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**1. DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT**

*In 2005 IPB launched a major new programme, designed to reflect widespread public concern at the rapid rise in global military spending (totalling \$1531 billion in 2009); and the evidence that weapons -- such as small arms, cluster bombs, landmines -- seriously impede sustainable development.*

A MILITARY SPENDING

**GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING**

**NEW DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

Because of the global economic crisis, governments are even beginning to talk about cutting military spending. But they won't make these cuts unless we pressure them to do so. During the **Global Day of Action on Military Spending**, people all over the world will join together in actions to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities. This will be IPB's major international event of 2011. We would like you/your organization to join us by (co-)sponsoring an event in your city. A whole range of actions is possible: from street theatre/demonstrations and erecting banners to seminars, signature collection and much more. **Please write to us if you are interested in participating.** Ideas for actions, videos, background materials etc at: <http://www.demilitarize.org/>

**US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates's cuts that aren't**

*By Christopher Preble*

January 6 – US Defense Secretary Robert Gates outlined plans to reduce the DoD budget by roughly \$78 billion over the next five years. However, Cato scholar Christopher Preble has examined the plan, and concludes that these "cuts" aren't all they are cracked up to be.

Much of the savings will be reinvested in 'warfighting capability'. "When the costs of the wars are factored in," says Preble, "total Pentagon spending has grown 72 percent - in real terms - since 2001." In fact the savings will not take effect until 2015-16.

See: <http://nationaljournal.com/nationalsecurity/gates-plans-78-billion-in-defense-cuts-20110106>

See: [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/07/us/07military.html?\\_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha2](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/07/us/07military.html?_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha2)

>>See: <http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/gatess-cuts-that-arent/>

>>See: <http://www.downsizinggovernment.org/defense>

>>See: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=5414453>

## **US – China move to mend military ties**

*From Al-jazeera & Agencies*

January, 10 - The US and Chinese defence chiefs have taken major steps towards mending frayed military relations between the two world powers despite frictions over US arming of Taiwan and trade issues. Robert Gates and his Chinese counterpart, Liang Guanglie, agreed on Monday in the Chinese capital, Beijing, to set up a working group to explore a more formal, regular dialogue on strategic issues. The agreement, along with Gate's visit to China, is seen as a bridge-building step. It marks the end of a rocky year in which Beijing cut off defence ties with the US over a \$6.4bn arms sales to Taiwan in January last year.

>>See: <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2011/01/201111072514557349.html>

>>See: [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/09/world/asia/09military.html?\\_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha22](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/09/world/asia/09military.html?_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha22)

## **Japan defence review warns of China's military might**

*BBC News*

December 17 - Japan has unveiled sweeping changes to its national defence policies, boosting its southern forces in response to neighbouring China's military rise. It said Beijing's military build-up was of global concern. The National Defence Programme Guideline has been approved by the cabinet and will shape Japan's defence policy for the next 10 years. >>See: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-12015362>

## **UK: Armed forces face further £1bn in cuts. Ministry of Defence to make extra reductions, CAAT reacts with petition campaign.**

Jan 10. - The armed forces face the immediate prospect of having to make significant cuts – of well over £1bn a year – on top of those announced in October's defence review, it emerged today. Under the review the current £38bn annual defence budget will be cut by about 7.5% over the next four years. However, the review also laid out plans for a reduced role for the armed forces by 2020.

>>See: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/10/armed-forces-face-1bn-cuts>

Campaign Against Arms Trade Universities Network (IPB member) has launched a petition to cut military spending not education! We urge all in UK to sign it.

>>See: <http://www.caat.iparl.com/petition/9>

## **Public money may fund European arms**

*By David Cronin*

December, 17 - Arms traders are seeking to convince the European Union that publicly-funded scientific research grants should help develop weapons for future wars. In a series of secret discussions, Brussels officials and representatives of the arms industry

are examining if the EU's multi-billion euro "framework programme" for research can be used for projects of a military nature.

>> See <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=53891>

### **Canada: Jet fighters a costly mistake for taxpayers**

*By Tamara Lorincz & Steven Taples*

December 10 - Representatives from the Department of National Defence have recently crossed the country to promote the controversial purchase of stealth fighter jets. Unfortunately, the DND representatives have not given a full and frank assessment of the F-35 stealth fighter program, the largest military equipment procurement in Canadian history. Most significantly, they failed to disclose the serious risks, particularly financial, to the Canadian taxpayers. In July, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced the government's plan to buy 65 F-35s for an anticipated \$9 billion, through a sole-source, non-competitive contract.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/technology/fighters+costly+mistake+taxpayers/3956836/story.html>

## **B IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT**

### **Cluster Munitions Coalition 2011 Action Plan**

*From Laura Cheeseman*

January 5 - 2011 is a crucial year for the movement to eradicate cluster munitions. In this respect the CMC 2011 Action Plan is a useful tool to focus on priorities and activities for the universalisation and implementation of the Convention. The major milestone of the year will occur in September 2011, when the Second Meeting of States Parties (2MSP) to the Convention is held in Beirut, Lebanon. In the lead-up to the Fourth Review Conference of the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) in November 2011, the CMC will call on States Parties to that treaty to cease their costly deliberations on cluster munitions, and support the Convention instead.

>> See: <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/cmc-newsletter-november-2010.pdf>

>> See: <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/calendar/>

### **New Campaign: "Khartoum free from weapons and violence"**

In Sudan, the Human Security Initiative Organisation (MAMAN), in collaboration with the National Small Arms Focal Point and the North Sudan DDR Commission, has launched a 3-month campaign for a 'Khartoum free from weapons and violence'. During the campaign banners promoting peace and arms control will be placed along main roads in Khartoum State. See: <http://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/sudan/peacebuilding-organisations/maman/>

### **Towards a Bullet-Proof Arms Trade Treaty**

*By Brian Wood & Alberto Estévez, Amnesty International*

After years of campaigning for the establishment of an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) by supporters, in December 2009, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/64/48 which decided, among other things, to convene "the UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty to sit for four consecutive weeks in 2012 to elaborate a legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms,"

with Preparatory Conferences in 2011 and 2012, to be undertaken "in an open and transparent manner, on the basis of consensus, to achieve a strong and robust treaty.

[http://disarm.igc.org/index.php?view=article%3B&catid=151%3A&id=420%3A&format=pdf&option=com\\_content&Itemid=2](http://disarm.igc.org/index.php?view=article%3B&catid=151%3A&id=420%3A&format=pdf&option=com_content&Itemid=2)

### **João Silva: Photographer & Victim of Landmines**

*By J.B.Russell*

João Silva, 44, a South African photographer on contract with The New York Times, made his name while covering the violent birth pangs of a democratic South Africa. He was a member of the Bang-Bang Club, a group of photographers who documented the Hostel War during the last days of apartheid. Since then he has covered the major conflicts of our time and won numerous awards. On October 23, he stepped on a mine while accompanying American soldiers patrolling near the town of Arghandab in southern Afghanistan. Despite immediate help from medics, both his legs were lost below the knees. Joao's friends have set up a Website to sell prints and raise funds: >>See: <http://joaosilva.photoshelter.com/>

>> See: [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/24/world/asia/24silva.html?\\_r=3](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/24/world/asia/24silva.html?_r=3)

## **2. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT**

### **Russian State Duma may ratify new START by end of January**

*From Xinhuanet News*

January 11<sup>th</sup> - The lower house of the Russian Parliament, State Duma, was likely to ratify the new strategic arms reduction treaty (START) with the United States in January, local Moscow Times daily reported on Tuesday. The State Duma has prepared its own amendments to the ratification document "to balance the work that has been done by the (U.S.) Senate," he said. The U.S. Senate ratified the pact in December.

>>See:<http://www.cnduk.org/index.php/20101222983/press-releases/global-abolition/nuclear-treaty-success-re-opens-space-for-disarmament-says-cnd.html>

>>See:<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/21/AR2010122104371.html>

>>See:[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2011-01/11/c\\_13685798.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2011-01/11/c_13685798.htm)

### **Parliamentarians adopt resolution supporting a NWC**

*By Alyn Ware, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament*

December 7<sup>th</sup> - The Canadian House of Commons gave unanimous consent to a motion submitted by the Bill Silksay MP, Chair of the Canadian Section of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (PNND), endorsing the United Nations Secretary-General's Five-Point-Plan for nuclear disarmament and calling on the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention as proposed by the UN Secretary-General. >> See: <http://www.gs institute.org/pnnd/updates/30.html#4>

>> See: <http://www.nuclearweaponsconvention.ca/>

The motion adopted in the Canadian Senate and House of Commons is part of a growing number of such resolutions in parliaments around the world.

>> See: [http://www.gs institute.org/pnnd/NWC\\_parliamentary\\_resolutions.pdf](http://www.gs institute.org/pnnd/NWC_parliamentary_resolutions.pdf)

### **North Korea: The risks of war in the Yellow Sea**

*From International Crisis Group*

The latest report from the International Crisis Group, examines the heightened tensions

between the two Koreas and the serious dangers they pose for the region. Measures must urgently be adopted to reduce the possibility of all-out (possibly nuclear) war. The disputed nature of the maritime boundary, the Northern Limit Line (NLL), and the unpredictability of Pyongyang politics have substantially increased volatility.

>> See: <http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/asia/north-east-asia/north-korea/198-north-korea-the-risks-of-war-in-the-yellow-sea.aspx>

>> See: <http://www.crisisgroup.org/support>

#### **Fourth National Convention on the Tenth Anniversary of Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP). Delhi Declaration**

*From Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace*

December 10–12 - The Fourth National Convention of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP), India, was held from 10th to 12th December 2010 in Delhi. CNDP opposes possession of nuclear weapons by any country including India and is wholly committed to seeking the complete elimination of the existing stockpile of nuclear weapons at the global as well as regional level. CNDP is also dedicated to championing the cause of world peace by tirelessly striving for general and complete disarmament worldwide.

>>See:<http://www.cndpindia.org/page.php?24>

#### **Hiroshima Mayor Akiba not to seek 4<sup>th</sup> term in April's election**

*From Mainichi Daily News, Japan*

January 4 - Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, one of the recipients of the 2010 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Asian equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize, for his role in the global campaign to abolish nuclear weapons, said he will not seek reelection in the mayoral race slated for April 10.

>>See:[http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/national/archive/news/2011/01/04/20110104\\_p2g00m0dm086000c.html](http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/national/archive/news/2011/01/04/20110104_p2g00m0dm086000c.html)

### **3. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **In Memoriam – Irwin Abrams, historian of the Nobel Peace Prize**

*By YS News Staff*

December 23 — Irwin M. Abrams, a longtime professor of history at Antioch College, USA, a pioneer in the field of peace research and a global authority on the Nobel Peace Prize, died at the age of 96 on Dec. 16 at the Friends Care Center. “His dissertation, *A History of European Peace Societies, 1867–1899*, won the Charles Sumner Peace Prize and, although it was never published, it has been called ‘the most quoted unpublished dissertation in history.’ Irwin visited the IPB Secretariat in the 1930s and wrote about his Geneva visit in an article published in the catalogue of the IPB’s centenary exhibition, 1992.

>> See:<http://ysnews.com/news/2010/12/irwin-abrams>

#### **IPB tribute to athlete and Nobel laureate Noel-Baker at Peace & Sport Forum**

from <http://www.ipb.org>

IPB Vice-President Tony Kempster and consultant Ashley Woods gave [a tribute to Philip Noel-Baker](#) (IPB Vice-President 1974 – 82) at this year's International Peace and Sport Forum, Monaco (1 - 3 Dec). Those attending were HRH Prince Albert II, IOC members, gov't representatives, well known athletes and NGOs. Noel-Baker (see [portrait](#)) remains the only Olympic medallist (Antwerp 1920) to have won the Nobel Peace Prize (1959), and as such is

an excellent symbol/ambassador for the IPB. MP and founder of World Disarmament Campaign UK, he was a vigorous advocate especially for nuclear disarmament. Author of many books including *The Arms Race*, he strongly criticized military expenditure. With the upcoming Olympics in London in 2012, Noel-Baker offers IPB a unique opportunity to promote nuclear disarmament and disarmament for development at one of the largest sporting events in history. [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1959/noel-baker.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1959/noel-baker.html). See also: <http://www.peace-sport.org/index.php?lang=en> and IPB's [presentation card](#) for the conference dinner.

### **Santiago Declaration on the Human Right to Peace**

*From AEDIDH*

December, 11<sup>th</sup> - The International Congress on the Human Right to Peace, held in Santiago on 9-10 December, concluded with great success with the adoption of the Santiago Declaration on the Human Right to Peace and the establishment of the International Observatory of the Human Right to Peace. The next stage of the long journey of the codification of the human right to peace will take place at the 6th session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee in January 2010 in Geneva.

>> See: <http://www.aedidh.org/?q=node/1853>

>> See: <http://www.aedidh.org/sites/default/files/Declaracion-de%20Santiago-Es.pdf>

### **Gender: Open Letter to Member States of the Security Council Re: Resolution 1960. The need for focus on full implementation of UNSCR 1325**

*Statement from Global Network of Women Peacebuilders and others (including IPB)*

January 7 - In October 2010 the world observed the 10th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women and Peace and Security. We must be passionate about preventing and stopping wars, and about recognizing the equal right of women to seats at all tables where decisions are made. If UN member states, particularly those represented in the Security Council, are serious about their commitments to women's equality and to stopping rape and violence, they would individually and collectively ensure outreach to women and their full participation at all decision making levels in all arenas where issues of peace and security are being decided....

<http://www.gnwp.org/uns-cr-1960-and-the-need-for-focus-on-full-implementation-of-uns-cr-1325>

## **4. RESOURCES**

### **Questioning Arms Spending in Malaysia**

*By Kua Kia Soong. Foreword by Colin Archer –IPB Secretary General*

This book is the first serious inquiry into Malaysia's defence policy and defence spending since Independence. Kua has been monitoring the arms trade since the 70s. Colin Archer's commentary underlines the importance and merit of this book: "Actions to focus public attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities need to be grounded in solid research, and it is in this respect that the present work is so helpful. Kua Kia Soong is a writer and activist with a long record of investigation into important issues. He has now produced another courageous work..."

>> See <http://suaram.net/2010/11/official-release-latest-book-by-the-best-selling-author-of-%E2%80%9Cmay-13%E2%80%9D/>

### **The Green Zone: The Environmental Costs of Militarism**

*By Barry Sanders*

In the midst of the movement to save the earth, *The Green Zone* presents a sobering revelation: until we address the attack that the US military is waging on the global environment, the things we do at home won't change a thing. This new investigation by author and journalist Barry Sanders examines in detail the environmental impact of US military interventions overseas. He positions military activity as the single greatest contributor to the worldwide environmental crisis, looking at everything from fuel emissions to radioactive waste to defoliation campaigns.

>> See <http://www.amazon.com/Green-Zone-Environmental-Costs-Militarism/dp/1904859941>

### **Prophets of War: Lockheed Martin and the Making of the Military-Industrial Complex**

*By William D. Hartung*

Corporate clout, military innovation, and political influence make an uneasy mix in this smart and thorough corporate history of Lockheed Martin's emergence as the nation's largest weapons contractor. The author explores how deeply Lockheed's tentacles have penetrated American economic and political life, pulling the curtain back on decades of unsavoury dealings. Hartung reveals how the company's adaptability has helped it survive -- and expand -- even as its reputation became tarnished, and echoes President Eisenhower's argument that the only way to ensure against "military-industrial" abuses is to have "an alert and engaged citizenry." This book is a fine step in that direction.

>> See [http://www.amazon.com/Prophets-War-Lockheed-Military-Industrial-Complex/dp/1568584202/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1294823699&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Prophets-War-Lockheed-Military-Industrial-Complex/dp/1568584202/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1294823699&sr=1-1)

### **2011 Peace Diary & World Peace Directory**

*From Housmans Peace Bookshop, London.*

A vital resource for all peace networkers! Over 2000 addresses all over the world. If you're interested in the 2011 edition of the Housmans Peace Diary & World Peace Directory, but haven't yet got one, you can order securely on the website. >> See <http://www.housmans.com/diary.php>

Please also note: if your organisation is listed in the Housmans World Peace Database (from which the directory in the Peace Diary is derived), you can check the accuracy of your database entry by looking at the online version. >> See <http://www.housmans.info/wpd/>

Be sure to notify the database editor straight away of any changes needed.

### **Dangerous Little Stones: Diamonds in the Central African Republic**

*From International Crisis Group*

December 16— The latest report from the International Crisis Group examines how poor governance, poverty and crime in the diamond business feed conflict in mining zones. After decades of misrule and state fragility, the government has neither the will nor means to ensure the country's precious stones benefit its people. Political motivations undermine good governance of the sector and leave artisanal miners and their families struggling for their livelihoods. High export taxes encourage smuggling that weak mining authorities are powerless to stop.

>>See <http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/africa/central-africa/central-african-republic/167-dangerous-little-stones-diamonds-in-the-central-african-republic.aspx>

**SIPRI Fact Sheet: Military spending and arms procurement in the Gulf states**

*By Carina Solmirano & Pieter D. Wezeman*

This SIPRI Fact Sheet combines data on known military spending and recent and planned arms imports in the Gulf states.

>>See [http://books.sipri.org/product\\_info?c\\_product\\_id=413](http://books.sipri.org/product_info?c_product_id=413)

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