

# SMASH

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## No Justice

## No Peace

### EDO TRIAL VERDICT

Back in May last year five people occupied the roof of EDO's bomb factory, highlighting the company's role in the arms trade. They were arrested for aggravated trespass .

Unsurprisingly the trial, which wasn't held in front of a jury but just a district judge, was outstandingly biased. The five expressed no surprise about being found guilty , one saying *"The judge repeatedly ruled out evidence about the impact of EDOs activities around the world., then turned round and in her summing up said that evidence given to the court linking the company to bombing of civilians in Iraq was 'tenuous'!"*

Despite the fact that EDO MBM boss Dave Jones admitted under oath to selling parts for the Paveway bomb to U.S arms dealers Raytheon, who boast that *"over half of all air-to ground precision guided weapons expended in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom were Paveways"* - We know from respected medical journal *the Lancet's* report that this *"full spectrum"* bombing was the *"primary cause"* of the more than 100,000 civilian casualties since the invasion in 2003.

Under the International Criminal Court Act people in the U.K who are ancillary to war crimes anywhere in the world can be tried in British courts. Of course none of Britain's arms dealers have been dragged in front the courts for their misdeeds as prosecutions require the consent of the Attorney General (the same one whose advice about the legality of war can't be made public) -

**Another nice little establishment stitch up!**

However the police and the courts seem to be extraordinarily interested in criminalising anyone who takes a stand against these parasites and murderers.



Nothing in any way to do with bombing - from EDO MBM 's own website; they make the bit which releases the bomb

### WHY SHUT DOWN EDO?

Because EDO profit from death and destruction - they make parts for weapons which are used en masse against innocent people like those in Fallujah. Their products include bomb-release mechanisms for F-16s and Tornados and parts for the Paveway so-called 'smart' bomb. We will be here until EDO isn't.

However, we don't expect you to just take our word for it, ask them yourself:

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### ACTION

Why not phone Edo and ask them what they're up to ?:

**February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 'til 6**

## Action Zone

We regularly confront EDO's management and workforce. Every Thursday between 4 - 6, we demonstrate outside the factory. The numbers keep growing with over 30 people venting their anger. Drums, megaphones, whistles pots and pans remind the staff that their complicity in mass murder is unacceptable to the people of Brighton.

### HOME VISIT

Activists visited the home of Antony Roberts EDO's company secretary. Neighbours were warned about the mass murderer living in their midst and the evening finished with a long drawn out drum roll. How can a man who makes weapons systems complain about his peace being disturbed?

We also read on Indymedia that other activists have taken a more direct approach to shutting EDO down. While we neither condone nor condemn action taken in the dead of night, we find it interesting that as more people hear about what EDO do the more action is taken.

## Foreign News

We at the anti-EDO campaign were as alarmed as all right thinking folk at the U.S's exploratory thrusts into Iran.

However the boys in EDO's management team will no doubt be rubbing their hands with glee at the thought of more fat government contracts heading their way. All that mayhem and destruction surely must have a *silver lining*. Says EDO Corp Chairman James M. Smith; "Peace broke out in the late 80's ... it made it a difficult time for us."

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**WHISTLE-BLOWERS** 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?  
You know it makes sense.**

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## Forthcoming Events

- **Friday February 11th** – No EDO Night @ Sussex University, East Slope Bar Fundraiser against EDO/MBM including Sons of the Tribe (live hip hop) - Free Entry, From 8pm.
- **Saturday 12th February** - Smash Edo and Brighton Quaker Meeting Campaign Day from 12 noon Friends' Meeting House Ship Street Brighton 4pm March to Churchill Square.
- **Tuesday 15th February** - There will be a silent vigil for people of any or no faith outside the EDO Moulscomb factory gates from 4 – 6pm. This is part of the Smash EDO and Quaker campaign ([admin@brightonquakers.net](mailto:admin@brightonquakers.net)).
- **Wednesday March 23rd** - Smash EDO Cabaret Night Fundraiser @ the Prince Albert, Trafalgar Street, Brighton, 7.30pm Featuring films, comedy and live music from Nimomashtic.
- **February 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** – Jumble sales at the Cowley club (12 London Road, Brighton). All proceeds to Smash Edo.



**What we're fighting against**

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