

**UK State reply to alert “Journalists Ian Cobain and Solomon Hughes Denied Accreditation to the Defense and Security Equipment International (DSEI) Arms Fair”**

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The Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) 2019 exhibition is a commercial event. The organisers of the exhibition, Clarion, have responsibility for inviting media to accredit for the exhibition and make decisions as to who is granted or denied accreditation.

The UK government invites overseas delegations to attend the event and was not involved in denying Ian Cobain and Solomon Hughes accreditation, nor was it consulted on the matter.