

Middle East **Solidarity**

The Cambridge military-academic complex



How Cambridge research and academic partnerships fuel war and repression

The University of Cambridge holds a special relationship with many private and state-run weapons research and manufacturing centres including BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, Roke Manor Research (part of the Chemring Group) and the Ministry of Defence (MoD), through its research centres such as DSTL.

This poster highlights four of the arms dealers which are both involved in providing direct funding for research at Cambridge, and hold numerous partnerships with the university. There are many more examples.

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Cambridge Service Alliance

Collaboration or complicity?

Cambridge Service Alliance includes BAE Systems and Caterpillar Inc. among its members. In 2018, 40 student groups called on the University to end its partnership with these two companies in protest at the use of their products to target Palestinian, Kurdish and Yemeni civilians.

BAE Systems: a trail of destruction

£1.82m direct research funding 2009-2017

BAE Systems is a world-leading arms dealer with UK export licenses to 77 countries including Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the UAE.

One of the most notorious of its roles was acting as the prime contractor in the al-Yamamah deal signed between Britain and Saudi Arabia in 1988. Britain provided Saudi Arabia with 72 Tornado planes, 30 Hawk trainer jets and 30 other trainer planes.

The deal was renewed again in 1993, and again in 2007 in a deal which agreed the sale of 72 Eurofighter Typhoons. These aircraft have played a central role in the Saudi-led assault on Yemen.

BAE Systems also supplied Saudi Arabia with 200 Tactica armoured vehicles which used to crush pro-democracy protests in Bahrain in 2011. The company was central to a £100m fighter jet deal between Britain and Turkey, signed in 2017 between Theresa May and Recep Tayyip Erdogan despite ongoing human rights abuses.

Rolls Royce: driving the Saudi war on Yemen

£14.8m direct research funding 2009-2017

Rolls Royce is ranked the world's 16th largest arms producer, and the UK's 2nd. The company produces engines for military aircraft, naval ships and nuclear submarines and sold \$4.5bn worth of arms-related equipment in 2016.

In 2014, the Department of Materials Science in Cambridge received £7.9m UK government research funding "strategic partnership in structural metallic systems for gas turbines" with Rolls Royce focussing on aerospace and defence.

Since March 2015 at least 10,000 Yemenis have died as a result of Saudi air strikes and 22 million people have been left in need of aid.

Rolls Royce engines are used in the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft deployed extensively by Saudi Arabia in its war on Yemen.

Roke Manor: choking off protest

£65k direct research funding 2014-5

Roke Manor Research is part of the Chemring Group which ranks as the world's 68th largest arms trader, with 90 percent of its total sales coming from military-related technology.

Roke develops "crowd control" products including CS gas grenades which were used by Egyptian security forces during the Egyptian revolution of 2011, injuring thousands.

Tortech Nano: arming the Israeli occupation

Spin-off + £59k direct funding 2014-5

Tortech Nano Fibres Ltd is a collaborative venture between Q-Flo, a spin-off of the University of Cambridge and Plasan, the Israeli owned manufacturer of vehicle protection and armoured vehicles.

Israeli armoured vehicles play a crucial role in the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands, and in violations of the rights of Israel's minority Arab population, including the demolition of homes and villages.

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Film screening and discussion The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade

Tues 9 October 2018, 5pm - Mill Lane Lecture Room 1
co-hosted by Demilitarise Cambridge, Middle East Solidarity, CUCND, PalSoc, CTP, CDE

Do we want a university that helps companies profit from death and destruction? Do we want students trained to find more efficient ways of killing people, recruited from a careers fair down the road? Do we want our academics spending time and contributing their knowledge to solving problems for arms companies?

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