

Developing Countries

□ Europe

Military Purchasing News for Defense: Putin Proposes 22% Increase for Official FY 2006 Russian Defense Budget

Source: Defense Industry Daily, August 22, 2005

Russia plans another substantial increase in defense spending next year to pay for across-the-board military upgrades, development of new weapons systems and improved social benefits for defense-sector employees.

for more: <http://www.defenseindustrydaily.com/2005/08/putin-proposes-22-increase-for-official-fy-2006-russian-defense-budget/index.php>

□ South America

Democratic Security and Defense Policy

Source: Embassy of Colombia (Washington DC)

One of the first measures of the Uribe Administration was to declare a State of Limited Emergency that provided the legal framework to carry out some of the measures necessary to address the acute security problems facing the nation. The Constitutional Court endorsed the legality of the State of Emergency. It has since been renewed and has been used by the Government to raise taxes to finance the fight against terrorism (see below) and to enact legislation that will allow more effective law enforcement and military action against illegal groups.

for more: [Here](#)

U.S. says Venezuela spending too much for military items

Source: NC-Times, January 20, 2006

WASHINGTON -- Venezuela is planning a "buying spree" for military equipment that goes beyond the country's legitimate needs, the State Department said Friday.

for more: http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2006/01/21/military/22_04_291_20_06.txt

Venezuela aims for biggest military reserve in Americas

Source: Guardian Unlimited, March 4, 2006

Around 500,000 Venezuelans will start a four-month military training programme today to turn them into members of the country's territorial guard. They are the first

group of a total of 2m Venezuelan civilians who have so far signed up to become armed reservists. By the summer of 2007, Venezuela is likely to have the largest military reserve in the Americas, which is expected to be almost double the size of that in the United States.

For more: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/venezuela/story/0,,1723274,00.html>

□ **Asia**

China should come clean on Defense Spending

Source: Cato Institute, October 26, 2005

For the second time this year, U.S. defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld has attempted to rattle China's neighbors by pointing to the PRC's opaque military modernization. In Singapore in June, Rumsfeld cited China's "escalating" military budget and ruminated, "Since no nation threatens China, one must wonder why this growing investment?"

for more: http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=5148&print=Y

India raises military spending by 7.2 pct in 2006-07 budget

Source: India Daily, February 28, 2006

The government is raising military spending by 7.2 pct to 890 bln rupees in the budget for the year to March 2007 to fund ongoing modernization, the finance minister said.

For more: <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/7191.asp>

Korea: We'd Rather Starve

Source: Strategy Page, September 14, 2005

North Korea continues to insist that it can have a civilian nuclear energy program, even if it agrees to stop developing nuclear weapons (in return for billions of dollars in foreign aid, in effect, a bribe).... South Korea increased its defense spending ten percent this year, to \$20 billion.

for more: <http://www.strategypage.com/fyeo/qndguide/default.asp?target=KOREA.HTM>

Latin-American arm race has to be stopped now

Source: Taipei Times, March 27, 2005

The region's governments too often try to buy off their coup-prone militaries with expensive but destabilizing toys

for more: <http://www.taipetimes.com/News/editorials/archives/2005/03/27/2003247971>

China's "Official" Budget

Source: Global Security

The Information Office of China's State Council issued on 27 December 2004 a white paper titled "China's National Defense in 2004". Pursuant to the National Defense Law, the Chinese government follows the guiding principle of the coordinated development of national defense and economy.

For more: <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/china/budget.htm>

Is China a Regional Military Threat?

Source: Council on Foreign Relations, October 18, 2005

What's the current strength of China's military? Experts say China has been steadily building up its strategic and conventional capabilities and preparing to project its influence into the western Pacific.

for more:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/9052/is_china_a_regional_military_threat.html

Developing World Spending More on Defense

Source: One World South Asia, June 17, 2004

NEW DELHI, Defense spending across the world, including cash-strapped developing countries, has spiraled, touching over US \$1000 billion in 2003 - a level last seen during the Cold War, says a new report.

for more: <http://southasia.oneworld.net/article/view/88386/1/>
