



COURT NEWS

On March 23rd a protester was cleared of incitement at a demo in August 2005. The trial had been delayed many times by Sussex Police's refusal to disclose evidence crucial to the defence. This is a common tactic in the Police's efforts to disrupt protesters' lives. Protesters have a busy court schedule at Brighton magistrates over the summer:

- June 12th—one day trial of protester accused of breaching Section 5 at a demo last winter
- June 26th-29th—trial of two rooftop protesters from a demo against the Israeli bombing of Lebanon last July
- July 23rd—27th—trial of three blockaders of EDO MBM during the Lebanon war last summer
- August 9th-10th—trial of protester accused of breaching Section 5 at a demo last autumn

SECTION 5 ANYONE?

Dan Glass isn't the only victim of the latest fashion for dealing with protesters who won't go away. After attempts to impose a High Court injunction and assaulting protesters before stitching them up have failed in the courts Sussex Police have reverted to their old favourite section 5 of the Public Order Act which requires only that someone who might be in the vicinity might be harassed, alarmed or distressed by some remark. Strangely enough Sussex Police have yet to act against any EDO MBM workers who frequently direct expletives at the protesters. In recent months three protesters have been arrested under this latest favourite.

SMASH EDO COMES TO A CINEMA NEAR YOU—'Taking Liberties' features footage of police assaulting protesters and interviews with campaigners. The film comes out on June 8th at 12 cinemas nationwide including Brighton's Duke of Yorks. For more visit: <http://www.noliberties.com/>

NOISE DEMOS—Don't forget there are weekly noise demonstrations outside the factory on Home Farm Road in Moulsecomb, Brighton. **WEDNESDAYS 4-6PM** Bring pots, pans, drums, megaphones, banners, friends, yourselves etc. They are a really good way of keeping up the pressure on the factory.

PROTEST CAMP— 27th-30th August 2007

A week of creative direct action in Wild Park (behind EDO MBM) against the warmongers amongst us.

Protest Camp Strategy Meeting—June 18th, 7pm, Cowley Club

Help is needed in areas like cooking, setting up camp, action planning and workshops to make this camp even more successful than the last two.



www.smashedo.org.uk

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 Lebanon. Their products include bomb-release mechanisms for F-16s and Tornados and parts for the Pave-way 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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STUDENTS BLOCKADE EDO MBM FOR SECOND TIME THIS YEAR AS BOSS LOSES RAG

At 6am on Monday 21st May, outside the premises of EDO-MBM, Home Farm Road, Brighton, three students from Sussex University locked themselves to the Brighton arms factory using D-locks preventing access to the factory. They locked on as a Guardian security guard dozed in his car outside the gates.

The students are protesting against EDO's complicity in the murder of innocent civilians in places like Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan. Sussex University has been developing close links with Al Quds Open University in Tubas, Palestine. A delegation from Sussex University recently visited Tubas and heard what conditions are like for students living under occupation. The delegation was told that in 2004 two children were killed close to the university by Israeli forces firing Hellfire missiles from an F16. EDO MBM manufactures components for both the Hellfire missile and the Israeli F16.



In a similar action on February 18th 8 students locked on to the arms dealer's gates. As before EDO was forced to cut away a panel on their fencing to let workers in. See video footage here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eA6aYrGqFho>

The blockade lasted until 1pm stopping all deliveries during this time. None of the blockaders were arrested although two supporters were arrested, one for aggravated trespass, and Student Union President Dan Glass for Section 5 (causing harassment, alarm or distress) following an order from EDO MBM boss Paul Hills. Both have been given police bail.

The police seized video cameras and tapes illegally claiming spurious powers under section 19 of PACE. This was after Paul Hills was videoed threatening and assaulting those filming the peaceful protest. However they didn't manage to seize this footage showing him driving at a blockader: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3-IBuMdJhI>

It all seems to be getting on top of poor Paulie 'soon to be heading for the' Hills who has been seen gazing into space out of his office window during recent noise demos or, in sunnier weather, coming down to factory gates to get some sympathy from Guardian security guards and Sussex plod. It can't be too long before the man with the thousand yard stare goes the way of ex-Managing Director Dave 'we don't sell to Israel-honest milord' Jones who perjured himself in court and was booted out at the end of 2005.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Last Tuesday saw an international get-together for hi-tech arms-dealers - The Shephard Group's Electronic Warfare 2007 at the Olympia Conference Centre. Two managed to scale the roof and unfurl a banner saying 'Smart bombs - stupid wars'.



Others got into the event by saying they were there with the 'Affinity Group', and, after 'sneaking around for a bit' and pocketing killware freebies, they resorted to the traditional tactic of disrupting the conference with shouts of "Murderer! Child kill..arghh," before being cut short and bundled away by burly thugs in ill fitting suits. A Samba band fresh from an anti-Iraqi oil sell off protest showed up and proceeded to drum away for 2 hours whilst others handed out leaflets and informed the public about war crimes committed by the delegates present.