

'One of the most corrupt businesses in the world'

promoted by the UK government

is trading in London this week.

DSEI (Defence & Security Equipment International), one of the world's biggest arms fairs, has returned to the ExCeL Centre in East London this week, accelerating the international arms race.

2,800 defence and security suppliers are rubbing shoulders with the world's worst regimes and selling them the most lethal weapons. Guns, bombs and missiles are on display, along with the ships, tanks and planes that deliver them: **a trade in death facilitated by the UK Department for Business & Trade and subsidised by taxpayers.**

The world spent £1,890,000,000,000 on weapons and the military in 2022 – the figure rises every year.

Let's spend this money on the world's *real* problems and provide *real* security by:

- tackling the climate crisis
- feeding the 800 million people, many of them children, who face hunger every day of their lives
- working to reduce conflict in the world by negotiation, diplomacy and international law.

WHAT WOULD YOUR PRIORITIES BE FOR THIS MONEY?

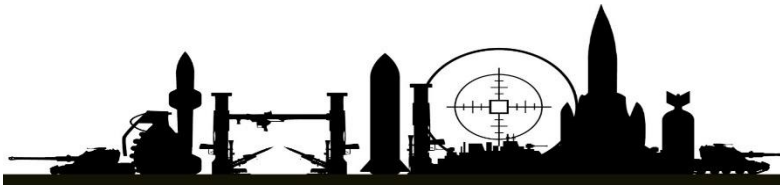
The arms trade profits from war and fans the flames. Our government lists the countries of the world with the worst human rights records and then invites many of them to come and buy our weaponry! Selling weapons to repressive governments legitimises their regimes and helps make torture and murder commonplace. UK politicians tell us we have the most robust arms controls in the world. Probably true, but too often we don't abide by them!

ONE EXAMPLE: WHAT DOES THE ARMS TRADE MEAN ON THE GROUND IN YEMEN?

Since 2015 a Saudi-led coalition has intervened in the conflict in Yemen bombing homes and hospitals and blockading the main port. Yemen has been described as the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe suffering famine and cholera as well as war.

The UK connection? It starts right here in London. Since 2015 the Saudi-led coalition has spent around **£10,000,000,000 on UK weapons** or nearer £28 billion if maintenance, technical support, logistics etc are included.

Profits in London = death in Yemen.



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