

International Peace Bureau

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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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[MEDIA COVERAGE OF IPB'S AWARD TO BRADLEY MANNING](#)



29 July 2013—IPB's award of the 2013 Sean MacBride Peace Prize to U.S. whistleblower Bradley Manning has attracted considerable press coverage and favourable comments. One commentator summed it up: "*Thank you for giving Bradley Manning the award. Our own President should have given him a pardon.*" Meanwhile, Manning was given a second peace prize last week.

[IPB's TRIENNIAL PEACE CONFERENCE](#)



"The world is overarmed and peace is under-funded"

- Annual Sean MacBride Peace Prize ceremony
- 'Making Peace' – Photo-exhibition (in Nobel Museum)
- IPB Assembly and Council meeting

SEPTEMBER 13-15

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DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

MILITARY SPENDING

UNITED STATES

[YOU HELPED CUT THE PENTAGON BUDGET!](#)

By Peace Action

27 July 2013 — Peace Action (an IPB member organisation), with the support of its members and partners, succeeded in cutting several billion dollars from the proposed Pentagon budget for 2014. The biggest victory was found in the form of an amendment that cut 3.5 billion USD from the Afghanistan war. If you are American, please consider calling your member of Congress to voice your thoughts on how he or she voted!

[MILITARY LEADERS PAINT DIRE PICTURE OF BUDGET CUTS](#)

By Donna Cassata and Richard Lardner, Associated Press

1 August 2013 — Come January, the Pentagon faces a cut of \$54 billion from current spending, according to calculations by Capitol Hill budget aides. The base budget must be trimmed to \$498 billion, with cuts of about 4 percent, hitting already reduced spending on defense, nuclear weapons and military construction.

[NUKE THE BUDGET—WHY ARE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OFF THE BUDGET NEGOTIATING TABLE? THEY'RE WHERE WE SHOULD START](#)

By Tom Z. Collina, Foreign Policy

9 August 2013 —The Pentagon must dramatically cut its budget. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel warns the projected cuts are so large that they would "break" key parts of the military's national security strategy. In a strategic calculation, Nuclear weapons inherited from the Cold War and poorly suited to today's threats and must compete with other, higher priorities. Yet, Hagel, has already taken the U.S. nuclear weapons budget off the chopping block and started reductions to conventional forces that are more relevant to today's threats. At the heart of this decision there is a rooted misperception in American military and political establishment, regarding nuclear weapons' as essentially 'cheap'. On the contrary, independent estimates [\\$31 billion per year](#) that the US is spending on nuclear weapons, which include significant costs borne by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

[U.S. HOUSE APPROVES DEFENSE SPENDING BILL, KEEPS NSA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS ALIVE](#)

By John T. Bennett, Defense News

24 July 2013 — In late July, the U.S. House approved an overall spending bill that would provide the Pentagon with 600 billion USD next year, while refusing to limit the controversial NSA surveillance program PRISM.

DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

CANADA

[HARPER'S WAR LOBBY IS REACTING, SAYS CEASEFIRE CAMPAIGN](#)

By Ceasefire

Ceasefire.ca is a project of the Rideau Institute, a public policy research and advocacy group based in Ottawa and an IPB partner in the GDAMS. Since its inception, Ceasefire.ca has played crucial roles in many campaigns and recently engaged in a debate over the Canada's National Defence Strategy with The head of Canada's largest defence industry lobby association (Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries, also known as CADSI) Tim Page. This latter challenged Ceasefire.ca in a [700-word opinion piece](#) published in the Ottawa Citizen, arguing positively about the Conservative government's efforts to bolster Canadian export by increasing arms trade with developing countries like South Korea, Peru, Brazil and Chile. Steven Staples' (Ceasefire co-founder) [reply](#) was published on the same newspaper, questioning that selling guns to developing countries is the wisest and best way for Canada to make a buck.

BRAZIL

[THE BREAD TANK AT WORLD YOUTH DAY IN RIO — FIGHT THE HUNGER NOT WAR!](#)

Last year IPB worked with several other organisations to bring the now-famous tank covered with bread to the Rio + 20 Summit. It got a second outing during this year's World Youth Day, attended by Pope Francis and two million participants. The tank generated much wonderment and applause. This unique rolling sculpture, presented by the World Future Council, raises awareness of the fact that every ten seconds a child dies of malnutrition, whilst at the same time over \$1.7 billion are spent on arms and the military. The bread tank is a symbol to remind political stakeholders and the global public that by redirecting only 10 percent of military expenses, world hunger could be eliminated.

Weblinks:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/bread-tank-appears-in-rio-de-janeiro-8733927.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBreadTank>

<http://www.worldfuturecouncil.org/breadtank.html>

FRANCE

[FRANCE TO CUT MILITARY STAFF BY 12% IN SIX-YEAR BUDGET](#)

By Patrick Vignal and Alexandria Sage

2 August 2013 — France will cut nearly 34,000 military personnel under a proposed six-year defence budget to be unveiled on Friday, as government belt-tightening and a desire for more nimble forces alters the makeup of Europe's second-largest army. »

DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

[DEVELOPMENT AID: FRANCE WANTS TO TARGET AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN \(IN FRENCH\)](#)

By Reuters

1 August 2013—French policy development aid was reprioritized on July 31, 2013, when Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault received a report from the Interministerial Committee for International Cooperation and Development that allocated 85% of development funds to projects in Africa and the Mediterranean.

EUROPEAN UNION

[COMMUNICATION ON THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE AND SECURITY SECTOR 2013](#)

By the European Commission

24 July, 2013 — The newly released 'Defense Package' is designed to set out a modern policy and legislative framework to improve « competitiveness, introduce greater transparency and cut unnecessary red tape ». There are three documents describing what is needed to strengthen the internal defense market and support competitiveness: the European Commission Communication, Commission Staff Working Document, and a Citizen's Summary.

[AUSTERITY HYPOCRISY - MILITARY SPENDING IS SPARED THE CHOP](#)

By Amy Hall (CAAT), New Internationalist

July, 2013 — While bailout conditions impose austerity on debt-stricken southern European economies, demands to tighten the belt on military spending are not so vocal.

EGYPT

[THE EGYPTIAN ARMY'S ECONOMIC JUGGERNAUT](#)

By Dahlia Kholif, Al Jazeera

6 August 2013 — Since the political uprisings of 2011, Egypt's economy has been shrinking. To what extent has the Army's finance been affected by the general economic slowdown? It is difficult to estimate given the lack of transparency about army's budget, scrupulously kept away from civilian examination. Egypt's army remains 'the second-largest recipient of US aid money, reportedly receiving \$1.5 bn annually' although 'there is a large and possibly growing area of military commercial activity that is not transparent or fully accounted for'. How long will Egyptians tolerate the Army concealing their business, accounting for between 10 to 40 percent of the entire national economy? How long will this democratic deficit over military expenditure go on?

RUSSIA

[SINCE 2000, RUSSIA'S DEFENSE SPENDING HAS ALMOST TRIPLED](#)

By Mark Adomanis

1 August 2013 — Does that mean that Russia's conventional forces are formidable or that they've regained their Soviet-era peak? No. In comparison to the United States', and to those of other leading NATO members, Russia's armed forces are still unwieldy, poorly trained, and obsolete. But they're more maneuverable, *better* trained, and marginally more technologically advanced than they were 13 years ago.

IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT

[PETITION: DEPLETED URANIUM CAMPAIGN, #ACTFORIRAQ](#)

By International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW)

31 July 2013 — Last year, the WHO and the Iraqi Ministry of Health (MoH) began research into rates and distribution of birth defects in Iraq. Despite multiple delays in releasing the research, the BBC confirmed that there is a significant increase in birth defects around the areas of fighting in 2003. This data must be independently peer-reviewed through an open access journal

[NON-LETHAL FIREARM VIOLENCE RESEARCH NOTES](#)

By Small Arms Survey 2013

5 August 2013 — The Small Arms Survey has recently produced a research note exploring non-lethal firearm violence. The notes cover how the type of firearm and ammunition (as well as available medical care) influences the survivability of the injury, reviews existing literature on the subject, provides current estimates on the incidences of non-fatal gun injuries and discusses the direct and indirect consequences of these injuries.

ARMS TRADE

[MERKEL GETS FLAK FOR RECORD GULF ARMS SALES](#)

By The Local

7 August 2013 — Germany is sending millions of euros worth of tanks and howitzers to a region where governments have been accused of using force against their own citizens in violent crackdowns against dissent. Consequently, the Left Party has recently promoted a parliamentary enquiry to assess to what extent Chancellor Angela Merkel regards German arms industry interests as more important than human rights.

[PENTAGON PROPOSES \\$2.7 BN IN IRAQ ARMS SALES](#)

By Global Post

6 August 2013 — The Pentagon has notified the US Congress of \$2.7 billion in possible new sales to Iraq of air defense and communications systems. According to the Pentagon 'this capability will provide Iraq with the ability to contribute to regional air defenses and reduce its vulnerability to air attacks and also enhance interoperability between the government of Iraq, the US, and other allies'.

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT



Japanese Peace leader and former IPB vice president Hiroshi Taka present the result of ongoing signature campaign

[IPB CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST A&H BOMBS](#)

By Tomas Magnusson, IPB Co-President

The World Conference against A and H Bombs organised by [The Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs](#) in Hiroshima and Nagasaki this year was a great success – saying that may sound as a sort of polite and standard comment, but it is not! The conference during eight long days was remarkable in many ways, and a great memory. And a mobilization challenge for all of us who were there!.....

See [FULL REPORT](#) and [SPEECH \(1\)](#) and [SPEECH \(2\)](#), [SPEECH \(3, Japanese\)](#)

[PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT ACTIVE IN VARIOUS FORUMS](#)

By Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament

26 June 2013 — The PNND has provided updates to their work promoting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, which is now happening in over 80 countries! Highlights include: a movement in OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to promote nuclear disarmament, Co-President of the PNND being elected to the U.S. senate, new parliamentary actions for nuclear disarmament by the IPU, Sue Miller addressing the new OEWG, and actions for denuclearization in Northeast Asia.

[BLIND BIKERS' SPEECH AT THE 2013 WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST A AND H BOMBS](#)

By Tore Naerland, Bike for Peace

6 August 2013 — After telling of the personal experience that led him to found Bike for Peace, Tore Naerland appeals to the Nobel Committee of Norway to give the Nobel Peace Prize to the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the victims of nuclear testing in Semipalatinsk and Marshall Islands, and the victims of nuclear catastrophe of Chernobyl.

[BIKE FOR PEACE: AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 DAYS IN 2014](#)

By Bike for Peace

31 July 2013 — In 2014 Bike For Peace will organize a round the world in 90 days bike tour to continue its fight for a world free of nuclear weapons, a world when human respect and dignity is a common right for everyone and where we focus on all the things we have in common, where ever in the world we live. » IPB asks its members to kindly consider supporting this campaign by Bike for Peace, particularly in the countries of England, France, Italy, China, Japan and the USA.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REPORTS RELEASED FROM INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR MILITARY-FREE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH](#)

By War Resisters' International

July 25, 2013 — Reports have now been released from the first annual International Day of Action for Military-Free Education and Research on June 14th, 2013, organized by War Resisters' International. Activists in India, Germany, South Africa, Spain, Chile, the Congo, the USA and Israel called for a separation of the military from education.

[2013 FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS](#)

By International Fellowship of Reconciliation

1 August 2013 — IFOR's 2013 Fellowship School is now accepting applications! Young adults between the ages of 18 and 28 may apply for our 9-week nonviolence training and internship program to take place in Nyack, New York, USA. Beginning October 21 and ending December 21, this program offers each fellow an opportunity to develop and implement a local level project of his or her own design. Young adults from all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to apply.

[ISRAEL-PALESTINE: SHOW THE LEADERS THE ROAD TO PEACE](#)

By Professor Alon Ben-Meir

31 July 2013 — One of the 'fundamental tenets' for positive advance in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations is to cultivate trust between Israelis and Palestinians through people-to-people interactions. In this article Professor Ben-Meir explores some initiatives among the civil society that should constitute pragmatic benchmarks on the road to peace.

[THE ROAD AHEAD FOR AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS](#)

By Article 36

8 August 2013 — Article 36 is part of the [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#), which calls for an international agreement to prohibit 'fully autonomous weapons' – systems that would be able to identify and attack targets without direct human control. This short paper provides Article 36's assessment of the likely next steps for international discussion on the issue.

Read [August newsletter](#) or [join Article 36 mailing list](#) to receive latest articles and news.

A short new documentary of [ICRAC members](#) explaining why autonomous weapons should be prohibited.

RESOURCES

[INFERNAL MACHINES: IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES](#)

By Small Arms Survey 2013: Everyday Dangers

5 August 2013—In the Small Arms Survey 2013, chapter 10 discusses in detail the increased use of IEDs by insurgent forces, the tactics employed by insurgents, the consequences for civilians, and efforts to mitigate this threat. The chapter includes a series of interviews carried out with residents and a Taliban commander from Kandahar and Helmand, the Afghan provinces most severely affected by the use of IEDs.

[BULLETIN OF WORLD REPORT ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE—](#)

[August 2013](#)

By CPNN

1 August 2013—The Culture of Peace News Network (CPNN) is a project of the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace, initiated by the United Nations, where readers exchange information about events, experiences, books, music, and web news that promote a culture of peace.

This month CPNN Bulletin's focus is on initiatives for peace promoted by many cities affiliated to different international networks, such as Mayors for Peace, International Cities of Peace, The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, Peace Cities and Peace Towns and Villages.

[VOICES FROM THE PLAIN OF JARS](#)

By Alfred W. McCoy

An historic anti-war text, just republished. During the Vietnam War the United States government waged a massive, secret air war in neighboring Laos. Fred Branfman, an educational advisor living in Laos at the time, interviewed over 1,000 Laotian survivors. Shocked by what he heard and saw, he urged them to record their experiences in essays, poems, and pictures. *Voices from the Plain of Jars* was the result of that effort. These voices also speak today for countless unseen victims of ever-expanding, lawless, inhuman and hidden U.S. war-making.

'MAKING PEACE' EXHIBITION

[MAKING PEACE PHOTO EXHIBITION—LATEST NEWS](#)

By Ashley Woods, curator

Making Peace recently received the support of the organising committee of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates who were meeting in Rome. This we hope will allow us the possibility of presenting Making Peace in future host cities. This year's Summit is set to take place in Poland from 19 - 23 October 2013. <http://www.nobelforpeace-summits.org>

On 13 September Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jody Williams will be giving a special talk and presentation at the Nobel Museum, Stockholm (SE) where Making Peace is on show until 17 November.

Elsewhere preparations for 2014 are under way to present Making Peace in the UK (Manchester & London) in partnership with International Alert, the Mines Advisory Group and Mayors for Peace; in France (Strasbourg) in partnership with the Council of Europe and the International Institute of Human Rights as well as the University of Strasbourg (the largest in France); and in Bosnia Herzegovina (Sarajevo) in partnership with Caritas Switzerland, the University of Utrecht and the University of Sarajevo.

In 2015 we are planning to present Making Peace in the USA, where we are in discussion with the local city authorities of Atlanta and Chicago, both of whom have strong historical ties to the peace movement.

If you feel that your city would be interested in presenting Making Peace, please do let us know.

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