

## Events

**Noise Demos, Every Wednesday, 4-6pm at Home Farm Road. Bring pots/pans/sound systems etc.**  
**(we're going to stop for two weeks over Xmas—20th and 27th of December. You can rest in the knowledge that the workers won't be there either.)**

**Phone Blockade, Thursday 23rd November and Thursday 21st December all day call 01273 810500 810501 502 503 etc and tell the arms dealers what you think of them**

**Fundraising Sunday Meal, Sunday 26th November at the Cowley Club, London Road Brighton from 3pm-6pm**

**Strategy meeting for 2007, Wednesday 29th November, from 7.30pm. Call 07875708873 for details or email [smashedo@hotmail.com](mailto:smashedo@hotmail.com)**

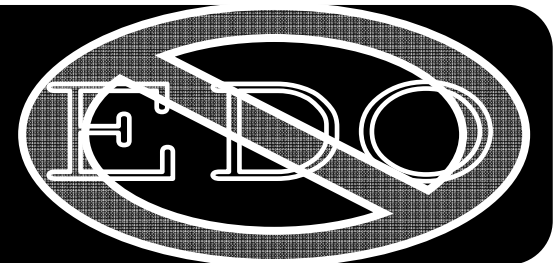
**Victory Masquerade, Wednesday 6th December, to celebrate EDO's dismal performance in 2006, come masked up**

**Fundraising Gig, Friday 15th December, at the Cowley Club, London Road, Brighton from 8pm**

**Smash EDO Party, Saturday 23rd December, from 8pm at the Cowley Club, London Road, Brighton**

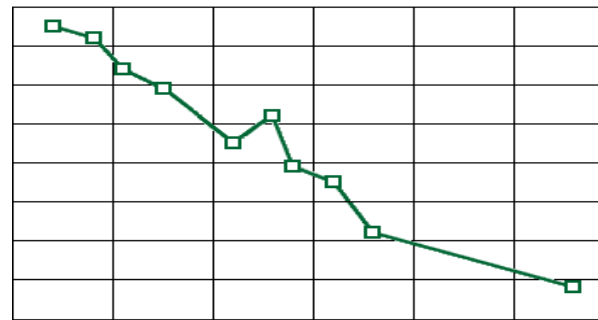
### **SMASH EDO TOUR AND FILM SCREENINGS.**

- Kicked off in the summer with our tour of the festivals. We have also visited Manchester, London, Bristol and Nottingham to show films, discuss tactics and inspire people to join us and shut this factory down.
- If you want people from the campaign to come and show films/discuss the campaign in your town/city/social centre, phone 07875708873 or email [smashedo@hotmail.com](mailto:smashedo@hotmail.com) to arrange a trip.



## **EDO CORPORATION PERFORM SPECTACULARLY BADLY IN 2006 SMASH EDO PLAN VICTORY MASQUERADE TO CELEBRATE**

For the third quarter in a row troubled US warmongers EDO Corporation have failed to meet their expected targets. In early November its share price took another plunge into the abyss losing several million dollars in market value.



Since March 2006 EDO have lost a major High Court suit against anti-war protesters in Brighton UK which caused EDO MBM Managing Director David Jones to resign. They have also been implicated in a high level Pentagon sleaze and corruption scandal involving EDO Director and former CIA man Dennis Blair who was also forced to resign, having been named in a bribery scandal involving Hilary Clinton over govt 'earmark' contracts. They have been sued for Racial Discrimination by an African-American competitor over work in occupied Iraq, and have lost vital orders from the US military for its flagship Warlock counter measure system that appears to have serious security flaws. In addition to all this they continue to face the unrelenting pressure of a protest campaign against them which aims to see them shut down in the UK.

EDO Corp CEO, President and Chairman James Smith announced this month that there would be a major review of all its business units, to decide on future strategy of the company which he said was not performing as

expected and had produced disappointing results this quarter. In a phone-in and Q&A with investors, available on the EDO Corp website, Smith revealed that he had already been decided that the company would pull out of the EDO rugged computer business, which includes EDO MBM RUGGED SYSTEMS a large part of the operations in Brighton.

### **SMASH EDO ARE PLANNING A VICTORY MASQUERADE TO CELEBRATE THE IMMINENT DEMISE OF EDO MBM**



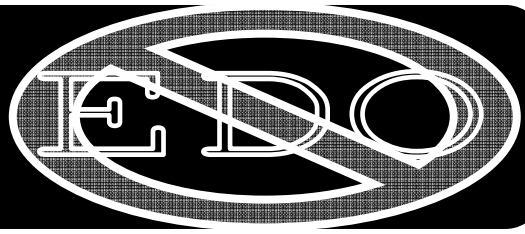
A prize will be given for the best mask...



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## FROM THE FACTORY ROOF TO THE CENTRE OF TOWN. SMASH EDO KEEPS UP THE PRESSURE.

9th Aug. **DAY OF RAGE** At this time violence was escalating in Lebanon and Gaza. People were furious that it was business as usual at the Brighton EDO factory, busy making components that would be supplied straight to the Israeli military. With support from the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, a demonstration was held at the factory gates.

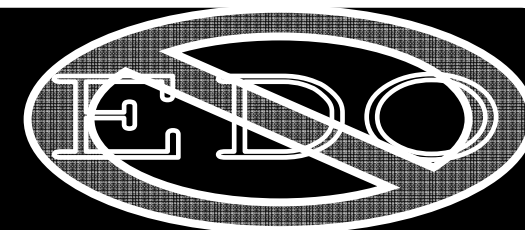
23rd Aug. **ROOF TOP DEMONSTRATION** As the full extent of the carnage in Lebanon was still being revealed to the world, demonstrators at the EDO-MBM factory helped join the dots between the killing of civilians in the middle east and EDO's part in them.

In the early hours of the morning, demonstrators scaled the side of EDO's Mouselcomb factory and dropped a banner over the front of the building that read "16 children killed in Qana, Lebanon. EDO profits from murder". Human Rights Watch reported that 32 people, including 16 children had been killed in an unprovoked attack on a house in Lebanon in which several families were hiding during the war. The Israelis used a Hellfire for the attack, parts of which are made here in Brighton. As one protester told the BBC during the demonstration "EDO-MBM are as complicit in murder as the generals who ordered these killings and the pilots who carried out the bombings. They are a link in the same sorry chain." It was amazing to see that the hour the press release for this demonstration went out, the share price of EDO Corporation took a nose dive. Clear proof that direct action causes direct economic loss.



### 16th Sept. **PETITION TO THE COUNCIL STRAIGHT THROUGH CENTRAL BRIGHTON**

In the run-up to this peaceful procession that was called to remind the council of its UN peace messenger status, individuals received the usual threats from Sussex police. Quoting section 11 of the public order Act 1986, they stated that organisers of processions should give notice to police. Smash-EDO-ers were not to be fooled by that old chestnut, however, and approximately 200 people turned out to defiantly march across the centre of their city in the name of peace. From the start the cops threatened to slap a section 14 on the march that would have dictated the route. However, this did not really work out for them and in the confusion they forced the demonstration down to the sea front from the clock tower, lengthening the protest by about half a mile. As the protest was about to turn down a back street to reach the town hall, the police made another mistake by blocking this route and giving people no other choice but to blockade North Street at the Old Steine. A static demonstration was created which stopped traffic for about half an hour. Eventually, Keith Taylor (Green Party Councillor and UN Peace-messenger Envoy) came out to collect the petition. There were no arrests and hundreds of leaflets were distributed alerting Brighton residents of the existence of EDO.



Summer 2006. **SUMMER FESTIVALS RAISE MONEY AND BRING NATIONWIDE AWARENESS.** Volunteers managed to raise £1,200 working with the worker's beer company in festivals around the country. The money will be put in the campaign kitty to keep the campaign strong. People from the campaign also took stalls to Buddhafield, the Earth First Gathering, the Big Green Gathering, the Anarchist Bookfair and the Sun-rise

### 21st Sept. **SECOND SUMMER LOCK-ON. ARMS DEALERS FORCED TO BREAK INTO THEIR OWN FACTORY.**

Three activists, with the help of tyres filled with concrete and some D-locks managed to completely blockade all entrances to the EDO factory in Home Farm Road. Workers began to arrive by 6am and by 7.30am over 100 bewildered workers were milling around outside or sitting in their cars scratching their heads. After some deliberating, the desperate managing Director Paul Hills decided to climb the security fence. He then returned with an angle-grinder and instructed an employee to cut a huge hole to allow cars to enter. It wasn't until 9.30am that employees were able to enter the site. Having caused major disruption to EDO's business the trio decided to unlock and walked away scot-free before the cops could issue an official warning.



### September 2006. **CAROLINE LUCAS CONDEMNS EDO.**

Green party Councillor and Member of European Parliament, Caroline Lucas issued a press release stating that the EDO/MBM factory in Home Farm Road should close. She also showed her support by coming to one of the regular noise demonstrations outside the factory.

31st Oct. **HALLOWEEN DEMONSTRATION** Over 50 halloweeners descended on the EDO factory. Some masked-up, some covered in fake blood there was a thoroughly menacing atmosphere. People battered large oil drums, pots and pans and a sound system blasted out sounds of war. There were screams down mega-phones at those leaving after another batch of bomb-making. Part of the fence was broken and people haunted the road slowing traffic. Only one lost-looking local bobby was there who could do nothing but stand around with EDO's Guardian Security thugs, ineffectively trying to stop people from banging the fence with spoons. (criminal damage apparently!) It seems that Sussex police don't want to waste any more resources on unsuccessfully trying to stifle protest at this factory.

### 15th Nov. **NAUGHTY PIXIES CARRY OUT NIGHT-TIME ACTION.**

There are rumours that some naughty pixies smashed the security cameras of the factory in Home Farm Road and locked all of the gates.