



## support the decommissioners

On the 17th January 2009, as the bombs rained down on Gaza, Six people entered the EDO factory. They threw computers and filing cabinets out of a first floor window and took hammers to machinery used for weapons production. Their aim was to disable the war machine and to take action against those who profit from the aerial bombardment of Gaza.

During January 2009 the Israeli army launched an attack on the civilian population of Gaza. Over 1400 people were killed including over 300 children. Schools and hospitals were targeted

It is widely accepted that Israel committed war crimes against the people of Gaza. The arms companies who knowingly supplied the weapons to enable the invasion to happen are complicit in those crimes.

EDO MBM/ITT supply components to the Israeli army, including release mechanisms and bomb racks for use in fighter aircraft. They have also been involved in the design and manufacture of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), which were used extensively in reconnaissance and bombing missions against civilians.

The six people who took part in the action are on trial for conspiracy to commit criminal damage. They are arguing that they had lawful excuse to disarm the factory because EDO are complicit in war crimes. Their trial is scheduled to start on 26th October 2009.

**For more information see: [www.smashedo.org.uk](http://www.smashedo.org.uk) and <http://decommissioners.wordpress.com>**