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*The Calendar is available as a separate document*

*Note: IPB has 8 websites now! See list at [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org)*

**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 -- 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 (first-ever) **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. 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.** See <http://www.demilitarize.org/>

**NEW IPB PUBLICATION: Brochure 'What does development cost?' + poster - for Global Day of Action on Military Spending**

January 26 - IPB today published its new 20pp brochure 'What does development cost?' (+poster) which is a contribution to the planning for the **Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS)**.

>>See: <http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/GDAMS-Brochure.pdf>

>>See: <http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/GDAMS-BigPoster.pdf>

You will also find here the ***Invitation to participate*** which we ask readers to pass on to any others who might be interested.

>> See: <http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/GDAMS-INVITE-Letter-12-Dec.pdf>

**NOTE: The text of the invitation is now available in : Arabic – Dutch - French – German - Italian – Spanish at <http://demilitarize.org/background-information/>**

As you can see from the map and listing at: <http://demilitarize.org/action-events/>, the idea is spreading far and wide and we are excited to see that many different events are being planned in a large number of cities. The coming GDAMS newsletters will give details of these.. (See full version of cover letter, with **discussion of MDG cost estimates**):

>>See:<http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/GDAMS-brochure-cover-%20letter.%20doc.pdf>

NOTE: Hard copies of all above documents are being posted to IPB members and others early Feb.

### **Remembering Eisenhower's Farewell Address**

*By David Krieger*

January 13: January 17, 2011 will be the 50th anniversary of President Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the nation in which he warned of the dangers of the unwarranted influence of the military-industrial complex. Eisenhower believed that the only way to assure that the military-industrial complex can be meshed "with our peaceful methods and goals" is through "an alert and knowledgeable citizenry." "Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose. Because this need is so sharp and apparent, I confess that I lay down my official responsibilities in this field with a definite sense of disappointment." The US arsenal increased under his watch from approximately 1,400 in 1953 to over 20,000 in 1960. I suspect that he would be even more disappointed today..

>>See: [http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db\\_article.php?article\\_id=194](http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=194)

### **Report: IPB participates in INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: FOR CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE SECURITY SECTOR (Seoul)**

*From newsletter no. 35 of the Global Article 9 Campaign to Abolish War*

January, 10 - On November 17-18, 2010, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy and the Center of Peace and Law of the Institute of Legal Studies of Inha University, in partnership with the Pacific Freeze, Peace Network and Civil Peace Forum, organized an international workshop as part of the Asia-Pacific Freeze Campaign, aimed at reducing military spending in a region characterized by remnant Cold War tensions and a constant arms race. John Feffer from IPS called for "a coordinated freeze and then reduction in military spending among the countries that were involved in the Six Party Talks." Colin Archer from IPB encouraged participants to participate in the Global Day of Action on Military Spending, to be held on April 12, 2011.

>>See <http://www.article-9.org/en/index.html>

Call for Peace and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific Region & Establishment of a N-E Asia NWFZ: >>See <http://blog.peoplepower21.org/English/20966>

Peace Boat/Article 9 Campaign's Kawasaki Akira's presentation on Japan's security policies:

>>See <http://blog.peoplepower21.org/English/20982>

Peace Depot's Yuasa Ichiro's call for civilian control of the security sector:

>>See <http://blog.peoplepower21.org/English/20990>

## **Analysis of military spending in members' countries**

*From WILPF*

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) looked at the price of militarism for the '16 days of activism against gender violence' in December 2010. WILPF gathered information about the military expenditures of countries from their member sections to highlight the enormity of the allocations given for security when looked at from a purely military perspective. The responses are a snapshot of the inequalities in budgetary allocation.

>>See <http://wilpfinternational.org/peace/16days.html>

>>See [http://www.wilpfinternational.org/disarmament/militaryspending\\_toolkit.html](http://www.wilpfinternational.org/disarmament/militaryspending_toolkit.html)

>>See <http://www.wilpfinternational.org/disarmament/article26.html>

>>See <http://www.wilpfinternational.org/PDF/EconomicJustice/YouGetWhatYouPayFor.pdf>

## **Efficiency in death: Military spending & disinvestment campaigns go back to 1970**

*By James Ledbetter*

January 14 - In this excerpt from "*Unwarranted Influence: Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Military-Industrial Complex*" author James Ledbetter details the increasingly cozy relationship between military and big business in the 20th century. Here, Ledbetter explains how activists in the Vietnam era sought to use the tools of finance to punish companies whose products, like napalm, they found immoral..

>>See:<http://money.cnn.com/2011/01/14/news/companies/eisenhower-ledbetter-unwarranted-influence.fortune/>

>>See <http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/book.asp?isbn=9780300153057>

## **US the Biggest Supplier of Major Conventional Weapons to the Gulf (SIPRI Report)**

December 26 - US has emerged as the biggest supplier of major conventional weapons to the Gulf countries between 2005 and 2009, according to a recent research published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).. "The volume of arms imported by the UAE has increased significantly in the past decade and the country is likely to remain a major arms importer in the coming years," researchers Carina Solmirano and Pieter Wezeman said in their paper titled '*Military spending and arms procurement in the Gulf states*'.

>>See:<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/us-is-gulf-region-s-top-weapons-supplier-sipri-369338.html>

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

## **Key launch dates for the SIPRI Yearbook 2011**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute will this year be releasing its annual data in a different way. Note the following dates..

>>See: <http://www.sipri.org/media>

## **Billions to be spent on new Trident before MPs are even asked to back plans**

*From Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK*

Responding to the Defence Secretary's confirmation to the Commons that parts of the proposed Trident replacement submarines will be purchased ahead of the 'main gate'

decision point, CND called on the government to live up to its own promises over openness and accountability.

>>See: <http://www.cnduk.org/index.php/20110131994/press-releases/trident/billions-to-be-spent-on-new-trident-before-mps-are-even-asked-to-back-plans.html>

## B IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT

### **Sounds of Summer: Deadly legacy of US cluster bombs in Laos**

*By Joanna McCarthy*

January 11 - From 1964 and 1973, the US dropped 260 million cluster sub-munitions on Laos in a covert mission to destroy North Vietnamese supply lines. 80 million unexploded bombs were scattered across the Laos countryside. The bombs have killed or maimed more than 20,000 people since the war ended. This year, Australia signed a new international treaty banning the use of cluster bombs. Mr Lampany, Lao survivor: “..Please stop. It is very dangerous. I know that because I have been disabled for more than 30 years. I don't want another generation to face the same problem. We cannot change the past but we can change the future.”

>>See: <http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2011/s3111191.htm>

>>See: <http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/news/audio/twt/201101/20110112-SOS-loas-bombs.mp3>

### **LAOS: Female Deminers Attract Fans but Little Funding**

*From Legacies Of War*

January 4 – In the two years since the Laos government set up the first team of women clearing unexploded ordnance (UXO), they have had lots of attention, but this has not translated into increased funding, says the UN, which is supporting government programmes. “It was quite in vogue with donors to have all-female teams,” said John Dingley, the UN’s senior technical adviser working with the government’s UXO Lao clearance programme. “But more than that, these are good jobs and we want to create as many opportunities as possible for women in post-conflict settings.”

>>See: <http://legaciesofwar.org/news/irin-laos-female-deminers-attract-fans-but-little-funding/>

### **S.Korea: Jeju Island Continues to Protest Against the Construction of a Naval Base**

*From Global Article 9 Campaign newsletter no. 36, January*

Protests continue on Jeju Island, South Korea - also known in the region as the peace island - where the US and South Korean government’s plan to build a navy base. This winter as construction begins, neither snow, wind or a below-zero temperature have discouraged villagers of Gangjeong from protesting against the construction of the naval base, which threatens to bring more conflict in the region, as well as destroy soft coral habitats listed by the UNESCO as world heritage environmental sites, and disrupt fishing and the way of life of the people of Jeju Island.

>>See <http://nobasestorieskorea.blogspot.com/search/label/Jeju%20Naval%20Base>

>>See <http://space4peace.blogspot.com/>

## **Final version press release on EU Arms Export Report**

Here is the final version of the recent European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT) press release on the XII EU Report. "The high value and percentage of arms export licences to countries in the South is a deeply worrying trend", said Giorgio Beretta of ENAAT. "The EU report does not comment on this aspect but it should be carefully evaluated by national Parliaments. This should be done without delay since EU member country governments are implementing new policies to facilitate arms transfers."

>>See: [http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/373081/813529084/name/ENAAT\\_PressRelease\\_01Feb2011.doc](http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/373081/813529084/name/ENAAT_PressRelease_01Feb2011.doc)

## 2. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

### **New Signature Campaign "Appeal for a Total Ban on Nuclear Weapons"**

*By Hiroshi Taka, Japan Council against A&H Bombs*

In order for the current worldwide momentum for the abolition of nuclear weapons to develop further and bear fruit, we are planning to launch a new signature campaign in February 2011, calling on all the governments of the world to take action to totally ban nuclear weapons. In May 2010, the 189 parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), including the Nuclear weapons States, agreed "to achieve the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons". Now is the time to act to accomplish it.

>>See: <http://www.antiatom.org/>

>>See: <http://www.mail-archive.com/greenyouth@googlegroups.com/msg12528.html>

### **Japan: IPB members call for Nuclear-Free Zone**

*From IPS*

January 18 - Defusing the North Korean crisis can be achieved with a bolder military alliance, say Japan, South Korea and the United States. But peace proponents beg to differ, arguing that inclusion and engagement with the Stalinist state and its ally China is the only way to build trust and lay the foundation for stability at long last in East Asia. Peace activists [including IPB members Peace Depot] interviewed by IPS express alarm at the latest moves in the region - flexing of military muscle through the joint exercises in the Yellow Sea by South Korea and the United States last month in retaliation against a North Korean attack.

>>See: <http://www.ipsterraviva.net/UN/news.asp?idnews=54174>

### **April 26, 2011: 25th Anniversary of Chernobyl**

It's time for groups and activists all over the world to plan protests and actions to mark the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe. Each year, the French anti-nuclear network "Sortir du nucléaire" has issued a call to action on Chernobyl Day. In support of this call, U.S. organizations Nukewatch and the Nuclear Resister invite you to organize public protest and/or nonviolent direct action/civil resistance in your area, or participate in other events or actions being planned on or around April 26. NO to nuclear power, nuclear weapons, nuclear testing, uranium mining and radioactive waste and YES to a nuclear-free future!

>>See: <http://www.nukeresister.org/2010/11/23/plan-now-for-chernobyl-anniversary-international-day-of-action-for-a-nuclear-free-future/#more-982>

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS

#### **International Colloquium on occasion of the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Alfred Hermann Fried (IPB Council member) – OCT. 2011**

Alfred Fried is said to be the founder of peace journalism. He was also a close colleague of Bertha von Suttner, IPB pioneer and the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. So the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Fried (1911) is an excellent opportunity to explore what peace journalism means in our own time.

Organizer: IPB jointly with our German member organisation Cooperation for Peace

Location: Potsdam, City Hall

Date: 29 October 2011, one day. To be followed by IPB Council Meeting Oct. 30

>>See: [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1911/fried-bio.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1911/fried-bio.html)

>>See: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred\\_Hermann\\_Fried](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Hermann_Fried)

#### **Remembering Jan Kamenju, small arms activist**

*From IANSA.* We are sad to learn that Rt. Col. Jan Kamenju, long term IANSA member and director of Security Research & Information Centre in Kenya was recently shot during a carjacking. He died at the Forces Memorial Hospital, Nairobi...It is very unfortunate that Kamenju died before he fulfilled his dreams in the fight against small arms, one of which was to develop and integrate small arms plans in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda, and expand that to other countries. Full article + photo of Kamenju on his horse:

>>See: <http://www.iansa.org/kamenju.htm>

### 4. RESOURCES

#### **Disarming States: The International Movement to Ban Landmines**

*By Ken Rutherford*

A project in the works for more than a decade, Dr Ken Rutherford's latest book is a comprehensive, chronological narrative tracing the history of the international movement to ban anti-personnel landmines. The book explores this grassroots campaign, examining its success and how the lessons learned can be applied to other global challenges. Dr. Rutherford writes, "This project is a result of my own experiences and from viewing the campaign to ban landmines from the academic perspective, which increased my supposition that the movement was a unique political event."

>> See [http://www.amazon.com/Disarming-States-International-Movement-Landmines/dp/0313393966/ref=sr\\_1\\_1/187-9972053\\_3500026?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1295342608&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Disarming-States-International-Movement-Landmines/dp/0313393966/ref=sr_1_1/187-9972053_3500026?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1295342608&sr=1-1)

#### **Disarmament Forum: Civil Society and Nuclear Disarmament**

*From UNIDIR*

The international political environment is at its most receptive point in decades to the concept of nuclear disarmament and abolition. It is also widely perceived that the objective of nuclear abolition will take some time to reach—witness President Barack Obama's often quoted 2009 Prague Declaration that a world without nuclear weapons is a goal that will not be reached quickly, and will take patience and persistence to achieve. This issue of Disarmament Forum considers the question of civil society and nuclear abolition. The expert contributions to this issue include a number of IPB members and colleagues.

>> See <http://www.unidir.ch/pdf/articles/pdf-art3035.pdf>

>> See [http://www.unidir.ch/html/en/disarmament\\_forum.php](http://www.unidir.ch/html/en/disarmament_forum.php)

### **Peace Movements Worldwide. History, Psychology, and Practices**

*Published by Praeger, 1 edition*

"From Veterans for Peace to the Nonviolent Peace Force, from UN initiatives to local actions by women in Colombia and Kenya, and from citizen diplomats to creative conflict resolvers to survivors of genocide, this set tells the stories of ideas, people, and worldwide organizations striving to help humanity realize its never-ending yearning for peace." The publishers say this is "the most comprehensive work of its kind on this important subject". Experts document the history and growth of the peace movement, why it is important, who gets involved, and how it can succeed. The work examines every facet of human striving for peace, from the global to the personal.

>>See: <http://www.amazon.com/Movements-Worldwide-volumes-Contemporary-Psychology/dp/0313364788>

>> See: [www.afww.org](http://www.afww.org)

### **Small Arms Survey 2010. Gangs, groups, and guns**

*From Small Arms Survey, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*

The Small Arms Survey 2010 reviews a range of issues related to gangs and armed groups, focusing on their use of violence, as well as emerging efforts to address the damage they inflict on society. The volume includes studies of prison gangs, girls in gangs, and pro-government groups; it also features case studies from Ecuador and Southern Sudan. Rounding out the book is original research on the global ammunition trade and options for controlling illicit firearm transfers by air..

>> See: [www.smallarmssurvey.org](http://www.smallarmssurvey.org)

>>See: <http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/publications/by-type/yearbook/small-arms-survey-2010.html>

### **In Their Words : Perspectives of Armed non-State Actors on the Protection of Children from the Effects of Armed Conflict**

*From Geneva Call*

Even though almost all current armed conflicts involve one or more armed non-State actors (NSAs), the international community knows little about their willingness to comply with international standards on children and armed conflict, or the challenges they face in doing so. And yet NSA compliance is crucial for improving the global protection of children. *In Their Words* provides aims to promote a more constructive basis for discussion between the international community and NSAs with the hope that children will be the ultimate beneficiaries.

>> See: [http://www.genevacall.org/resources/research/f-research/2001-2010/2010\\_GC\\_CANSA\\_InTheirWords.pdf](http://www.genevacall.org/resources/research/f-research/2001-2010/2010_GC_CANSA_InTheirWords.pdf)

### **Peace Women E-News Issue 121: An Active Agenda for Women's Advocates in 2011**

*From WILPF*

The 121st edition of Peace Women E-News features women, peace and security news, events and resources from [peacewomen.org](http://www.peacewomen.org). The last edition focuses on the subject of sexual violence against women in honor of the 16 Day Campaign and the new Security

Council Resolution (1960) on sexual violence in conflict.

>> See : [http://www.peacewomen.org/publications\\_eneews\\_issue.php?id=150](http://www.peacewomen.org/publications_eneews_issue.php?id=150)

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