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Welcome to the first issue of CAAT News in 2017, a year that's already looking like a busy one for opponents of the arms trade. CAAT's landmark legal challenge against sales to Saudi Arabia is imminent as we go to press (see pages 3, 8 and 9); and protests around the DSEI arms fair are set to be some of the biggest ever, with

plans underway to stop DSEI before it even has a chance to get going (see pages 6 and 7). DSEI campaigners hope there'll be a channel for involvement for everyone interested in opposing the warmongers but if nothing yet appeals to you then please feel free to make suggestions! For ideas and contact details see page 7.

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FEBRUARY: CAN WE MAKE THE UK GOVERNMENT STOP ARMING SAUDI?

On 7 February we're taking the UK government to the High Court!

For more than 18 months the Government has refused to stop its immoral and illegal arms sales to Saudi Arabia, ignoring and denying the overwhelming evidence that UK weapons are being used in violations of international humanitarian law in Yemen.

This historic action could stop the sale of weapons that contribute to unimaginable human suffering in Yemen

In 2016 we put the Government under unprecedented pressure, with the media finally helping expose the terrible impact of Yemen's "forgotten war" and the extent of UK complicity. MPs from across the political spectrum spoke out and two parliamentary committees called for an immediate end to the arms sales.

But the government has remained intransigent, doing everything it can to maintain its relationship with Saudi Arabia, the UK's biggest arms customer.

A challenge they can't ignore

The court case will be a challenge that the Government can't ignore. This historic action could stop the sale of weapons that contribute to unacceptable human suffering in Yemen. It will expose the Government's approach to arms exports.

The case will be heard by two judges in the High Court from 7-9



Handing in the campaign petition at Downing Street

February. However, the judges' ruling could take weeks, and that may not be the end of the process. The Government has fought to keep arms flowing and right now is working to help BAE Systems secure further sales of the same weapons being used to bomb Yemen.

Whatever the courts decide, one verdict is already clear: the export controls system is broken.

By any common-sense interpretation of the rules, sales to Saudi Arabia should never have been allowed

Throughout the bombing, the Government has continued to insist that the UK has "one of the most rigorous arms export control regimes in the world." Yet the rules say that sales should not be allowed when there's a clear

risk that the items might be used for "internal repression" or in the "commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law" or where they "would provoke or prolong armed conflicts."

By any common-sense interpretation of the rules, sales to Saudi Arabia should never have been allowed.

However good the rules are on paper, they are of little value if not applied in practice. Instead, the Government uses them to legitimise sales while carrying on with business as usual.

We must challenge this – and call for fundamental change. It shouldn't take legal action to make the Government follow its own rules.

See the centre pages for how to help the campaign at this critical time.

ARMS TRADE SHORTS

UK MILITARY

The UK is to double its armed drone fleet in a \$135m deal with General Atomics, which makes Predator and Reaper drones.

Guardian, 3/12/16

Hundreds of skilled jobs in Somerset making helicopters for the Royal Navy could go abroad after the Italian manufacturer told sub-contractor GKN that the work is going back in house. **Telegraph, 7/10/16**

Some of the world's worst human rights abusing regimes are paying the Government to train their troops at Sandhurst. 74 countries have paid the military academy more than £30m since 2007, with about half said to have "appalling" human rights records.

Daily Mail, 5/1/17



A General Atomics Reaper drone © MOD images

REVOLVING DOOR

Six months after finishing as head of the UK Trade & Investment Defence Support Organisation, Richard Paniguan became UK chair of Raytheon, whose Paveway missiles are used by Saudi Arabia in Yemen. Raytheon's CEO commented on Paniguan's contacts, noting his "wealth of connections."

Private Eye, 14/10/16

Prior to taking up office, US president Trump floated the idea of a lifetime ban on US military procurement officials going on to work for military contractors.

The military establishment reacted with skepticism.

Reuters, 9/12/16

INVESTIGATIONS

The Ministry of Defence has made dozens of referrals to law enforcement agencies since 2011 regarding bribery and corruption in connection with the UK's military budget. A conviction, rather than an allegation, of corruption must be in place to exclude a supplier from bidding for contracts.

Guardian, 25/12/16

A former Indian Air Force chief has been arrested for alleged corruption in an AgustaWestland helicopter deal.

An Indonesian Air Force chief has also been questioned over a decision to buy the company's helicopters.

Defense News, 9/12/16; Jakarta Post, 3/1/17



A French-made Caracal helicopter
© U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / Flickr

Poland's anti-corruption body is to examine a cancelled helicopter deal with France's Airbus. The job creation figure in the \$3.4bn deal has been questioned.

Reuters, 20/10/16

Brazilian prosecutors have accused former president Lula da Silva of helping Saab to win a jet order worth \$5.6bn.

Reuters, 9/12/16

Rolls-Royce is to pay out £671m over bribery claims and will now avoid prosecution by anti-corruption investigators in the UK, US and Brazil. Individual executives could still face charges.

Guardian, 16/1/17

MAJOR DEALS

Russia is in talks with Iran over a \$10bn deal that includes tanks and jets. The deal is likely to cement Russian-Iranian relations but may be a problem for Russian-US relations.

Telegraph, 14/11/16



A Russian-made T90 tank © Vivek Patankar / Flickr

Germany's ammunition sales increased ten-fold in the first half of 2016. The three biggest customers were France, Poland and Iraq. **DW.com, 25/10/16**

German arms company Heckler & Koch has stated that it will stop doing deals with non-NATO countries as it's become too difficult to get government approval for such deals. **Reuters, 28/11/16**

Indian ministers have approved a deal for Rafale fighter jets from France's Dassault. **Agence France-Presse, 21/9/16**

The Middle East has overtaken the EU to become Finland's biggest market for arms exports. **Uutiset, 23/10/16**

The US has approved a 10-year \$38bn military aid package for Israel, the largest pledge of bilateral military assistance in US history. **BBC, 14/9/16**

Obama's final tally of more than \$378bn of arms export deals is more than double that of the previous administration. Saudi Arabia has been the largest recipient.

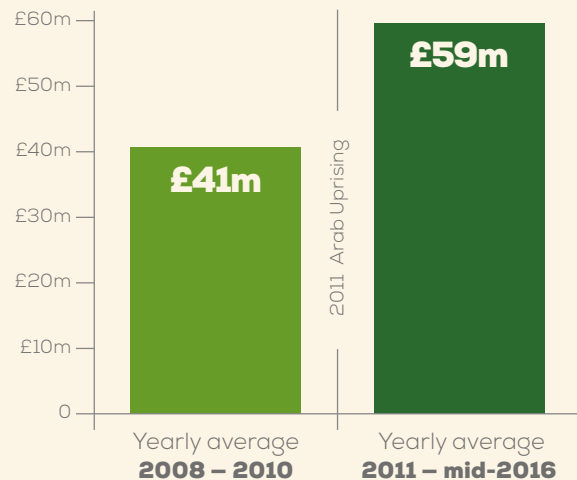
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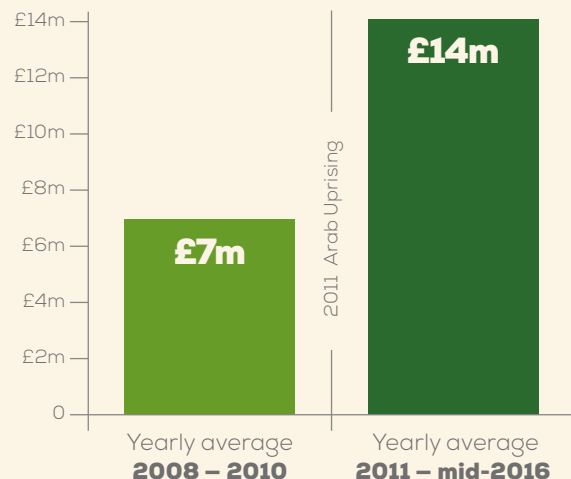
President Obama meets King Salman © Pete Souza / Flickr

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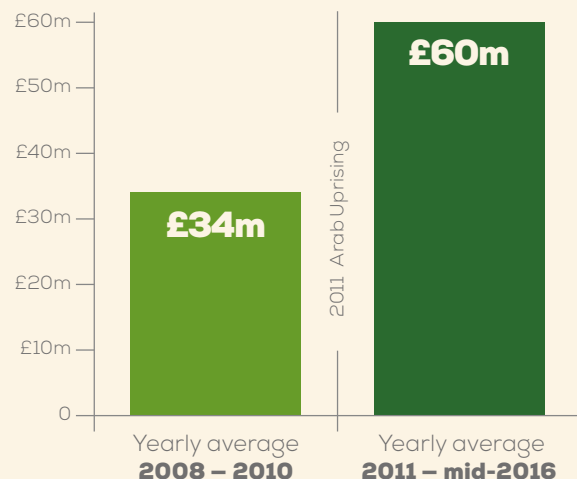
SMALL ARMS



AMMUNITION



ARMoured VEHICLES





War, repression and LET'S STOP

1600 arms companies. 255 official delegations from

September 2017: for four days, the global weapons industry plans to set up shop in London at a huge arms fair: DSEI.

Why challenge DSEI?

The weapons sold here fuel the death, destruction and injustice perpetrated by militaries, police forces and at borders around the world.

- Because those who torture protesters, brutalise indigenous people and murder civilians are on the guest list
- Because arms companies profit when their planes drop bombs on ordinary people
- Because they profit again by pushing militarised solutions to “protect borders” from the refugees fleeing those bombs
- Because public services are cut but there's always money for war
- Because war, repression and racism start here...

... let's stop them here.

Stop the Set-up

In 2015, hundreds of people disrupted the set-up of the arms fair with creative actions and inspiring blockades. In 2017, let's make it bigger: if the set-up is stopped, then so is the arms fair. Take part in the Week of Action to Stop the Set-up: 4-11 September 2017.

Our vision for stopping the set-up is that we grow the movement by making links between the arms fair and the issues and activities close to our heart

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SAT 18 FEB

“This is how we stop it” event in London

SAT 22 JULY

Day of workshops, speakers and creativity to stop the arms fair. A great day for bringing along people new to the campaign, followed by a gig in the evening.



injustice start here

THEM HERE

military, security and police forces around the world

Make a pledge now

Whether you want to make art, dance, sit in the road, hold a ritual, get stuck into organising or just turn up on the day, pledge now to help stop the arms fair: caat.org.uk/stop-dsei

Help make the protests even bigger in 2017

Order pledge cards to let people know about the arms fair and invite them to take action:

sarah.robinson@caat.org.uk

Share updates on social media:

- On Facebook
[/campaignagainstarmstrade](https://www.facebook.com/campaignagainstarmstrade)
[/stopthearmsfair](https://www.facebook.com/stopthearmsfair)
- On Twitter [@CAATuk](https://twitter.com/CAATuk)
[@stopthearmsfair](https://twitter.com/stopthearmsfair)

"This is how we stop it" event

Saturday 18 February
1.30pm-5pm, Friends House,
173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

This is where we start turning the audacious, artistic, inspirational and downright cheeky ideas already brewing for the week of action into reality.

Spend an afternoon making props or getting stuck into a working group. An amazing, inspiring, effective week of action in September starts here and it needs you!

It's an issue for everyone

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Already actions are being planned by groups active on gender, climate, austerity, nuclear weapons and because of their faith. Actions are being planned in solidarity with those affected by the arms trade in Palestine, Bahrain, Yemen and elsewhere. People who sing, meditate, dance and make music are bringing their local groups to intervene as the set-up of the arms fair takes place. And there is more than half a year still to go!

Make links

Do you think you could make links with a group of which you're part, and encourage people to get involved? Contact Kat on outreach@caat.org.uk or **020 7281 0297** to discuss your ideas and book a workshop.

SUN 23 JULY Training Day: get the skills you need for the role you want to play in the week of action. Contact training@caat.org.uk to suggest a session.

4-11 SEPT
Week of Action to Stop the Set-up

SAT 9 SEPT
Big Day of Action

12-15 SEPT
DSEI arms fair – cancelled?!



PUTTING HUMAN BEFORE ARMS

Arms sales to Saudi Arabia are the starkest example of the way in which the Government puts arms company profits ahead of human rights, but the problem is systemic: the Government's priority and focus is always on promoting arms sales, not controlling them.

Securing more arms sales is at the centre of UK trade policy and the Government's list of priority markets for arms sales includes some of the world's worst human rights abusing regimes. February's historic court case (see page 3) will put the Government's approach to arms sales firmly in the spotlight.

Help us use this critical time to call for a fundamental change in the Government's approach. Arms export controls will be meaningless while the Government prioritises the promotion of more sales.

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19 April: lobby Parliament

Please join us in London on 19 April for a parliamentary lobby to call on the Government to put human rights ahead of arms sales.

The court case will make this message clearer than ever before, but lots of us need to be at the lobby to persuade MPs to push for change. If you can't be there in person, you can take action wherever you are – see caat.org.uk/saudi-lobby.

Blood on our hands: write to your MP

As the Government's arms sales face the scrutiny of the courts, can you send a quick, personal letter to your MP now asking them to keep pushing for an end to the UK's arms sales to Saudi Arabia?

You can find your MP's details at theyworkforyou.com.

Thousands of us have already emailed our MPs; we want to follow up with hundreds of hand-written letters for maximum impact. We need to make sure Parliament knows that as long as the UK keeps arming Saudi Arabia we have blood on our hands. Make the message clear by using a red pen to draw around your hand on the back of your letter.

Points you could include:

- The Saudi-led attacks on Yemen have killed thousands of civilians and precipitated a humanitarian disaster.
- There is overwhelming evidence that the attacks have violated international humanitarian law.
- UK weapons have been central to the attacks in breach of UK, European and international rules.



RIGHTS MS SALES

- The Government's continued licensing of arms exports to Saudi Arabia is being challenged in the High Court but it shouldn't take legal action to make the Government follow its own rules.
- The UK should end arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately and support an independent investigation into the violations.

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The impact

Since May 2015, Saudi Arabia has led the bombing of Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the world.

Thousands of civilians have been killed and essential infrastructure destroyed. Attacks have hit hospitals, schools, food warehouses and supply lines and millions of people now face starvation.

In December 2016, Unicef reported that at least one child dies every 10 minutes in Yemen because of preventable diseases.

UK weapons have been central to the bombing

The UK government has licensed more than £3bn worth of arms to Saudi forces since the bombing of Yemen began.

Typhoon and Tornado aircraft, manufactured by BAE Systems, have been deployed on combat missions in Yemen. Throughout the bombing, new Typhoon aircraft have continued to be delivered. Meanwhile, BAE and the UK government are pushing hard for further contracts.

The Government also admits that UK-supplied precision-guided weapons have been used: Raytheon's Paveway bombs, MBDA's PGM500 bombs and Brimstone and Storm Shadow missiles, and BAE's ALARM missiles.

In October 2016 two parliamentary committees concluded: "It seems inevitable that any violations of international humanitarian and human rights law by the coalition have involved arms supplied from the UK. This constitutes a breach of our own export licensing criteria."

FUNERAL BOMBING: WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR THE UK TO ACT?

In October 2016, a bombing of a funeral in Yemen killed over 140 people and injured hundreds more, turning the hall into a "lake of blood". Saudi Arabia initially denied being responsible for the bombing and the UK refused to review arms sales until an assessment by Saudi Arabia had taken place. This accepted that the coalition was responsible, claiming "incorrect information" led to the location being "wrongly targeted" and UK arms sales continued.

CLUSTER BOMBS: A CASE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT DENIAL

UK-made cluster bombs provided to Saudi Arabia in the late 1980s have also been used. Cluster bombs release many small bomblets over a wide area and unexploded bomblets can cause injury and death long after a conflict has ended.

In May 2016 Amnesty published evidence of use of a UK-manufactured cluster bomb in Yemen. Unexploded bomblets had been found across land near a farm in January. The Government insisted it had no evidence that UK cluster bombs had been used and suggested the bombs found were used in an earlier conflict. It took another seven months for the Government to admit that Saudi Arabia had confirmed that UK cluster bombs had been dropped. Even then, the Defence Secretary defended their use by claiming that they had been used against "legitimate military targets."

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the campaign in recent months. We could not have got this far without you. If you are able to support the legal action, and haven't already, please send a donation today using the form on the back cover to help us keep up the pressure!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BRUSSELS?

The European Union grew from the quest for peace after two continental conflicts but it's now becoming more militaristic. This shift in policy – for which arms companies have lobbied – has been helped by the terror attacks. Brexit also accelerates the trend because the UK has led on keeping military matters a national concern. CAAT and other organisations that are part of the European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT) will ensure that these developments do not go unchallenged.

European Defence Action Plan

In late November the European Commission proposed the European Defence Action Plan (EDAP) to help implement the EU Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy. Besides the European Defence Research Programme (ERDP, see below), it suggests a second “capability window” to “support the joint development of defence capabilities”. This is to be financed by national contributions and “where possible, supported by the EU budget” – an amount of €5bn annually is suggested. The

EDAP Co-ordination board would include representatives of the Commission, Member States and, of course, the arms industry.

The European Commission clearly thinks solely of the arms industry when it comes to “stakeholders”. Arms exports controls are seen as “limitations” and “restrictions” to the commercial capacity to export

Military research

The Preparatory Action on Defence Research is part of the ERDP and has been formally adopted by Member States and the European Parliament. The latter agreed it on 1 December but this was a formality as the crucial vote, the final opportunity for budget amendments, took place in October. ENAAT had lobbied hard on that occasion and 64,000 people across Europe signed a petition against EU funding for military research. The ERDP is projected to cost €3.5bn over the period 2021 to 2027.

BAE Systems' Head of Government Relations told the Commons' Defence

Committee that the UK had been instrumental in encouraging the EU to fund military research and has expressed hope “that the UK would continue to be a part of that process as the UK leaves the EU.”

Transfer Directive

In 2009 the EU wanted to make it easier for arms to be exported between member states and agreed a Directive on the transfer of military equipment. It was based on existing UK arrangements and so did not have much of an impact here. However, campaigners in other EU countries have found that far less information about export licences is being made public.

An evaluation of the Directive has just taken place. While ENAAT made a submission, the European Commission clearly thinks solely of the arms industry when it comes to “stakeholders”. Arms exports controls are seen as “limitations” and “restrictions” to the commercial capacity to export. ENAAT remains concerned that, under the cover of technical issues, there will be a growing push for further liberalisation of the EU arms trade globally.

ARMS FAIRS UNDER PRESSURE AROUND THE WORLD

Across the world, campaigners are standing together against arms company profiteering. Growing numbers are taking action against the global arms trade whenever and wherever it rears its head.

UNITED STATES

The groups War Resisters' League and Stop Urban Shield campaigned against the Urban Shield arms fair last autumn. Two years ago, the event was driven out of the city of Oakland and campaigners wanted to do the same again. People blocked entrances to the venue and a rally with speakers, art and music brought together a wide range of people, united in opposition to the event.

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SOUTH KOREA

The group World Without War staged silent theatre outside Defense EXPO with people dressed as arms dealers throwing blood-stained money and others dressed as grim reapers moving in to mow down all those who crossed their path.

AUSTRALIA

Campaigners from the Whistleblowers, Activists and Citizens Alliance blockaded a Wilson Security car park at a security exhibition in Melbourne, delaying the start of the event. Wilson Security locks up refugees in offshore detention centres and the equipment they use was on sale at the event.



Protesters block the road for arms dealers in Brussels © Frederik Sadones / Flickr

BELGIUM

In November, CAAT joined Belgian protestors at the European Defence Agency conference, where arms dealers lobby EU policy makers for subsidies. Obstructed at all entrances, the conference was disrupted in a very visible way and many of the arms industry representatives who did get in got covered in glitter and streamers.

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ISRAEL

In December, peace campaigners from around the world took solidarity action outside arms company sites in support of jailed conscientious objectors Tamar Alon, Atalya Ben Abba and Tamar Ze'evi, using the slogan "They refuse to serve the occupation, will you refuse to arm it?"

NEW ZEALAND

In November, arms dealers found themselves locked out of an arms fair in New Zealand when it was blockaded by hundreds of people. At least two thirds of delegates were unable to get into the annual New Zealand Defence Industry Association conference, with the awards dinner disrupted by a "wall of noise".

As part of a "week of peace" around the conference, a peace flotilla incorporating home-made submarine the "USS Go Home Stay Home" sailed out to greet battleships. A circle of *wahine toa* – powerful women – called out to Tangaroa, the god of the sea, "to reclaim him from the grip of the military."

As we build the movement against arms fairs in the UK, we can draw inspiration from the creativity and tactics of campaigns around the world.

REPORTS FROM CAAT LOCAL GROUPS

CAAT groups across the UK are already gearing up for a big year of action in 2017. For instance, many are already planning towards the DSEI arms fair in September (see pages 6 & 7). From mobilising in our communities to targeting our local arms companies and DSEI exhibitors, there's plenty to do.

Oldham launches a new campaign

The end of 2016 saw the launch of a campaign targeting Ferranti, a small arms company in Oldham owned by Israeli arms giant Elbit Systems. Elbit has been a target for campaigners against the arms trade since 2014, when people staged a rooftop occupation of an Elbit factory in the Midlands during attacks on Gaza, highlighting an end use of Elbit products. Since then campaigns have targeted the company's other sites and the launch of the Oldham campaign now means that all four of Elbit's factories in the Midlands, Kent and in Oldham are seeing protests.

The Oldham group has been doing some great community organising, with regular actions in their town centre to build awareness, including carol-singing at Christmas. The group has also held protests at the factory site, which will continue even though Ferranti has now taken down the company sign at the site (to hide from protestors?).



Oldham campaigners hold a protest

Campaigners against Elbit's manufacturing of weapons linked up in December with a day of actions across the UK

Elbit day of action

Campaigners against Elbit's manufacturing of weapons linked up in December with a day of actions across the UK. People in Sussex targeted their local arms

company, Thales, which has partnered with Elbit to produce drones for the UK market. There were also actions at the Kent Elbit site, where people have been petitioning a local science park not to give a new home to the local Elbit factory, which has been seeking to expand. Over 500 petition signatures have been collected by the campaign group.

Book a Stop the Arms Fair workshop for your group!

Looking ahead to the coming year, CAAT groups across the country are setting their sights firmly on the DSEI arms fair (see pages 6 & 7).

In 2015, people travelled from across the UK to join a week of action against the DSEI arms fair in London. With an even bigger week of action planned in 2017, it's time to get planning! CAAT has a network of speakers across the country who can visit groups and run workshops to prepare for action. If you're part of a group and are interested in taking part in the protests, email kat@caat.org.uk to book a speaker for your group.



If you'd like to support any of the campaigns above then email kat@caat.org.uk to get involved.

UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

2016 saw huge successes in challenging universities' involvement in the arms trade. New groups also launched across the country. Many of these are made up of a coalition of people from different backgrounds.

Demilitarise King's at King's College in London includes people from seven different university societies and is making our network stronger by connecting CAAT's campaigns with different struggles

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Workshops

Last year the Universities Network ran workshops on the connections between the arms trade and the growing border industry that arms companies see as an investment opportunity. Workshops on campaign planning helped groups to focus their messaging and plan effective actions.

There are even more exciting events happening this year, with more groups hosting workshops that will help the network to grow and will give students an opportunity to build on their campaign skills. These workshops take place over the next semester and at the DSEI arms fair (see pages 6 & 7), where we'll run a whole day of actions to stop the set-up in September.

DSEI

At the 2015 DSEI arms fair, students, academics and people from across the country gathered for the Conference at the Gates – an academic conference on militarisation, which took place right in front of blockades preventing tanks from entering the site! This year we'll be doing something even bigger and better, blurring the lines between academia and activism.

New website

To top off a fantastic start to 2017, our snazzy new website has launched at caatunis.net, where you can find news on the arms trade and the network, as well as events and resources to support campaigning.



If you're a student and would like a workshop or training day near you or are interested in DSEI actions, email universities@caat.org.uk or get in touch via the Universities Network Facebook page.

RUN THEM OUT!

FUNDRAISE FOR ACTION WITH CAAT

With the High Court legal action against arms sales to Saudi Arabia this month and a marathon of action against the DSEI arms fair planned for September, it's going to be a big year for campaigning against the arms trade. Here's how you can help CAAT have an even bigger impact.

A safer world

None of CAAT's work would be possible without the support of people like you. CAAT is an independent, grassroots campaigning organisation that relies on individual donations. CAAT receives no public funding and cannot benefit from Government schemes such as Gift Aid. By donating to CAAT, you are supporting a movement dedicated to long-term, effective action to challenge the arms trade and create a safer world for us all.

Whether you are into sport, music or looking to organise something new and interesting, there are countless ways that you can raise funds towards our work challenging the arms trade

What will you do to support the campaign?

One key way you can support CAAT's work is through sponsored events. Whether you are into sport, music or looking to organise something new and interesting, there are countless ways that you can raise funds towards our work challenging the arms trade. Every year CAAT supporters take part in sporting events or organise activities in their communities to get behind the campaign. Last year was no exception with nearly £8,000 raised through sponsored events and volunteer fundraising!

Could this be the year that you take on a new challenge? Whether you run, walk, cycle, skydive, organise a dinner party, or put on a gig, we can give you all the help you need to promote your event and raise funds effectively.



Henry Birtley, who ran the Chester Marathon to raise funds for CAAT in October 2016

If you would like to take part in a sponsored event or have any other ideas to raise money for CAAT, get in touch today: email fundraising@caat.org.uk or call **0207 281 0297**. Alternatively, you can make a direct donation to CAAT using the form on the back cover of this magazine or visiting caat.org.uk/donate.

DRONE WARS: OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND, OUT OF CONTROL

A new briefing by the Drone Campaign Network, of which CAAT is part, calls for opposition to the growing use and

The idea of risk-free warfare is a growing danger to global peace and security

development of armed drones. It examines arguments around civilian casualties, how drones have enabled a rapid expansion of targeted killing and how they

are lowering the threshold for use of armed force.

As one of only a handful of countries currently using armed drones, the UK has both the opportunity and the responsibility to take a lead on controlling their use, setting high levels of transparency and accountability as well as helping to put in place strong controls internationally to prevent the increasing proliferation of such systems.

Armed drones and the idea of

risk-free warfare is a growing danger to global peace and security. It is vital that all who want to see a more just and peaceful world make sure that armed drones are not out of sight, out of mind and out of control.

Download at dronecampaignnetwork.wordpress.com. Hard copies from CAAT cost £2.50, which includes postage.

TAKING ACTION

GET THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

to stop the arms fair and order pledge cards
to spread the word (see **pages 6 & 7**)

BOOK A WORKSHOP

to encourage your networks to take action
to stop the arms fair (see **page 7**)

HELP RAISE FUNDS

for CAAT (see **page 14**)

READ THE NEW DRONES BRIEFING

(see **page 14**)

LOBBY YOUR MP

to end the UK's shameful complicity in Yemen's suffering (see **page 3**)



HELLO JOE

Funded by the Barry Amiel and Norman Melburn Trust, Joe is spending a year with CAAT researching ways in which the arms trade exerts its malign influence on British politics. In particular, he'll look at the revolving door between government and the arms trade. Joe's background is in journalism and he is a long-time supporter of CAAT. If you have any information that could help his research, please email joe@caat.org.uk.



GOODBYE ANNE-MARIE

After eight years, Anne-Marie O'Reilly is stepping down as CAAT's Training and Events Coordinator. Huge thanks go to Anne-Marie for all her superb work; and we'd like to wish her all the best for her future plans.

THEY SAID IT

“You've got the Saudis, Iran, everybody, moving in, and puppeteering and playing proxy wars”

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson publicly criticises the Saudi regime. The Guardian, 8/12/16

“I am determined that we should seize the opportunity to get out into the world and to shape an even bigger global role for my country: yes, to build new alliances but more importantly, to go even further in working with old friends, like our allies here in the Gulf, who have stood alongside us for centuries”

Theresa May embraces Gulf dictatorships in a speech in Bahrain. Gov.uk, 7/12/16

“There are some people who think you have to hate them in order to shoot them. I don't think you do. It's just business”

James Mattis, Donald Trump's nomination for Defense Secretary. Huffington Post, 2/12/16



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