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DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Military Spending

U.S. defense industry's profits soaring along with global tensions

Led by Lockheed Martin, the biggest U.S. defense companies are trading at record prices as shareholders reap rewards from escalating military conflicts around the world. Investors see rising sales for makers of missiles, drones and other weapons as the U.S. hits Islamic State fighters in Syria and Iraq, said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Chicago-based BMO Private Bank.

Washington Should Stop Squandering "Defense" Dollars On Rich Allies And Failed States

America accounts for nearly 40 percent of globe's military outlays, but Republican Party hawks believe that the federal government never spends enough on the Pentagon. The war lobby's mantra always is more, much more.

France to cut 7,500 military jobs in new budget cuts

France is to slash 7,500 jobs in its military as a result of cuts to defence spending. An artillery regiment is to be scrapped, five warships are to be decommissioned and a military hospital to be restructured. The cuts are part of the government's efforts to reduce the budget deficit to three per cent of gross domestic product, as required by the European Commission, Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian explained.

Sweden vows to increase defence spending as capability questioned

Sweden's prime minister pledged to increase spending on defense in Thursday's budget as the Nordic country's search for a foreign submarine entered a fifth day. Sweden's new centre-left government has been placed in an awkward situation by the chase for the submarine – presumed to be Russian – as it is firmly against NATO membership and wants to focus more on co-operation with the UN rather than partnership with the western military alliance.

Moving from arms to renewables

What sort of future do we want to invest in? Last month's NATO summit offered a dystopian vision. Here, 'building stability' involved turning Cardiff and Newport into militarized zones, overtaken by security fences and armed police, while warplanes roared overhead. It also involved promoting the commercial interests of the weapons manufacturers that have been the main beneficiaries of NATO's militarism and force projection.

[Ebola's grim original secret: How capitalism and obscene military spending got us here](#)

This week stateside, the edge may be off the Ebola story for the U.S. news media, as those people in Dallas who were close to the late Thomas Eric Duncan emerge from their 21-day quarantine. The Obama administration has appointed an Ebola czar and the military is pulling together a kind of infectious disease SWAT team that can helicopter in the next time a "world-class" American hospital fumbles an Ebola case.

[Military and weapons expenses are out of control](#)

Where are the zealots of federal fiscal austerity when it comes to military spending? The same Republican national legislators that voted for reductions in the budgets of the Centers of Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health, which are now struggling with a coordinated response to the Ebola virus, have to do so with depleted resources.

[Combat VS. Climate: The Military and Climate Security Budgets Compared](#)

As the U.S. debates the President's plan for new military engagement, hundreds of thousands converged on New York to urge the world's nations to take stronger action against the threat of climate change. A new report connects these two issues, and finds that the gap between U.S. spending on traditional instruments of military force and on averting climate catastrophe has narrowed slightly. Between 2008 and 2013, the proportion of security spending on climate change grew from 1% of military spending to 4%.

Arms Trade

[Sweden To Shutter Arms Export Agency](#)

Operating as a division of the Defense Ministry, FXM's primary defense industry export promotion role came under the spotlight during government formation negotiations between the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the Green Party, following parliamentary elections held on Sept. 14.

Impacts of Weapons

[New United Nations depleted uranium resolution calls for states to help with clean-up](#)

The Non-Aligned Movement has submitted a fifth resolution on depleted uranium weapons (DU) at the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. As with previous years, new language has been added to the resolution. This year the wording includes a call for states to assist countries affected by the weapons.

[World in Chains – The Impact of Nuclear Weapons and Militarisation](#)

A familiar jibe aimed at people active in the nuclear disarmament movement is that they are engaged in a single-issue campaign. A simple answer has always been to hand: most of those active in anti-nuke work are also up to their eyes in other work for social change. However, this collection of essays adds another dimension to this response by cataloguing in detail the way that nukes are intrinsically linked to many other ills.

[Ukraine: Widespread Use of Cluster Munitions](#)

During a week-long investigation in eastern Ukraine, Human Rights Watch documented widespread use of cluster munitions in fighting between government forces and pro-Russian rebels in more than a dozen urban and rural locations. While it was not possible to conclusively determine responsibility for many of the attacks, the evidence points to Ukrainian government forces' responsibility for several cluster munition attacks on Donetsk.

[U.S. Sends Planes Armed with Depleted Uranium to Middle East](#)

The U.S. Air Force says it is not halting its use of Depleted Uranium weapons, has recently sent them to the Middle East, and is prepared to use them. A type of airplane, the A-10, deployed this month to the Middle East by the U.S. Air National Guard's 122nd Fighter Wing, is responsible for more Depleted Uranium (DU) contamination than any other platform, according to the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW).

MAKING PEACE



"Nelson Mandela and former President FW de Klerk hold their hands high as they address a huge crowd of people in front of the Union Building after Nelson Mandela become South Africa's first black president after more than three centuries of white rule. Pretoria, South Africa, May 10, 1994. Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk were jointly awarded the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize "for their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa".

Photo : Susumu Toshiyuki

Making Peace Photo- Exhibition Opens in South Africa

Making Peace opens in Cape Town on the 6th November 2014 with the opening ceremony taking place on the steps of the National Library of South Africa. Opening the exhibition will be Mr. F.W. de Klerk, Former South African President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1993) and Making Peace curator Ashley Woods. Supporting this presentation of the exhibition is the City of Cape Town together with the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Swiss Confederation. As such both country's Ambassadors will attend the opening which kicks-off at 10.45am with a performance by South African singer/songwriter Paige Mac.

The exhibition itself consisting of over 100 large outdoor panels mounted onto 2m stands, will be shown over a 3 month period along Government Avenue, which is centrally located next to the Houses of Parliament and one of the city's most busiest walkways. The Jewish Holocaust Museum, the South African National Gallery and Slave Lodge are all in close proximity.

Importantly the exhibition has been translated into Afrikaans and Xhosa languages to enable the local public and especially schools to use the images (and accompany Educator's Guide) for teaching purposes. For this we would once again like to thank Ms. Christa Tinari/Peace Praxis.

Following the presentation in Cape Town it is hoped that the exhibition will then travel to Pretoria the country's de facto national capital situated 55km north of Johannesburg.

<http://www.makingpeace.org/en/venues/2014/capetown>

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Worldwide deployments of nuclear weapons

As of mid-2014, the authors estimate that there are approximately 16,300 nuclear weapons located at some 98 sites in 14 countries. Roughly 10,000 of these weapons are in military arsenals; the remaining weapons are retired and awaiting dismantlement. Approximately 4,000 are operationally available, and some 1,800 are on high alert and ready for use on short notice.

Gensuikyo tell Japanese government it should initiate negotiations on a convention for a total ban and the elimination of nuclear weapons

The representatives of Japan Council against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo) had a meeting with the Foreign Ministry of the Japanese government on October 9, and requested the government to take the following 2 points of action so that the forthcoming NPT Review Conference will be a point of decisive turn to achieving a total ban and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Trillion Dollar Nuclear Triad

The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) announces the release of its latest publication, "[The Trillion Dollar Nuclear Triad: US Strategic Modernization over the Next Thirty Years](#)." The report concludes that the United States will likely spend over \$1 trillion during the next three decades to maintain its current nuclear arsenal and purchase their replacement systems. The necessary level of procurement spending, as a percentage of the defense budget, will peak at levels comparable to the Reagan-era build-up of nuclear forces.

Costly US nuclear arms revamp, tight cash call for tough choices

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel grabbed a ladder extending through the sleek black hull of the USS Tennessee at a Navy submarine base here and disappeared down the hatch for a close look at one of the Pentagon's most daunting budget issues. Kimball's Arms Control Association released a study last week titled "[The Unaffordable Arsenal](#)" detailing cost-cutting steps, many recommended by government oversight panels.

RESOURCES

Housmans Peace Diary 2015, with World Peace Directory

Every year we publish the world-renowned Housmans Peace Diary - this is the 62nd edition. It includes a World Peace Directory listing 1500 national and international peace, environment and human rights organisations from around the world. This year's special feature looks at the 100th anniversary of the international women's peace conference held in the midst of the First World War, and how it led to the foundation of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; and it looks at the century of women's anti-war activism since.

Peace history project - fascinating website on arms trade & peace movements

Arming all Sides conducted research into the arms trade before, during and after the First World War. The project aimed to compare and contrast the arms trade at the time with it now, in the run up to the First World War Centenary commemorations. Arming all Sides conducted research into the arms trade before, during and after the First World War.

MISCELLANEOUS

Security for the future – In search of a new vision

We are a group of people involved in peace-building work who are increasingly concerned about the future of peace and security here in the UK and worldwide. We would like to begin a public conversation about this in the

UK. We have outlined some initial thoughts on a vision for a more peaceful, less insecure world. A summary is below; the full text (8 pages) is at www.opendemocracy.net/ammerdown-invitation. These thoughts are just one contribution among many possible others; we would welcome your responses and your own ideas.

Secretary-General Appoints Jarmo Sareva of Finland Director of United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
 United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of Jarmo Sareva of Finland as Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for a period of one year. Mr. Sareva will succeed Theresa Hitchens of the United States to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for her dedicated service and able leadership of the Institute.



The International Peace Bureau is a non-profit association founded in 1891, the oldest international peace organization, dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. Our network includes 300 member organisations in 70 countries. Our current main programme centres on Disarmament for Sustainable Development and we campaign mainly on the reduction of military expenditure. We depend on your support to continue working on this and a range of other topics, including nuclear and conventional disarmament, arms trade, peace education, culture of peace and peace history.



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