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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.

U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense Spending May Double

U.S. analysts have determined that annual Pentagon missile defence costs will nearly double by 2016. The analysts were from the Centre for Defence Information, a liberal-leaning Washington think tank. Their conclusions were based on a study of a Congressional Budget Office report released last month. Currently, annual U.S. Department of Defence missile defence expenditures are about \$10 billion. [More...](#)

Cost of Iraq War Keeps Rising

The U.S. armed services have requested a \$160 billion supplemental appropriation to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the remainder of fiscal year 2007 - a staggering amount that, if approved by the Defence Department, may hasten the showdown between resurgent congressional Democrats and the Bush administration over the budget-busting War on Terror. [More...](#) Furthermore, two scholars, one a Nobel Prize winner, revisit their estimate of the true cost of the Iraq war - and find that \$2 trillion was too low. [More...](#)

UNDP Report: World Water and Sanitation Crisis Urgently Needs a Global Action Plan

A Global Action Plan under G8 leadership is urgently needed to resolve a growing water and sanitation crisis that causes nearly two million child deaths every year, says the 2006 Human Development Report. The report estimates the total additional cost of achieving the Millennium Development Goals on access to water and sanitation—to be sourced domestically and internationally—at about \$10 billion a year. “The \$10 billion price tag for the MDG seems a large sum—but it has to be put in context. It represents less than five days’ worth of global military spending... [More...](#)

Statement by the Cluster Munition Coalition to the Third Review Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons

8 Nov, Geneva: “I will speak today with two of the CMC members who live in countries affected by cluster munitions and who experience the day-to-day horror of these weapons. Many CMC members from affected countries have travelled to Geneva this week to share their experiences of cluster munitions with us here.

Their presence attests to the determination of civil society to achieve a meaningful humanitarian response to this urgent concern..." [More...](#)

Corporate Mercenaries

A new War on Want report attacks the British government for its growing use of mercenaries in war zones like Iraq while failing to curb their human rights abuses. It reveals that no prosecutions have followed hundreds of accounts of personnel from private military and security firms committing abuses in Iraq. [Report...](#)

Economics of Climate Change and Military Spending

Kat Barton and David Gee, Joint Managers of the Peace & Disarmament Programme at 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..." [More...](#)

PRIO Report: Integrating Development into the UN Programme of Action Process

The expert seminar 'Integrating Development into the UN Programme of Action Process' was held in Oslo on 22-23 March 2006. The purpose of the expert seminar was to elaborate concrete proposals on how to address the negative impacts of small-arms proliferation and violence on sustainable development within the implementation process of the UN Programme of Action To Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. [More...](#)

Statement by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines to the Third Review Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons

Geneva 15 November 2006: "As most of you are aware, ICBL shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. I would like to read a message written by 6 of our fellow Nobel laureates: Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Wangari Maathai, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan Maguire. These are 6 of the 7 women laureates in the world today and we feel certain that the 7th, Aun San Suu Kyi would be supportive as well, were she not still under house arrest in Burma..." [More...](#)

Weapons of Mass Destruction

Germany, Norway, Urge US & Russia to Scrap Nukes

Berlin, Nov 10: Reuter's reports that Germany and Norway urged the United States and Russia to take heed of North Korea's nuclear test and resume negotiations on dismantling their atomic arsenals to prevent a collapse of the non-proliferation regime. In a joint editorial to be published on Saturday by Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and his Norwegian counterpart Jonas Gahr-Store warned that North Korea's atomic test proved it was time to upgrade the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). [More...](#)

Faslane Campaign to Shut Down Trident, UK - October Newsletter

Click below for the first newsletter from the UK one-year campaign to disrupt the British Trident nuclear submarine base at Faslane in Scotland. Building on the success of previous mass blockades of the Trident nuclear base at Faslane, there will be a yearlong continuous peaceful blockade at Faslane in Scotland. To make this happen, groups and organisations from Scotland, England and Wales, and beyond are being invited to come and shut down the base for at least one 48-hour period each during the year. [More...](#)

Other

International Women's Commission Call for Action in Gaza

As Israeli, Palestinian and international women leaders and activists, members of the International Women Commission dedicated to the goal of ending the occupation and achieving a just and sustainable Palestinian-Israeli peace based on a two-state solution, committed to the respect of international law, including relevant UN resolutions, human rights, and equality, we are outraged at the horrifying Israeli carnage against the Beit Hanoun civilians in Gaza Strip. [More...](#)

Resources

Missile Defence: Round One - by Steven Staples (former IPB Council member)

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States embarked on a mission to resurrect the ballistic missile defence program once envisioned by Ronald Reagan known as Star Wars. But when Bush turned to Canada to support the program, he touched off a political firestorm. This book is an account of how this issue emerged in Canada, based on interviews on and off the record with cabinet ministers, MPs, generals and protestors...

[Lorimer & Co](#), 2006, ISBN: 1-55028-929-2, 248pp, Pb, \$19.95

Housmans Peace Diary

Every year Housmans Bookshop in London publishes the enormously useful Housmans Peace Diary. This consists of a week-to-a-view pocket diary laced with weekly quotations, with relevant anniversaries marked each day. The diary also includes a World Peace Directory, giving contact details for almost 2000 national and international peace, environmental and human rights organisations...

[Housmans Bookshop](#), £8.95

Into the Long War: Oxford Research Group International Security Report 2006 - by Paul Rogers

In this book Professor Rogers examines events in Iraq since May 2005 and assesses how they impact on other countries including Afghanistan, Iran and the wider Middle East. The book charts a tumultuous period in the conflict, including a wider international perspective on the terrorist attacks in London and Sharm al Sheik, and an assessment of how US public opinion has changed as the war drags on. Published by Pluto Press on 20th November.

[Oxford Research Group](#), 2006, ISBN: 0745326110, £12.99, \$25, €20, plus postage

Hidden Voices: Working Creatively with Conflict. A Collection of Personal Stories - by Ann Jordan

Written by individual IPB member, Ann Jordan, this book contains a collection of stories of individual human endeavour; people in civil society working towards a culture of peace in diverse ways such as arts, music, storytelling, spirituality, education. They are heart-warming and inspiring accounts of individuals working creatively in the belief that lives can be transformed, and that collectively they can make a difference.

[Virtual Bookworm Publishing](#), ISBN. 1-58939-856-4, 246pp, Pb, \$15.95

Aiding Peace? The Role of NGOs in Armed Conflict - by Jonathan Goodhand

Drawing on research and contemporary writing on conflict, NGOs, and peace-building, this book provides an overview of key theoretical and policy debates surrounding the changing role of NGOs and donors in situations of armed conflict, and outlines the implications for improving policy and practice.

[ITDG Publishing](#), 2006, ISBN: 1-853396-32-X, 256pp, Pb, £15.95

International Committee of the Red Cross, Film: Explosive Remnants of War - A protocol to end the lethal legacy of modern conflict

This film highlights the recent developments that have been made by the international community to reduce the suffering caused by Explosive Remnants of war (ERW). It provides a detailed explanation of both the ERW issue and the new Protocol on ERW adopted by States Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

[ICRC](#), 2005, 11 minutes, English, French, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic, Price CHF20, VHS & DVD

700 Days in El Salvador - by Michele Gierck

700 Days in El Salvador is the story of an Australian woman's unexpected journey accompanying El Salvadorian people through war and its aftermath. It's a story of salsa, saga and survival of not only the author, but also the people she met on her journey.

Independent Publishers, 2006, ISBN-10:0977502902, 240pp, [Further information.](#)

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