

# Stop Ottawa Arms Shows, for Good!

The CANSEC war fair is organized by a lobby group representing the vested commercial interests of 700 of Canada's largest military exporters. It receives hundreds of thousands in federal government grants to promote exports and international marketing opportunities. CANSEC exhibitors sell a wide range on military products that are used to wage wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. These wars have claimed countless innocent lives.



## Think Globally, Act Locally!

### Organised by:

Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT), NOWAR/PAIX, Oppose Arms Trade Shows, Ottawa Raging Grannies, Ottawa White Poppy Collective, Physicians for Global Survival and the Society of Friends (Quakers)—Ottawa,

### Endorsed by:

Church of the Ascension (Anglican), Educating for Peace, Humanist Association of Ottawa, Independent Jewish Voices, Ontario Public Interest Research Group—Ottawa, Ottawa Peace Assembly, Ottawa Pagoda Sangha, Project Ploughshares—Ottawa, Sangha Arana, the War Resisters Support Campaign—Ottawa and the World Federalists Movement—Canada.

**Peace Rally!**  
Music, Poetry, Speakers  
and a Candlelight Vigil  
**Wed., May 27, 7 pm**  
Southminster United Church  
15 Aylmer Ave.  
(at Bank St., just south of the Canal)



For more info., to sign the petition or get involved, visit the website of the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT): <http://COAT.ncf.ca>

## CANSEC and the International Arms Trade

CANSEC is Canada's top arms industry exhibition and its function is to facilitate the international trade in products and services that are used to fuel wars now raging around the world. While we like to believe that Canada is a purveyor of global peace, our country is actually ranked as the world's 7th largest exporter of weapons systems. Corporations exhibiting at CANSEC manufacture everything from ammunition, automatic weapons, armed battle vehicles, rocket launchers and unguided air-launched missiles used to deliver cluster munitions and white phosphorus warheads. Other CANSEC exhibitors produce essential high-tech electronic systems embedded in virtually all major U.S. weapons, including fighter and bomber warplanes, warships and main battle tanks.

In recent years, 90% of the value of Canada's arms exports were sold to 39 countries whose troops were engaged in wars raging around the world, most notably in Iraq and Afghanistan. These wars have taken the lives of more than 1.5 million people.



**Call or write to your  
City Councillor**  
**Call 3-1-1 for details**

## Honour our 20-year Ban on Arms Shows!

CANSEC will be the first arms show on City property in two decades. All such events were banned by City Council in 1989. Weapons dealers and warfighters can thank *unelected* City staff, who claim to have found a convenient legal loophole large enough to drive a battalion of tanks through to get to the arms sale at Lansdowne Park!

We intend to stop this transgression of democracy from ever happening again. Anti-war activists do not want CANSEC held anywhere. A first step is to ensure that the ban on war shows, is respected for all publicly-funded City facilities. We also hope to remove these events from provincial and federally-funded facilities as well.