

Police block tank protest

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POLICE today prevented a "tank attack" at a major arms fair at the ExCel Centre in Docklands.

Anti-arms campaigners were intercepted as they tried to drive an armoured military vehicle into the venue to protest against the four-day Defence Systems Equipment International exhibition.

More than 100 officers blockaded the Saracen Mark I carrier at a nearby industrial estate as it set off for the arena.

Peter Brownell of the Space Hijackers activist group, who organised the stunt, said: "Our intention was to go there and offer it for sale. The arms industry needs to clean itself up."

Earlier today more than 20 protesters were arrested as they tried to breach a security fence around the venue.



Line of fire: police form a blockade to stop protesters in a tank from entering an arms fair in Docklands today