



# International Peace Bureau

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## Disarmament for Development Programme

In 2005 IPB launched a major new programme, designed to reflect widespread public concern at the rapid rise in global military spending (now totalling \$1204 billion); and the evidence that weapons -- such as small arms, cluster bombs, landmines -- seriously impede sustainable development. Post 9-11, the failure of military solutions should be obvious to all. IPB advocates reductions in defence budgets and the adoption of a 'human security' approach. Activities organised in pursuit of these goals include: seminars, publications, website, e-newsletter, exhibitions and a short film. National and international networks are gradually being developed.

## Six women Nobel Peace Prize winners condemn Iraq oil law

Nobel peace laureates denounced the US government influence on the passage of the Iraqi oil law. According to the laureates, the passage of the Iraqi oil law in US terms will only benefit foreign companies and bring more instability to Iraq.

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[http://www.upi.com/Energy/Briefing/2007/06/20/nobel\\_laureates\\_condemn\\_iraq\\_oil\\_law\\_us/6357/](http://www.upi.com/Energy/Briefing/2007/06/20/nobel_laureates_condemn_iraq_oil_law_us/6357/)

## IANSAs global week of action against gun violence

The IANSA Week of Action against gun violence was organized between 11 - 17 June. Members around the world demanded governments to pass bills that will guarantee the security of their citizens. Members also highlighted the human cost of arms proliferation.

More... [http://www.iansa.org/campaigns\\_events/woa2007/index.htm](http://www.iansa.org/campaigns_events/woa2007/index.htm)

## Control Arms media release: Governments rally behind global Arms Treaty

The latest Control Arms media release comments on the end of the UN consultation with governments on an Arms Trade Treaty. It highlights the success of the People's Consultations in more than 50 countries around the world.

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## World Peace Council supports the UN 4<sup>th</sup> special session on disarmament

At their meeting in Brussels on 15th June, the World Peace Council supports efforts of the General Assembly of the United Nations to convene the 4th Special Session on Disarmament. The Council urges the cooperation and participation of civil society in the discussions and planning for the Special Session.

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<http://www.wpc-in.org>

### **INES seminar report: another science, other technologies are possible**

IPB Board member Reiner Braun wrote the following report on a Berlin seminar organised by INES (International Network of Engineers and Scientists for global responsibility) and WFSW (World Federation of Scientific Workers) from May 31st - June 1st:

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<http://www.inesglobal.com/>

### **Money pledged by the West is not made available to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

Speaking to delegates at the Local Governments' International Mid-Term Evaluation Conference on the U.N. Millennium Development Goals which ended in Rome, Jeffrey Sachs, Head of the Earth Institute at New York's Columbia University criticized inadequate financing by developed countries. According to him, donors need to be helped to understand that the MDGs "are not just nice ideas"

More... <http://ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=38292>

## **Weapons of Mass Destruction**

### **Nuclear test prevented by citizens**

IPB member organization the Movement de la Paix helped to prevent a new French nuclear test. According to a press release, the French government was to test a new missile M51 capable of carrying nuclear warhead for over a distance of 6000km.

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### **European Left workshop: the dangers from the US "anti-missile shield" for Europe, Rostock, 5-7 June 2007**

The European Left which stands as an alternative European movement against G8, held a seminar at Rostock on 5 - 7 June 2007. They called for the mobilization against the US "Anti Missile Shield" in Europe and support for a comprehensive nuclear disarmament and nuclear free Europe

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### **European Youth Disarmament Competition**

European youths under the age of 28 are requested to join a competition to campaign for nuclear disarmament. To be part of BANg and Peace Boat's global campaign to raise awareness on nukes among youths, they can create card through photography, drawing, paints and using graphic design programmes on the computer.

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[www.postcards.BANg-europe.org](http://www.postcards.BANg-europe.org)

## Others

### IPB consultant receives high award from government of Québec

We are delighted to announce that our IPB Consultant from Québec, Prof Jules Dufour of the Université du Québec à Chicoutim has been awarded the province's highest honour, the Chevalier de l'ordre national du Québec. The award is in recognition of his long professional engagement in issues of peace, environment, and sustainable development.

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En français: <http://www.ordre-national.gouv.qc.ca/>

### A new NGO report on the war and occupation in Iraq

Prepared by Global Policy Forum and co-sponsored by 30 NGOs, this report draws on a wide variety of sources including official reports. It provides a unique and compelling approach to understanding the conflict, with an emphasis on violations of international law by the US Coalition.

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<http://www.globalpolicy.org/security/issues/iraq/occupation/report/index.htm>

### Blair's last day: protest in Downing Street

The latest edition of the UK Stop the War Coalition newsletter presents three very interesting articles which include: the Blair's last day and protest in Downing Street, the demonstration in Manchester which more than 5000 people took part; the next role of Tony Blair.

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<http://www.stopwar.org.uk>

### UN declares creation of International Day of Nonviolence

The United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe the International Day of Nonviolence each year on October 2 - the anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the spiritual and political leader of India who led the struggle for India's independence from the British Empire.

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[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/200706/16/content\\_895617.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/200706/16/content_895617.htm)

### Job opportunity - INES is looking for an Activities Coordinator

INES is looking for a dynamic and innovative coordinator of its activities. The coordinator is responsible for supporting and promoting projects within the INES network, including fundraising and creating and tracking budgets. She/he represents INES in joint projects with other organisations. More... <http://www.inesglobal.com/>

## Resources

### Peace Action: past, present, and future

Edited by Glen Harold Stassen and Lawrence S. Wittner, this book is an excellent collection of short essays written by prominent leaders. It illuminates the history and the local, national, and international role of Peace Action (the largest peace organization in the US) including the ongoing protests against the war in Iraq and call for a negotiated resolution of nuclear issues in Iran and North Korea. The book is also designed as a money-raising venture for Peace Action, who is now selling them for \$15 each. We encourage IPB member groups to purchase the book directly through Peace Action, if that is feasible

Click here [More](#), web link: [www.paradiqmpublisher.com](http://www.paradiqmpublisher.com)

### Newsletters

IPB receives many e-newsletters, both from our members and non-member organisations. Click [here](#) for a list with hyperlinks.

## Calendar

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