

SMASH EDO

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Why Smash EDO ?

Basically because EDO are using their factory in Moulsecoomb to build bombs which are dropped on innocent people.

EDO-MBM is a subsidiary of the multinational arms dealer EDO Corporation, suppliers to the US military.

At EDO MBM's factory on Home Farm Road (look left after the viaduct on the way to Lewes) they are manufacturing bomb racks, release clips, arming mechanisms and targeting equipment; all of which was used in the recent Iraq invasion

A recent report in *the Lancet* concluded that over 100,000 people died in the US and British attack on Iraq, mostly from aerial bombardment. EDO make the release mechanism for the "Paveway" series of laser guided bombs. The manufacturer claims that Paveway is

"the most successful and lowest cost air-to-ground precision guided weapon system available. Over half of all air-to-ground precision guided weapons expended in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom were Paveways. Paveways were used to destroy the full spectrum of targets". According to the U.S military Paveway still remains the 'weapon of choice'.

Jo Wilding is a British peace activist who witnessed at first hand the horrors of the 'full spectrum' coalition attack on Iraq.

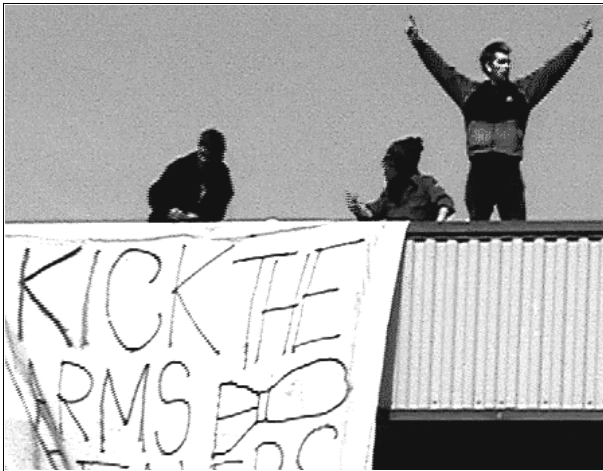
She wrote the following on March 25th 2003

"In the end three people died yesterday in the farmhouse which was bombed at Dialla, including the young wife, Nahda, who was missing in the rubble. She, along with Zahra, the eight year old daughter and her aunt, Hana, were buried this morning. People are taken for burial in coffins but are buried in shrouds and a pick up returned to the remains of the house with the three caskets, cobbled out of small pieces of wood, riding in the back. Omar, the bridegroom, sat silently crying on the floor in the hospital corridor, leaning on the wall, body bent, head in his hands".

It is a glaring hypocrisy that this company is allowed to operate in Brighton, a UN Peace Messenger City. Companies like EDO MBM need increased military spending to continue to generate profits for their shareholders. How can the progressive ideals of the Peace Caucus which Brighton and Hove City Council are supposed to be promoting be reconciled with the presence of an arms company doing business in our city?

The managing director at EDO MBM, David Jones, has openly stated that his company is proud to support the invasion and ongoing occupation of Iraq.

WE SAY "It's time that these parasites who thrive on the death and injury of ordinary men, women and children are put out of business. We'll be here until EDO isn't" PTO For details of past and future actions . . .



ACTION ZONE

Rooftop Occupation, September

Since the start of the campaign (and this is just the start), activists have continually made their presence felt at the bomb factory. Just some of the stuff which has been happening.

Noise Demos have become a regular feature. People who work at EDO are constantly reminded what happens to those unfortunate enough to be on the receiving end of their lethal products.

We've hit EDO where it hurts, in the wallet and on the bottom line. One roadblock and rooftop occupation, which lasted for 12 hours, cost the arms dealers over £20,000.

In a clear message to the bosses at EDO a huge pile of manure was dumped outside their front door. Horseshit to counter their bullshit.

Protest Camp

For six days in August/September activists and locals and maintained a twenty-four hour presence outside the factory to show the deathmongers that we won't be shifted. This culminated in another rooftop occupation lasting over 24 hours.

Many more actions are planned - watch this space and keep an eye on the website!

WHISTLE BLOWERS CORNER

We know that not everybody who works at EDO is totally happy with management.

**Pissed off with the boss?
Why not give us a call in strict confidence?**

Smashing Briefs

- ❑ There is a fundraising Sunday Roast for the Smash EDO campaign at the Cowley Club, 12 London Road on 28th November (Cowley members and guests only since the bar is open). If you can't make it, you can still give us money! Contact us to make a donation!
- ❑ The 5 activists who blocked the access road to EDO in May are in Brighton magistrate's court from 13th to the 16th December (not 14-17 as previously advertised). Accommodation can be provided for anyone wishing to come and support. There will be a 4pm demo outside the court on the 16th supported by Sussex Action for Peace (keep an eye on www.safp.org.uk and our site for details).
- ❑ The next noise demos will be Thursday 25th November and the 4th and 11th of December at 4pm. Bring friends, pots & pans, musical instruments and make some noise!
- ❑ For a good rundown of the legal situation surrounding protest see www.freebeagles.org