**Hi Jim,**

**I would like to thank you for your willingness to help. As part of my research paper, I refer to organizations of service in various militaries around the world. My research found the following details about Britain, and this is what I wrote in my paper:**

**In the United Kingdom**, military personnel are prohibited from belonging to a workers 'union, but there is a "soldiers' union whose purpose is to encourage and promote legitimate professional and economic interests of soldiers and military retirees." This right was first recognized in 2006, and from it the British Armed Forces Federation was established. The decision was made after a parliamentary committee appointed to examine all aspects of the organization of soldiers recommended the establishment of organizations of soldiers, and determined that this does not impair security efficiency. The committee's recommendation was based on the examination of similar bodies that served the militaries of the United States and Australia, and after it was found that their action did not harm operational effectiveness or military discipline. The right of association was recognized, inter alia, because of the inability of the military authorities to properly represent all soldiers. The association engages in professional development, parliamentary monitoring of developments relating to the public and private sector and relating to the interests of the soldiers, promotion of appropriate consultation with the association on social welfare issues, wages and benefits, health services, etc. The organization is prohibited from taking organizational measures including strikes, joining political organizations and receiving donations.

I would be happy to receive some background material on the said soldiers' union:

1. Is this the current legal situation?
2. Can I get a background on the committee or a summary of its conclusions (I could not find them myself)
3. Is the legislation I referred to up to date? Is there any other legislation regulating the issue? I'd love to have them
4. Is there a document or article relating to the said activity of organization? Can I be referred to an article or material that describes the relevant legal situation?