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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 \$1118 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.

Overwhelming Majority of World's Governments Vote to Start Work on an International Arms Trade Treaty

October 26: Today at the United Nations, the majority of the world's governments took the first step towards a global Arms Trade Treaty to prevent international arms transfers that fuel conflict, poverty and serious human rights violations. The vote comes three years after the launch of a campaign that has seen over a million people in 170 countries calling for a Treaty. [Read more...](#)

Economics of climate change and military spending

Kat Barton and David Gee of Quaker Peace & Social Witness write: I hope the following is useful. It shows that resources squandered on the military every year would be more than enough to implement the recommendations of this week's Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change. [Read more...](#) [View Stern report.](#)

UK: Truth behind Controversial Saudi Arms Deal

October 28: The government was yesterday scrambling to recover secret documents containing evidence suggesting corrupt payments were made in Britain's biggest arms deal. The documents, published in full today by the Guardian, detail for the first time how the price of Tornado warplanes was inflated by £600m in the 1985 Al Yamamah deal with Saudi Arabia. [Read more...](#)

Israel Admits it Used Phosphorus Weapons

The Israeli government has admitted that it used controversial phosphorus weapons in its attacks against targets during its month long war in Lebanon this summer. The chemical can be used in shells, missiles and grenades and causes horrific burning when it comes into contact with human flesh. [Read more...](#)

UK: New Report from Department for International Development Warns that Wars Cancel Out Aid Spending

The cost of a single war in the developing world is equal to two-thirds of the total global aid budget, according to a report by MPs published today. It warns that any increase in hostilities could wipe out the impact of the aid commitments pledged at Gleneagles in 2005 and that violent conflict in Africa "severely challenges" the

achievement of the United Nations' millennium development goals. [Read more...](#)
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Norway Advocate International Prohibition Against Cluster Munitions

30 October: In the view of the Norwegian government, cluster munitions violate the Geneva conventions' prohibition against indiscriminate weapons and the principle of proportionality, that is to say they cause damage that is disproportionate to the military advantage gained. The Norwegian government therefore advocated an international prohibition against the use of such weapons in its inaugural address to parliament. [Read more...](#)

Altermondes – Articles on Disarmament and Development

The latest edition of the French magazine has published two important articles on military disarmament and development. The first article argues for development, democratisation and disarmament in the face of increasing international military spending, while the second article focuses on disarmament as a question of survival within the Indian subcontinent. [Further information.](#)

Weapons of Mass Destruction

IPB Statement on North Korean Test

Geneva, October 27, 2006: IPB is deeply concerned about North Korea's Oct. 9 nuclear test, and the reactions from other states. The DPRK has insisted that developing nuclear arms is for its self-defence, but conducting a test is a highly provocative and dangerous step. It is also anachronistic, going against the growing international current seeking the abolition of nuclear weapons. Only last month, the Central Asia region was declared a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone. [Read more...](#)

Nagasaki Appeal 2006

Keiko Nakamura from [Peace Depot](#), Japan writes: "The 3rd Nagasaki Global Citizens' Assembly" was held for 3 days from Oct 21-23 in Nagasaki. Participants from all over the world had an earnest discussion how to pursue the goals of world peace and the elimination of nuclear weapons. [Read more...](#)

The Bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki– An Exciting Site to Link to

You are invited to link to the website of Takashi Tanemori, atomic bomb survivor and CEO of the Silkworm Peace Institute. The site contains a wealth of information about the bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki, its effect on civilians, including many graphic films for adults and children, plus many educational posters. [Visit website](#)

IPB Internal News

IPB Activist Assassinated in Nigeria

IPB secretariat heard recently that Vincent Makanju, Director of the Peace Education Centre in Ile-Ife, (IPB member organisation) was tragically murdered on 11 October. Vincent was active on many fronts: trying to quell inter-ethnic violence on Nigeria's campuses, campaigning against small arms, and organising large scale peace education programmes. His most visible contribution to IPB's work was to organise the participation in the cultural programme of the 2004 Barcelona Forum conference of a large group of African drummers and dancers. Our deep sympathies go this family and colleagues at the University and the Peace Education Centre. [Read more...](#)

Other

In memoriam: Adam Curle

It is with great regret that we announce the death of one of the Oxford Research Group's longest standing Patrons, Professor Adam Curle. He died peacefully at his London home on Thursday 29th September 2006. An academic, psychologist, teacher and international mediator, Adam Curle worked quietly and unobtrusively for peace for more than half a century, risking his life many times to stop wars. [Read more...](#)

In memoriam: Sarah Meek

IPB Secretariat is sad to learn of the tragic death of Sarah Meek, in a car accident near Pretoria, South Africa, on 26 October 2006. Sarah worked for many years at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in South Africa. Prior to that she was with International Alert in London, at the UN in New York and the Monterey Institute for International Studies in California. She was also associated with the Bio-Weapons Prevention Programme and UNIDIR in Geneva. Her life has touched the lives of very many people working for peace and human security in many parts of the world. An impressive set of testimonials and photo can be found at the [ISS memorial page](#).

Resources

60 Women contributing to the 60 Years of UNESCO - Constructing the Foundations for Peace: edited by Ingeborg Breines & Hans d'Orville

One of the new IPB Vice Presidents, Ingeborg Breines, a UNESCO veteran, who has served UNESCO in leading positions in Oslo, Paris, Islamabad and now Geneva, was the key speaker at the (first) launch event of a new book in Oslo last week. The book brings a fascinating range of voices of prominent peace women from all over the globe, including Beatty Reardon, Vigdis Finnbogadottir and Anaisabel Prera Flores. The paper version can be ordered from UNESCO (Euro 16 or \$ 20 - 292 pp), or [downloaded here](#).

Small Arms and Security - New Emerging International Norms: by Denise Garcia

This book examines the emergence of new international norms to govern the spread of small arms, and the extent to which these norms have been established in the policies and practices of states, regions and international organisations. It also attempts to establish criteria for assessing norm emergence, and to assess the process of norm development by comparing what actually happens at the multilateral level.

[Routledge](#), 2006, ISBN: 0415770513 272pp, hb - £65.00

People, Power and Protest Since 1945 - A Bibliography of Non-violent Action: compiled by April Carter, Howard Clark, Michael Randle

Those who argue that the world can be changed for the better without resort to weapons are frequently told that their ideas are just a fantasy. This book provides non-violent activists with a 200 page-long response to such challenges. It covers almost a thousand sources – case histories from around the world, as well as some of the underlying theory – and is much more than just a list.

[Housmans](#), 2006, 200pp, £7.50

Kings of Peace, Pawns of War: edited by Harriet Martin

This book follows the race against time of six top international peace-brokers trying to end some of the world's most intractable conflicts, and exposes the murky reality behind the struggle to end war. Drawing on unparalleled access, the book documents the games of diplomatic chess and intrigue from the perspective of senior mediators such as Alvaro de Soto and Lakhdar Brahimi.

[Continuum International Publishing](#), 2006, ISBN: 0826490573, hb - £14.99

Armed Conflict Database from The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Compiled by the IISS Defence Analysis Department, one of the world's leading authorities on political military issues, the *Armed Conflict Database* (ACD) features fast, objective, up-to-date coverage of over seventy armed conflicts and ongoing terrorist activities impacting the global political scene. www.iiss.org/acd

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- [*UNIDIR Highlights*](#)
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