery campaign brought an end to the gallery’s arms trade sponsorship, one year before it was due to expire.
- In 2012 CAAT supporters protested against the Natural History Museum’s decision to host the welcome reception for the arms fair Farnborough International. When asked to host the event again in 2014, the museum declined.
- In 2013, Guildford Cathedral cancelled a booking for the reception for the Security & Policing fair after CAAT wrote raising concerns.



Visit [caat.org.uk/campaigns/arms-trade-out](http://caat.org.uk/campaigns/arms-trade-out) and use our quick tool to email London’s cultural institutions to ask for a commitment that they will not support the arms fair.





# IT STARTS H

In September, the world's military and weapons industries plan to arrive in London for a huge arms fair: Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEI). This means we have a unique opportunity to stand in the way of its business and its devastating impact around the world.

## War starts here

The consequences of the weapons deals that begin at DSEI are felt in conflicts the world over. Yet the UK government, which co-organises the arms fair, welcomes the perpetrators and profiteers of war.

Despite Israel's devastating attacks on Gaza last summer – described by the organisation Save the Children as a “war on children” – Sibat, an Israeli government department, is booked to host a pavilion at the arms fair. Amongst the companies whose business it facilitates will be Elbit Systems. The company manufactures 85 per cent of Israel's war drones.

We can be certain that the UK government will once again be

inviting Saudi Arabia's repressive rulers to the arms fair, rather than regretting its role in fuelling conflict in Yemen, where UK-made warplanes have played a central role (see page 12).

## Repression starts here

In 2013, Hong Kong's police force shopped at DSEI, where UK-based Chemring was one of the companies touting crowd control weapons. Just over a year later, when the police attacked unarmed democracy protesters, it was Chemring's teargas that they used.

Despite UK-made weaponry being deployed to suppress protest in Bahrain, the country was among 14 authoritarian regimes invited

by the UK government to shop for weapons at DSEI 2013.

Refugees fleeing war-torn Syria face horrific risk as they cross the Mediterranean seeking asylum in Europe, but EU governments have focused on militarised responses. Companies specialising in border surveillance and control are due to market their tools at DSEI too.

## Environmental destruction starts here

Militarism causes massive environmental damage and governments routinely prioritise military spending above tackling climate change. The UK spends 25 times more on weapons research than research into renewable

**DSEI 2013** WAS ATTENDED BY;

**1,500**

arms companies

**30,000**

buyers and sellers

**100+**

countries



energy. The International Energy Agency estimates that the world needs to spend \$1 trillion a year for mitigation and research into climate change. This would be possible with a shift in priorities: world military spending stands at \$1.7 trillion a year.

### Our resistance starts here too

Because DSEI is one of the world's largest arms fairs; because for one week warmongers and dictators are shopping for weapons on our doorstep; because those who profit from selling rifles, tanks, fighter jets, battleships, missiles, military electronics, surveillance and riot

control equipment the world over will be in our capital city... we can act to stop the war, repression and environmental destruction that start at the arms fair too. And we can have a big impact.

When DSEI took place in 2013, our day of action blocked the entrance and meant weaponry had to be turned away. This year, we are working with the Stop the Arms Fair coalition to support a whole week of action with the aim of stopping the arms fair from setting up.

- Put **Saturday 12 September** in your diary for a fun and accessible day of action.
- Follow **@stopthearmsfair** or visit **stopthearmsfair.org.uk** to find out about getting involved in action from 7-11 September too.
- Contact **events@caat.org.uk** to organise a talk, workshop or transport to the arms fair.
- Visit **caat.org.uk/map** to find the arms companies in your area and challenge them before they get to the fair!

## DATES SO FAR

- **22 AUGUST** **How will you Stop the Arms Fair?** Action planning event in London (10.30am-4.30pm)
- **7-12 SEPT** **Stop the Arms Fair week of action 2015**, with action days facilitated by Palestine solidarity campaigners, faith action groups, climate campaigners and more!
- **12 SEPT** **Big day of action** against the arms fair
- **13 SEPT** **CAAT Christian Network Day of Prayer** – if you're a Christian, order a pack from **action@caat.org.uk**
- **14 SEPT** **Candle-lit vigil** at the arms fair venue (6.30pm-8pm)
- **15 SEPT** **Wreath-floating** in memory of the victims of the arms trade (2pm-3pm)

For more info on these and other dates as they're confirmed: visit **stopthearmsfair.org.uk** or call CAAT on **020 7281 0297**

# HERE

# LET'S STOP IT.



THE **UK GOVERNMENT** INVITED

**76** military delegations

**9** countries that the Foreign Office itself says have "the most serious wide-ranging human rights concerns"

**6** countries at war



# #STOPARMING

People from around the UK have united around the #StopArmingIsrael campaign, with actions at arms company sites and offices, mass lobbying of MPs, and campaigns to disinvest from companies supplying Israel.

Last summer's assault on Gaza, which killed over 2,200 Palestinians, was one of the most brutal effects of Israel's ongoing occupation and colonisation of historic Palestine. It is only the most recent example of Israel's indiscriminate acts of violence, yet the UK government continues to treat Israel's defiance of international law as, at best, an inconvenient detail to be worked around when making decisions on arms trade control. Despite official controls on arms exports, UK-made arms and military technologies continue to be sold to, and used by, the occupying Israeli forces.

For example, CAAT's research shows that the UK approved £7 million worth of military licences to Israel during the six months leading up to last year's

bombing of Gaza. Equipment covered by the licences included combat aircraft components, anti-armour ammunition and weapon night sights.

## Cycle of war

The ongoing military collaboration and the sale of weapons are not apolitical moves. Arms deals don't just give Israel military support, they also bolster the Israeli government by sending out a strong message of political support.

Arms sales and military collaboration fuel the cycle of war. When a government sells weapons it cannot absolve itself of responsibility for what happens when they are used. That's why an immediate end to military co-operation and an embargo of all arms sales to and



# GISRAEL

from Israel is essential.

An embargo would mean that UK arms companies would no longer profit from the misery of the Palestinians, and that the arms that the UK buys have not been “tested” on the Palestinians living under the Israeli Occupation. Just as importantly, it would set a crucial and long overdue precedent by sending a strong message that people in the UK do not support the actions of the Israeli government and the collective punishment of Gaza.

## Arming Apartheid: new report

CAAT, War on Want and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign have brought their research together in the “Arming Apartheid” report. This is a

valuable action resource for campaigners; exposing the arms companies that are supplying weaponry to the Israeli military and the political inaction that has allowed this situation to continue for so long. The report includes a clear set of demands to end the UK’s arms trade with Israel and institute a two-way military embargo against Israel.



**Download the report for free** and find

more info on the campaign at [stoparmingisrael.org](http://stoparmingisrael.org).

You can also order a paper copy of the “Arming Apartheid” report or book a speaker to talk to your group about the Stop Arming Israel Campaign by contacting [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk).

# TAKE ACTION!

## 6 JULY: BLOCK THE FACTORY

Elbit Systems is Israel’s largest arms company. Its Hermes 450 drones have been described as “the backbone” of Israel’s aerial attacks. One of Elbit’s four UK subsidiaries, UAV Engines Ltd, manufactures engines for drones at a factory in Shenstone, near Birmingham. The engines are then exported around the world. Last summer, in response to the attacks on Gaza, activists occupied Elbit’s factory in Shenstone, causing its operations to grind to a halt and costing Elbit over £100,000.

On 6 July, to mark the anniversary of the assault on Gaza, CAAT will be joining groups and campaigners from across the UK who are going back to Elbit’s factory to demand that the UK stops arming Israel. We plan to take collective action to block the factory from making weapons. We will be transforming the space around the arms factory, converting it from a site of destruction into a fun and creative environment. Join us for a day of creative action in solidarity with Palestine!



For more, including travel info for the day, visit [blockthefactory.org.uk](http://blockthefactory.org.uk) or email [blockthefactory@gmail.com](mailto:blockthefactory@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER: STOP THE ARMS FAIR

The London DSEI arms fair plays host to arms companies from around the world, including an Israeli National Pavilion, where Israeli arms companies can display their “battle tested” wares to military buyers (see page 8).

This September, people will be coming to London for a week of action before the opening of the fair, to try to stop it going ahead. Monday 7 September will be a Stop Arming Israel themed day of action to stop the arms fair. On Saturday 12 September, we’ll all be coming together to take mass action against the fair. Join us, and help stop the arms fair!



See pages 8 and 9 for more details on the DSEI arms fair, or see [stopthearmsfair.org.uk](http://stopthearmsfair.org.uk).

# SILENCE ON YEMEN

2,000 dead by the start of June, a health system nearing collapse and civilians left without food, water or electricity: two months of war in Yemen has triggered a humanitarian disaster – and the UK is complicit.

## Typhoons

Air strikes in Yemen have been led by Saudi Arabia with UK-made jets playing a central role in the attacks. BAE's Eurofighter Typhoons have been used throughout, and the Defence Secretary Philip Hammond has pledged to "support the Saudis in every practical way short of engaging in combat."

## Strikes

By May, Unicef had reported that many children had been killed by air strikes, while Human Rights Watch identified "several apparently indiscriminate" air strikes that killed civilians and destroyed infrastructure. Coalition forces have also air-dropped banned cluster munitions.

This is not the first time that UK weapons have been implicated in attacks on Yemen. In 2010 a report from Amnesty International said it was "extremely likely" that UK-supplied Tornado fighter-bombers had been used in the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen in 2009; attacks that may have amounted to war crimes.

Arabia has twice as many UK-made war planes available as the RAF.

So long as the Saudi campaign has the political and military support of some of the most powerful Western nations then the destruction will continue. The activities of governments like that of the UK only make the chances of peace, especially long-term peace,

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### Relationship

One factor driving support for the Saudi bombing is the close political and military relationship that the UK enjoys with the regime. Saudi Arabia is the biggest buyer of UK weapons: the last Coalition Government licensed £4 billion of arms to the Kingdom and Saudi

even more remote. As the violence continues, it is Yemeni citizens who will continue to pay the price. In the meantime the UK Parliament remains silent on this devastation.



**Please ask your MP**

to speak out on UK complicity in these attacks.

# COMPLICITY IN BAHRAIN

The UK also continues to ignore human rights abuses in Bahrain – in fact, it glosses over them.

Human Rights Watch has described the situation in Bahrain as "unchecked repression", saying: "When you look at the evidence and tot up the abuses, it's difficult to see how anyone could claim with a straight face that Bahrain is on the path to reform."

## Government position

Yet this is exactly what the UK government claims, with Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond saying "It is a country which is travelling in the right direction. It is making significant reform." Hammonds's comments came as human rights activist Nabeel Rajab was

imprisoned by the regime for an "insulting" tweet.

Last year, Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee said the Foreign Office should have designated Bahrain as a "country of concern" for human rights. Instead, it remains a "priority market" for UK arms sales.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDINBURGH CAAT

Edinburgh CAAT member [Duncan Thomas](#) reflects on 20 years of campaigning.



The group's early days

In 1995 a group of Campaign Against Arms Trade supporters came together to form the first CAAT group in Scotland.

Over the years, the group has used many forms of engagement, from street stalls to displays, conferences, festivals, demonstrations, and workshops at schools on the ethical and economic impacts of the arms trade. Action against arms companies at Edinburgh University graduate careers fairs has also been a regular feature. Recently, the group's focused campaign led to the Edinburgh Science Festival dropping arms firm Selex as a sponsor, giving great encouragement to the group as a third decade of

Edinburgh CAAT gets under way.

The advent of devolution for Scotland and SNP victories have opened a door to a shift in government priorities away from the arms trade, and the Edinburgh group is well placed to influence these developments.

There will be a celebration and campaign day in Edinburgh on 24 October to celebrate the 20 years – email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) for info.

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## THEY SAID IT

**“Chemring is well-positioned to benefit from any sustained increase in demand as a result of the conflict in the Middle East.”**

Chemring Chair Michael Flowers in the company's annual report. March 2014

**“We'll support the Saudis in every practical way short of engaging in combat.”**

UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond on the use of UK weapons in Yemen. Telegraph, 27/3/15

**“Really exciting news about BAE taking on sponsorship of Furness Academy. Good to visit today to discuss their plans with leadership team.”**

John Woodcock MP welcomes BAE Systems taking over a failing academy school. Twitter, 14/4/15

## Hello!

I'm Sarah Reader and I'll be covering Anne-Marie's maternity leave as Training and Events coordinator. I am so excited to be working at CAAT! I've been really passionate about taking action against the arms trade since my first action at a university careers event with Weapons out of Warwick. I then spent 10 months volunteering at CAAT supporting the Universities Network in 2009 and feel very lucky to be back in the office. It's a really exciting year for CAAT, with a new campaign and DSEI arms fair round the corner, and I look forward to meeting lots of you at events and actions over the summer.



Sarah in action

# TREAT: 25 YEARS OF GRASSROOTS FUNDING FOR ARMS TRADE EDUCATION

Kat Barton, a trustee of TREAT, explains the important role that TREAT has played in researching and publicising the impacts of the arms trade over the past 25 years.

As CAAT's campaigning work aims to change government policy, CAAT cannot register as a charity. The upside of this is that CAAT can undertake more radical campaigning, direct action and parliamentary lobbying. The downside is that the campaigning work can only be paid for through supporter donations rather than charitable trusts and foundations, or government schemes like gift aid. However, CAAT's important research and education work is classed as charitable, and CAAT raises funds for this work through the Trust for Research and Education on the Arms Trade (TREAT).

## TREAT anniversary

On 27 June a lesser known milestone in efforts to expose and bring an end to the international arms trade was reached, as TREAT marked its 25th anniversary. A charitable grant-making trust, TREAT uses its modest but valuable funding pot – much of which is donated by CAAT supporters – to promote research

into the international arms trade and its effects. And whilst CAAT is TREAT's main beneficiary, it is by no means the only group whose work has benefitted.

## Grants

Over the years, TREAT has supported small organisations, grassroots groups and independent academics and activists to undertake and disseminate research that otherwise, in the words of one recipient, "would never have seen the light of day." The groups that TREAT funds often maintain a commitment to working progressively including through non-hierarchical organising, and

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can find it difficult to secure funds from more traditional sources. TREAT's support not only provides much-needed funds, it also demonstrates grassroots support for more challenging projects, thereby laying the groundwork for larger grant-making bodies to also commit funds.

Grants in 2013/14 included one to workers' co-operative Corporate Watch towards an investigation into the effects of military technology on people in Gaza. Another supported the work of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Drones. TREAT has also been instrumental in getting academic studies and books published, such as Nicholas Gilby's *Deception in High Places: A History of Bribery in Britain's Arms Trade*, and has played an important role in building links between the campaigning and academic communities.

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### Work continues

The TREAT trustees are a diverse group of CAAT supporters and activists with a wide range of experience, but all share a commitment to exposing and raising awareness about the arms trade. If you would like to help TREAT continue in its work please consider making a donation to mark its 25th anniversary.

For more details on donating to TREAT please see the form on the back cover. For more on TREAT's work see: [treat-research.org.uk](http://treat-research.org.uk).

## ANDREW FEINSTEIN TALKS

Tamara Lorincz writes about the CAAT-sponsored trip to Bradford in May for anti-corruption campaigner Andrew Feinstein (pictured), author of *The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade* (Penguin, 2012).

The first event took place at the University of Bradford, where Andrew gave a public lecture and led an arms trade workshop for students.

In the evening Professor Rachel Julian, who specialises in peace and ethics, hosted Feinstein for another presentation at Leeds Beckett University.

At both events Feinstein explained the corruption of the arms trade,

especially by UK companies like BAE Systems. He stressed the need for public oversight and legal accountability.

Both events were well-attended and Feinstein's message about the need to end the arms trade was well-received. Feinstein's trip to West Yorkshire helped to spread more information about CAAT's work and the problems of the arms trade.

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## TAKING ACTION

**LOBBY** Educate your new MP on the arms trade (page 3)

**PRESSURE** **Arms trade out:** Make sure museums and galleries don't host arms dealers during the London arms fair (page 7)

**CHALLENGE** **It starts here. Let's stop it here:** get ready to challenge the arms fair in September and take part in a big day of action on the 12th (pages 8–9)

**BLOCKADE** **6 July: Block the Factory!** Take action against Israeli arms company Elbit systems (page 10 & 11)

**VOTE** **Arms to Renewables:** Please let [unions@caat.org.uk](mailto:unions@caat.org.uk) know if you're a member of a trade union and can help get the support of your branch or trades council.

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