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The big topic in this issue of CAAT News is the one covering three pages – the DSEI fair in September. This is because DSEI represents so much that is wrong with the arms trade and because there's a very real possibility of people power preventing the arms fair from taking place.

CAAT's other big news is the legal challenge (page 3). As the

article says, at the very least the case raises the profile of arms sales and UK involvement in this devastating trade.

There's really no shortage of ways in which we can challenge the arms trade: have a look through these pages, find the way that works for you, and contact the office if you need help to get going.

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# IN THE HIGH COURT

CAAT's legal challenge to the UK government's decision to continue licensing the export of military equipment to Saudi Arabia was heard in the High Court at the beginning of February. There was a three-day hearing, half of it in closed session. At the time of writing we are waiting for the judgment.

During the Judicial Review Lord Justice Burnett and Mr Justice Haddon-Cave, barristers representing CAAT and the Government, presented their arguments. In the closed sessions CAAT's interests were represented by Special Advocates, security cleared barristers who, after an initial briefing, were not allowed to discuss the case with us.

At issue was the lawfulness of the decision of the Secretary of State responsible for export licensing, now in the Department for International Trade, to continue issuing the licences where there is a clear risk the equipment might be used in a serious violation of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by Saudi Arabia in its bombing of Yemen.

CAAT's barrister Martin Chamberlain QC pointed to the overwhelming number of accounts of IHL violations from reputable bodies such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the UN Panel of Experts. While the Government

could not be expected to rule on each and every one of them, it should be able to see the pattern they represent.

James Eadie QC, the Government's barrister, countered by saying that the Government has more information available to it than the bodies cited by CAAT. He asserted that Saudi Arabia's actions could not amount to a serious violation of IHL as there was no intention to kill or seriously harm civilians. Furthermore, UK military personnel are working with their Saudi counterparts to improve targetting and IHL compliance.

## Whatever the judgment ... the legal case has helped raise the profile of arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and the UK's involvement in the trade more generally

Amnesty International, Rights Watch UK and Human Rights Watch 'intervened' in the case, with their barrister making a short oral presentation as well as a written one. Oxfam also

'intervened' in writing.

Documents relating to the case, including outlines of the arguments used by CAAT and the Government as well as witness statements, can be found at [caat.org.uk/resources/countries/saudi-arabia/legal-2016](https://caat.org.uk/resources/countries/saudi-arabia/legal-2016).

## Greater awareness

Whatever the judgment, and whichever way it goes it could be subject to an appeal, the legal case has helped raise the profile of arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and the UK's involvement in the trade more generally. There has been immense interest from the media and parliamentarians both in the UK and overseas. It is seen as a test for export controls including the Arms Trade Treaty which entered into force at the end of 2014.

**It is important to build on that increased awareness and to challenge the arms trade in many different ways. On page 8 you will find many suggestions as to how you can do this over the coming months.**

# ARMS TRADE SHORTS

## BAE SYSTEMS

BAE Systems and India's HAL have unveiled a joint development, a prototype of a smart-weapons-enabled Advanced Hawk jet trainer.

**Jane's Defence Weekly, 22/2/17**

Charles Woodburn is to move from his role as chief operating officer at BAE Systems and take over from Ian King as chief executive this July.

**Financial Times, 22/2/17**

BAE Systems is expecting its income to rise this year as a result of increased military spending in the US, which is a source of just over a third of the company's sales.

**Reuters, 23/2/17**



## EUROFIGHTER



Austria is suing Airbus and the Eurofighter consortium over allegations of willful deception

and fraud linked to a \$2.1bn jet deal in 2003.

**Reuters, 16/2/17**

## SWEDEN

Sweden is to use a military agreement with Indonesia to drive sales and grow Saab's military exports to Asia. Saab's chief executive has said that all countries in south-east Asia are potential customers.

**Defense News, 19/1/17**

## SALES UP

The global transfer of major weapons systems has risen over the past five years to the highest volume since the end of the Cold War. The Middle East has nearly doubled imports and the US and Europe remain the main suppliers. China is now among the top five exporters.

**Guardian, 20/2/17**

# UNITED STATES

US president Trump has proposed an increase in military spending of \$54bn. The boost would be met by a cut in domestic discretionary spending.

**New York Times, 27/2/17**



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# RUSSIA-CHINA

A US Congressional research report has raised concerns that a renewal of Russian arms sales to China is threatening US air superiority and allowing China to accelerate the development of its own advanced weapons.

**Financial Times, 21/3/17**

# UK-ISRAEL

The UK has awarded a £78m deal to Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems to supply a "battlefield command-and-control network" for the Falklands Islands.

**Defense News, 7/3/17**

# RUSSIA-UAE

Russia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are to jointly develop a fifth-generation fighter jet. Russia is keen to boost its military exports to the Middle East.

**The National, 20/2/17**

# ROLLS-ROYCE

Rolls-Royce has had the biggest loss in its history. The cost of settling corruption charges and currency costs after the Brexit vote are said to be to blame.

**Guardian, 14/2/17**

# MISSILES

France and the UK have signed contracts with MBDA to update Storm Shadow/SCALP cruise missiles.

**Jane's Defence Weekly, 22/2/17**



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## MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF WEAPONS



The chart shows the top 15 exporters (covering 95% of exports) and the top 15 importers (covering 62% of imports) over the period 2012–2016. Exporters are shown in purple and importers in red. Figures are taken from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), [sipri.org](http://sipri.org)



# EXPORT CONTROL FACILITATING BUSINESS

The Government's talk of responsible rules on arms exports is a smokescreen for business as usual, with the "rules" used to legitimate, not limit, sales.

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

This line, or a variation thereof, will be familiar to anyone who has ever written to their MP about the arms trade – or read a news report in which the UK stands accused of arming regimes that crush dissent and abuse human rights.

We hear it time and time again – but it's what the Government does that matters, not what it says.

**From Hong Kong to Israel, Indonesia to Israel, Sri Lanka to Egypt, UK weapons have been used in conflict and to support repression**

## UK exports

In practice, the UK is the one of the largest weapons exporters in the world and for decades the UK government has allowed the

export of arms to repressive regimes and countries involved in conflict. 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.

Almost 10 years ago, research for CAAT was warning that "the Government's arms export licensing system creates the image of control and benevolence, whilst allowing the Government to get on with business as usual."

## Saudi sales: business as usual

Whatever else happens with CAAT's Judicial Review of the UK's arms sales to Saudi Arabia (see page 3), the case has provided a stark illustration of business as usual.

In this case, the Government has admitted that UK-licensed weaponry, including war planes and missiles, has been used in Saudi Arabia's attacks on Yemen.

Yet it has licensed further arms sales – more than £3 billion worth in the two years since the bombing began. This is despite overwhelming evidence of repeated breaches of international humanitarian law. Throughout, the Government has repeated the line that it "takes its arms export responsibilities very seriously."

## Policy and practice

The chasm between policy and practice is finally being recognised. Last year, two parliamentary committees concluded that: "In the case of Yemen, it is clear to us that the arms export licensing regime has not worked."

## Parliamentary lobby

From Hong Kong to Israel, Indonesia to Israel, Sri Lanka to Egypt, UK weapons have been used in conflict and to support repression. With arms sales policy firmly in the spotlight, CAAT supporters will be lobbying MPs in Parliament on



# DL?

# BUSINESS AS USUAL

19 April to call for a fundamental change in the Government's approach.

We'll be explaining that arms export controls will be meaningless while the Government prioritises the promotion of more sales. Our MPs can speak out against the government department that exists to promote arms sales – and promotes them to any country with little regard for the human rights situation. MPs can also oppose the Government's support for the DSEI arms fair in September (see pages 8, 9 and 10).

We'll be challenging the Government's narrow and damaging view of security, which prioritises military responses and the projection of power and promotes the arms trade. We'll be calling for the UK to prioritise human rights in foreign policy. We'll be arguing for positive alternatives, such as support for renewables, which would address the root causes of insecurity and create a safer, rather than a more dangerous world.

We'll also be arguing for action to curb the influence and access of arms companies, which warps public policy and corrupts our political system.

- Wherever you are, you can lobby your MP this summer: visit [caat.org.uk/broken-system](http://caat.org.uk/broken-system) for the latest resources for letters and meetings.
- Join in with protests against the DSEI arms fair: see pages 8, 9 and 10 for ways to get involved.

**2014 HONG KONG**



## MORE DANGEROUS TIMES WITH BREXIT?

The UK's commitment to human rights has always been selective and tenuous. However, with the uncertainty of Brexit negotiations, the Government is doing even more to push arms sales and cosy up to human rights abusers.

Last August the ADS, the trade body for arms companies, said: "Europe will continue to be important, but there are perhaps other areas where there is now a bigger incentive to develop longer-term relationships... Brexit provides the circumstances and the catalyst for faster and more efforts."

An increase in arms exports is a key point in the industrial strategy laid out in the Government's post-Brexit green paper. This also announced that the Minister of Defence will work with arms companies to develop a programme to "enhance support for exports."

Human rights are likely to be compromised even further.

### Turkey

Despite instability and oppression in Turkey, the country remains on the UK's list of "priority markets" for arms exports, with £50m of arms sales licensed since last summer's failed coup. 125,000 state workers have been purged from their jobs, with a further 40,000 people arrested. Reports suggest torture has become widespread, with Amnesty citing evidence of detainees being subjected to "beatings and torture, including rape." This did not stop Theresa May visiting Turkey in January to secure £100m worth of fighter jet sales. BAE Systems Chief Executive Ian King welcomed the deal as "an exciting next step in relations between both Turkey and the UK."

Foreign Office Minister Alan Duncan said: "The scale of people being arrested is massive and needs to be justified ... but we have made it very clear that we need to deepen our bilateral relationship. Turkey is a large and significant economy which cannot be ignored."



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# A WEEK OF TO STO

In September 2017, arms companies and militaries from around the world are planning to come to London for the DSEI arms fair. Unless we can stop them!

In 2015 hundreds of people disrupted the set-up of the arms fair with creative actions and inspiring blockades. In 2017 we're aiming to make our actions even bigger: if we can stop the set-up, we can stop the arms fair.

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## Take part in the Week of Action: 4 –11 Sept

Some groups have already announced actions, drawing links between the arms trade and a diverse range of issues. You can join in with what's already planned but there's space for even more action. Come to one of the training days (see page 10) and get inspired by speakers, workshops and creative ideas, or get in touch to discuss your action ideas.

### Monday 4 Sept

#### Stop Arming Israel

During the world's biggest arms fair, Israel and its arms companies will have a National Pavilion and boast about their field-tested weapons systems, which have been used to devastate Palestinian families and destroy their communities. Join a day of creative action in support of the campaign to stop arming Israel.

### Wednesday 6 Sept

#### Anti-nuclear action

Nuclear weapons don't make us safer – they threaten all our lives. Trident is estimated to cost the UK over £205 billion and is draining vital public resources away from the things in which we really need to invest: schools, hospitals and social services. On the Wednesday, join a day of creative direct action against nuclear weapons companies.

### Tuesday 5 Sept

#### No Faith in War

Faith groups of all kinds will come together for a day of worship and nonviolent action against the arms trade and war profiteering. From holding services in the road to bearing witness, they will be coming together to say 'no faith in war!' If you're part of a faith group and want to take action then please get in touch.







# ACTION OP THE DSEI SET-UP

## Thursday 7 Sept

### Solidarity without Borders

The arms and security industry profits from a cycle of repression and violence which marks all our lives, from fuelling conflicts and state oppression with weapons to policing national borders and criminalising migrants and other vulnerable communities. But our resistance is powerful. Join us as we make links between the issues to build solidarity without their borders.

## Friday 8 Sept

### Conference at the Gates

The military and the arms trade play an increasingly significant role in universities and schools. As government funding is drained from universities, the arms trade and the military are moving in. On the Friday, academics, students and others will come together for a day of workshops and panel discussions exploring the militarisation of our education; and this will take place at the gates of one of the world's largest arms fairs.

## Saturday 9 Sept

### Big Day of Action

The week of action will culminate in the Big Day of Action on Saturday, a colourful and powerful carnival of resistance, with music, art, drama and creative action to celebrate our movement. But we need you to make it as big as it can be. Come and celebrate a successful week of action, and help cause havoc for the arms fair's organisers.



Are you part of a group that wants to take action, or do you want to encourage people to get involved? Contact Kat on [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) or 020 7281 0297 to discuss your ideas and book a workshop near you.



# STOPPING THE ARMS FAIR STARTS HERE

From climate and anti-nuclear campaigners to people inspired by faith; from women's groups, migrant solidarity activists and queer organisers to artists and performers, this is the year we stop the arms fair together.

## 6 May: Stop the Arms Fair is coming to Manchester!

People will come together in Manchester on Saturday 6 May for a day of workshops, speakers, networking and skills training to help grow our movement and get ready for action. It's a chance to find out more about the DSEI arms fair and meet some of the groups planning to take action in September.

We'll be at the Bridge 5 Mill in central Manchester and we'd love you to join us. Keep an eye on [caat.org.uk/events](http://caat.org.uk/events) for more information. Whether you're part of a group or an individual curious about how to get involved, we hope you can join us! If you're already keen, please email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) to book your place.

## 22 & 23 July: It Starts Here weekend

The weekend of 22 & 23 July is a great chance to get involved. On the Saturday hear from powerful speakers, take part in workshops and learn from the inspiring groups already taking action. See page 14 for a fantastic gig that evening too.

On the Sunday you're invited to get stuck into training to prepare for September's action. Whether legal observing, direct action or prop-making is your thing, build confidence and skills for a role that suits you.

Book your place for 22 & 23 July and find out more at [caat.org.uk/it-starts-here](http://caat.org.uk/it-starts-here).

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## Book a speaker or workshop

Stop the Arms Fair workshops are already being arranged across the UK, but we need to reach as many people as possible! Contact Kat on [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) or **020 7281 0297** to book a workshop, or if you are part of a group who could help to organise a training day where you live. Find out about those already happening at [caat.org.uk/events](http://caat.org.uk/events).



## TAKE ACTION

**April**  
STAF (Stop the Arms Fair) meeting

**27 April**  
Leeds film screening

**6 May**  
Manchester event

**3 June** Hull workshop

**13 June**  
Brighton workshop

**July**  
It Starts Here weekend

**September**  
week of action



# UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

It's been a busy start to the year for the Universities Network, with lots of events raising university ties with the arms trade on campus and introducing students to a range of arms trade-related issues.

After passionate speeches and extensive engagement on Newcastle and University College London (UCL) campuses, students have won widespread support for motions in their student unions. For example, as well as support for disinvestment campaigns, the group Disarm UCL won support for a new campaign against arms company research on campus.

Term might break for the summer but our campaigns don't and Universities Network Coordinator Jess Poyner will



continue in that role over the summer holidays. Look out for updates during that time on new

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campaign resources, on the conference at the gates of DSEI on 8 September (see page 9), and on ways to develop more solidarity with communities in the frontline of armed conflicts.

## CAAT AROUND THE UK

### Scotland

Edinburgh Campaign Against Arms Trade has had major success in a campaign to get the Scottish Parliament to disinvest its pension fund from arms companies, collecting over 350 signatures for a petition to Edinburgh Council. Edinburgh CAAT is planning actions to challenge the arms trade across Scotland, focussing

on Raytheon's Glenrothes factory, which makes guided missiles used by the Saudi Air Force in Yemen.

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### Yorkshire

People across Yorkshire are mobilising for DSEI, with a new West Yorkshire CAAT group based around Huddersfield, plus interest in a new CAAT group in Leeds. Sheffield Creative Action for Peace (SCRAP) did a fantastic action to support CAAT's high court challenge – check out the video on their YouTube channel.

### Down South

Groups in the south have been challenging arms fairs: London CAAT is planning for DSEI and Stop Cardiff Arms Fair and Bristol Against Arms Trade challenged Cardiff's DPRTE arms fair with creative protests – see the CAAT blog. Meanwhile, people in Brighton are planning workshops to help stop the DSEI arms fair and have spoken on Radio Free Brighton about sales to Saudi Arabia: check out the programme from 24 February.



For more local events and to get in touch with CAAT groups visit [caat.org.uk/events](http://caat.org.uk/events) or email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk).

# DISARMING BAE'S WARPLANES

In January two people were arrested inside BAE Systems' airbase in Warton, Lancashire. They had entered in order to disarm warplanes bound for Saudi Arabia.

Typhoon aircraft manufactured by BAE Systems are playing a central role in Saudi Arabia's devastating attacks on Yemen – attacks which have killed thousands and created a humanitarian disaster.

**The action came in the same week that UN experts warned that the Saudi-led airstrikes in Yemen may be part of "a broader policy of attrition against civilian infrastructure" which may "amount to war crimes"**

Aircraft were due to be shipped from BAE Warton within weeks and the action by the Reverend Daniel Woodhouse, a Methodist minister from Leeds, and Quaker Sam Walton (pictured) came in the same week that a panel of UN experts warned that the Saudi-led airstrikes in Yemen may be part of "a broader policy of attrition against civilian infrastructure" which may "amount to war crimes." The UK government has continued to support Saudi air strikes in Yemen and provide arms despite overwhelming evidence of repeated breaches of international humanitarian law (see page 3).

## Statement

Sam and Dan released a statement in advance explaining their intentions and why they felt their action was necessary:

"We do not take these steps lightly, but we have no other option. We have been active in opposing the arms trade to Saudi Arabia for years, and in



the face of wilful government denial that there is a problem with arming Saudi, including willingness to suspend our own due process of law, and complete unwillingness to consider stopping arming Saudi Arabia, we

**"We do not take these steps lightly, but we have no other option ... we must take this action"**

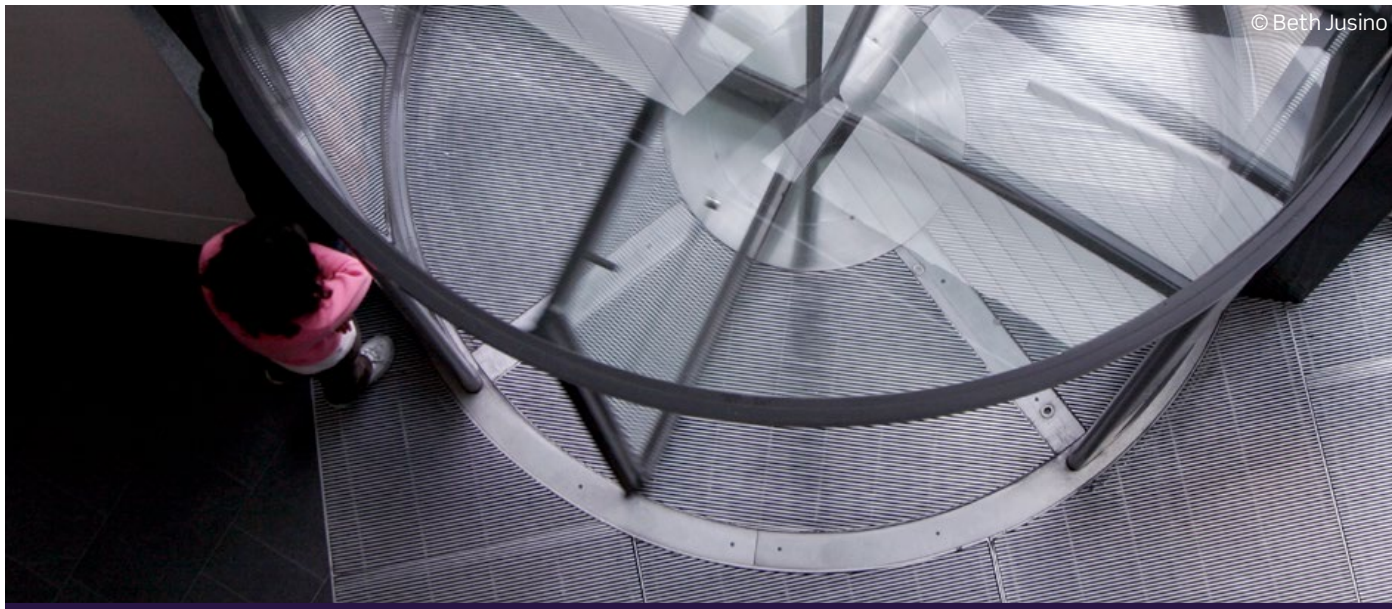
must take this action ... We intend this action to be accountable, just as we believe selling weapons to be used in war-crimes must be. Therefore, if we are not spotted we will alert the authorities, rather than attempt to 'get away with it.' We fully expect to be arrested and are prepared to spend time in prison if need be. It is for the sake of accountability that we have written this statement in advance and will carry it with us on the action."

## The Seeds of Hope ploughshares action

The action came exactly 21 years after a group of women disarmed a Hawk warplane at BAE's Warton factory. The plane was destined for Indonesia, where it would be used in the ongoing occupation and genocide in East Timor. The women were charged with around £2 million of criminal damage, and spent six months in prison awaiting trial. They were eventually acquitted by a jury on all charges, after arguing they were using reasonable force to prevent crime.

- **Read the full story** on the CAAT blog
- **The Hammer Blow - how 10 women disarmed a warplane** is available from Peace News: [peacenews.info/node/8245/](https://www.peacenews.info/node/8245/)
- **Find Saudi arms suppliers near you:** [caat.org.uk/map](https://www.caat.org.uk/map)





# LET'S SHUT THE REVOLVING DOOR

## BETWEEN GOVERNMENT & THE ARMS INDUSTRY

Why does our Government go to such lengths to keep arms companies happy?

CAAT supporters will be well aware of the level of support the UK government gives to the arms trade, with prime ministers flying round the world to sell arms for them, funding for research and development, export subsidies and licensing to totalitarian regime. What major arms companies ask for, they generally get.

One reason behind this may be that the revolving door between the public sector and business means that many politicians and civil servants end up taking well-paid jobs with arms companies when they leave the public sector.

### BAE Systems

For example, in 2006 Britain's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Sherard Cowper-Coles, allegedly used his position to successfully pressure the Serious Fraud Office into dropping an ongoing investigation into a BAE Systems arms deal with Saudi Arabia. When he later left the Foreign Office, who did he get a job with? BAE Systems!

In October 2016, BAE Systems appointed a new director of government relations called Oliver Waghorn. A few years earlier, who was he working for? The Government! He was a special adviser to then Defence Secretary Liam Fox before scandal forced Fox to quit.

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These two are far from alone. The political influence browser on CAAT's website shows that numerous former politicians, military leaders and civil servants now work in the arms trade, often getting paid a great deal for their contacts and their insider knowledge of how government works.

### ACoBA

Despite the risks of conflicts of interest, regulation of the revolving door in the UK is

negligible. To go from the public to private sector, all senior public servants have to do is apply to a body called the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACoBA). In its 42-year history, this committee has never said publicly that an appointment is unsuitable. Committee chair Baroness Browning recently told Parliament: "We haven't got the power to say to someone they can't work."

That's why CAAT is calling for ACoBA to be abolished and replaced with a proper regulator, backed by law, which can stop people taking up inappropriate jobs. As recognised by regulators and by organisations calling for more transparency, the arms industry is where conflicts of interests from the revolving door are the most striking, particularly because governments are the arms companies' biggest clients.

When it comes to the arms industry at least, the revolving door does not just need regulating, it needs slamming shut.

# DANCING TO DISARM!

Join us for a night of live music, DJs and spoken word to support CAAT's work.

As you'll see from page 10, on July 22 & 23 you can join CAAT in London for a weekend of speakers, workshops and training ready to challenge the DSEI arms fair in September. On the evening of 22 July come along to the event Dance To Disarm for an evening of fun and inspiring performance to support CAAT's work and celebrate our resistance to the arms fair.

You can expect to hear thought-provoking spoken word, politically conscious live hip-hop, and skilled DJs dropping floor-filling beats from around the world.

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## The artists and performers

Keep an eye on [richmix.org.uk/events/music](http://richmix.org.uk/events/music) for more exciting acts to be added soon.

**Mizan the Poet** is a spoken word artist and longtime CAAT activist who uses poetry to raise awareness about human rights, repression and militarism with a view to inspiring positive change. See [facebook.com/MizanThePoet](https://facebook.com/MizanThePoet).

**Resis'Dance** is a group of women taking hold of the decks and smashing the patriarchy, challenging gender norms in the party and political scene. They play a huge range of dance music from soca and afrobeats to UK house and garage. See [facebook.com/ResisDanceCollectiveLondon](https://facebook.com/ResisDanceCollectiveLondon). The performers taking part in

Dance To Disarm are passionate about ending the arms trade.

A spokesperson from Resis'Dance said: "We wholeheartedly support the campaign. We are fighting for a world where there are no borders, no racist deportations, no sexist cuts to vital services, and where our Government is not complicit in the murder and torture of people through selling weapons. The UK government uses public money to help arms companies to profit from selling weapons, all the while refusing to resettle refugees from countries where it has played a part in conflict."

**Awate** is a rapper and producer from North London. An Eritrean refugee, Awate's music powerfully tackles subjects like identity, history, racism and pride with depth and lyrical skill. See [facebook.com/awatemusic](https://facebook.com/awatemusic).

Awate said: "As a refugee from somewhere that was formerly within British administration, it's clear to me that the role the UK government plays in selling arms around the world is one of the main reasons for the current refugee crisis and the huge level of global suffering we are seeing. I'm looking forward to playing this event to help the campaign take its next step: it's a night where we can come together to build community, show solidarity and be proud of speaking out against the arms trade."

Come discover new music and meet other CAAT supporters at Dance To Disarm, from 7.30pm on Saturday 22 July at Rich Mix, east London. Find out more and book tickets: [richmix.org.uk/events/music](http://richmix.org.uk/events/music).



Awate Photo: Jake Lewis Design: Matt Bonner





# TAKING ACTION

## LOBBY YOUR MP

Join us on the 19 April and demand urgent action from Parliament on arms sales. [See pages 6-7.](#)

## BOOK A SPEAKER OR WORKSHOP

Contact Kat on [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk) or **020 7281 0297** to book a workshop, or if you're part of a group that could help organise a public training day where you live.

Find out about local events already happening at [caat.org.uk/events](http://caat.org.uk/events).

## SKILL UP TO STOP THE ARMS FAIR

Join us on 6 May in Manchester and get inspired for Stop the Arms Fair action!

Book your place for "It Starts Here" on 22 and 23 July in London. [See page 10.](#)

## TAKE ACTION AT DSEI

The week of action against DSEI will kick off on 4 September – make sure you've got the dates in your diary! [See pages 8-9.](#)



# THEY SAID IT

“I call them Nasty International, not Amnesty International”

Prince Turki Al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia defends Saudi regime against accusations of human rights abuses. DW (English), 22/2/17

“Of course our members don't agree with what Saudi are doing in Yemen. It's barbaric”

Anonymous official from the Unite union, which represents arms company workers. Middle East Eye, 9/3/17

“We see our market in the Middle East growing as we diversify into manufacturing various products. And the ongoing conflict in the region drives interest for our products from different customers”

Vladimir Dmitriev, Deputy CEO for Sales and Marketing for Kalashnikov. Gulf News, 23/2/17

## INSPIRED BY OUR WORK TO CHALLENGE THE ARMS TRADE?

### Join us by supporting the campaign

CAAT is dedicated to taking uncompromising action against the arms trade through research, lobbying, legal work and direct action. None of this would be possible without the support of people like you: without our supporters there literally would be no campaign. If you possibly can, please donate to CAAT using the enclosed letter or form on the back cover.



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