

Reed Elsevier....

you have blood on your hands!



What would you say to someone who sold the bomb that crippled your child?

**What would you do if this was your child,
your sister, your brother, your friend?**

Reed Elsevier organises & hosts Europe's largest arms fair, *Defence Systems Exhibitions International* – DSEi - from 13th-16th September in London. In 2003 investigators found illegal landmines being sold under the counter, while buyers from some of the world's most repressive regimes toured through it. Even arms sold 'legitimately' have later been found traded to other warmongers. The government continues to support an indefensible event and taxpayers foot the bill while every month hundreds are maimed or killed by landmines alone.

We will be protesting at DSEi,...

...IS IT NOT TIME THAT YOU DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

"At Reed Exhibitions we don't just organise trade shows. We see our role as that of a relationship broker, identifying, targeting, attracting and matching the needs of buyers and suppliers at our shows." (from the website 'About Reed Exhibitions').

Reed Exhibitions, a subsidiary of Reed Elsevier, has purchased Spearhead, the company organising DSEi. Reed Elsevier is also a part owner of the ExCel Centre in London where DSEi takes place.

At DSEi, this means Reed acts as match-maker -- between the killers and the arms dealers. Landmines, just one type of weaponry sold at DSEi, maim and kill over 19,000 civilians every year. About one third of these victims are children. Source: <http://www.landmines.org.uk/>

It is time to tackle Reed Elsevier for its role in promotion of war and suffering around the globe. From Iraq to Israel, from the war torn countries of Africa to dubious arms dealers peddling their weapons of death, the buyers of weapons need somewhere to meet, to chat and to find the latest tools of war. Reed Elsevier organises and hosts such a market place. They do not simply turn a blind eye to a trade that kills thousands of children annually, they encouraging and profit from it

This makes the bosses of Reed Elsevier and its subsidiary Reed Exhibitions/DSEi complicit in murder. It makes them war criminals. And they cannot plead ignorance – at the DSEi 2003 exhibition illegal landmines were sold while attendees from oppressive regimes proliferated like flies. When undercover investigators exposed this, Reed Elsevier simply called in the police who acted to protect this disgusting trade. There is no justification for the arms trade and DSEi is a sick, twisted event. Having your limbs blown off as 'collateral damage' is a form of torture. Having your family obliterated by a 'smart bomb' is simple murder.

WE CAN HELP STOP THIS VILE TRADE

Please take action to stop DSEi. It is taking place in London from 13th to 16th London and a week of protests is being organized to stop it. To learn more please visit www.dsei.org If you cannot make it, you can still play a role. Please contact the bosses of Reed Elsevier and ask them to pull the plug on the DSEi bloodbath.

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